

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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At Hannah Ball we are proud to be celebrating Black History month

Black History Month is one of the most important celebrations of the year. It honours the history of Black communities and recognises the great achievements made by Black thought leaders who have shaped life as we know it.

The theme for BHM 2023 is “Saluting our Sisters”

Black women have been at the heart of social justice movements throughout history, courageously battling oppression and advocating for change. However, their accomplishments have frequently been neglected or forgotten. Black History Month 2023 offers a significant opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of black women by focusing on honouring the matriarchs of movements and saluting our sisters.

Message From Mr Hingley

Smoking

Some of our parents are smoking outside school when waiting for pick up or when dropping their children off. We can't police this of course, but please be mindful of where you are disposing your used cigarettes as a variety of neighbours are complaining about this to me.

Considerate parking/ driving

Please be considerate of our neighbours, other road users and more importantly our children when parking and driving near to the school site. Please note that parents are not allowed to park in the car park and please do continue to park at the bottom of Philip Road (near the green) and then walk up to the school with your children.

Phones

We ask that you put away your phones when entering the school site. I have noticed many of you, when dropping off or collecting your children, are on your phone. We will remind you of safeguarding implications but also it is important to interact with your children and not be glued to your phone.

Dates

Please be sure to double check important dates contained within this newsletter and on the school website. We have some exciting trips coming up as well as parents evenings in the week before half term. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

Attendance

Some of you will have received appointments for an attendance meeting. This is because, if your child's attendance falls below 90% or is at risk of doing so we will monitor it for three weeks and then refer to Buckinghamshire County Council who may issue a fine. Please respond to the letter to confirm your attendance. Well done to all of those children who have been in school regularly. With our school council and attendance officer (Mrs.Sullivan), we are designing rewards to encourage you to attend school regularly and to reward those children who ensure they are here unless they are unwell.

Let's continue to work together to improve this - our children will learn best when they are in school. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office (office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk) if you have any queries or are unsure whether you should send your child to school.

Punctuality

This is getting much better! Thank-you. We will continue to close the gates at 0850 as this is the time your child should be in school and learning. After this time, you will need to go through to the office and Mrs. Sullivan will record the time and reason for lateness. If you decide to send your child in late, we will ensure that your child catches up on this lost learning time. This will be during their lunch or break times. Remember - it is your responsibility to get your children to school on time.

Volunteering

If any of you would like to volunteer to help in school, even an hour, it would be most welcome. Please contact Mrs. Sullivan in the office.

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Aayah, for always following our class rules, especially when on the carpet. Keep it up!

YEAR ONE

Musa as the "Star of the Week" because he consistently arrives at school with a positive attitude, ready to engage in learning activities while displaying excellent manners and a warm smile.

YEAR TWO

Joao. He is so focused and respectful of all adults. It has been wonderful to see his confidence grow over the last month. He shows perseverance and resilience in learning and is a great role model of rules and routines in the classroom. Well done Joao Lucas!

YEAR THREE

Yousaf. He tries his hardest in all subjects and shows great resilience. Keep up the great work, Yousaf.

YEAR FOUR

Mustafa for his positive attitude to learning

YEAR FIVE

Shammah - for being a polite and respectful member of the class. His manners and attitude towards learning is an asset to Hannah Ball School

YEAR SIX

Mia for her excellent and consistent behaviour for learning.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been busy learning about our new story 'Fox makes Friends'. We have thought about what makes a good friend and how we need to be kind to our friends. We have also met our new friend 'Bertie the Owl', who will help us in our RE lessons. Please continue to read with your children and sign the planner. Please bring a coat everyday, no matter the weather, as it is now very chilly in the mornings in our outside area. Have a good weekend!

YEAR ONE

We had an exciting and eventful week in Year 1! This week, we had the opportunity to put our creative minds to work as we rewrote the story of "Man on the Moon." Our Geography lesson took us on a fun adventure around the playground, where we had lively discussions about all the interesting things we discovered there. Guided reading was a real treat as we delved into captivating stories. Plus, in PSHE, we honed our teamwork skills, learning how to collaborate effectively. It was a week full of engaging experiences and learning!

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YEAR TWO

What a week! In English, we have been writing our diary entries of a Dodo bird.

Everyone has tried so hard and I can't wait to show them to parents in Parents' Evening.

In Maths, we have been working on number lines within our Place Value unit.

In Science, we have done a woodlouse experiment. It was very exciting recreating the conditions in their microhabitat and watching them crawl around our tuff tray.

In Geography, we have been recording our results from our fieldwork last week.

Please continue reading with your children and completing homework for Wednesday. Thank you for your support.

YEAR THREE

This week has been a busy week in Year 3: In Maths we have finished place value and now are starting our new topic, Addition and Subtraction. In Science we have just started our new topic called Animals including humans, learned about the muscles and how they help us move, as well as learning about the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. Our topic has changed to celebrate black history month, we are going to learn about why it is important and the great people that should be acknowledged for their many achievements. In English we have published our writing for the Jungle Book and it is now looking amazing in our hall. Great job for this week, Year 3.

Homework - homework is set every week. This will be given out on a Friday and handed back in on Wednesdays. This is to be done along with Mathletics. Their sign-ins have been stuck in their planners.

Zoo Forms - Please bring these back Monday the latest. There are some printed forms in the office and in my class if you need a new one.

Reading and Planners - students should be bringing this in everyday and have it signed to show they are reading. They have also been given the jungle book text, please make sure this is read as well.

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YEAR FOUR

This month we are celebrating Black History Month, where Year 4 will be looking at the lives of Martin Luther King Junior and Barack Obama. We are looking forward to learning about their importance and their legacy.

Maths:

We are starting a new topic next week: Addition and Subtraction and Mathematics will follow along the same pattern shortly.

Just to give you the heads up - Next term we are studying Anglo Saxons and Vikings. You may like to visit some local sights or go online to help your children understand what happened across their timelines.

Thank you for your ongoing support completing homework and reading and signing planners.

Many thanks
Mrs Guy

YEAR FIVE

This week, in year 5 we have started our new unit on 'Black History Month' (BHM) and are looking forward to learning all about different famous black people who have contributed to our history. In English, we have started our new text 'Hidden Figures' and have some great conversations around the famous 'race to space' for four determined black women during a time where racism, sexism, discrimination and inequality was rife. We will be studying the biography of Dorothy Vaughan (an African American woman who worked for NASA). The class will then innovate and write a biography about famous person of their choice linked to BHM. In maths we have started our new unit on 'addition and subtraction' and have so far recalled our knowledge on how to exchange when adding four or more digits. In RE we have continued with learning about Sikhism and the meaning of self sacrifice. Keep working hard year 5, we have two more weeks of this term to go...you've got this! Have a great weekend...Mrs Mir and Miss Dear.

Homework:

Spellings - weekly spellings in h/w book
Mathletics - work has been assigned online
TTRS - timestables
English - memorise story map

YEAR SIX

Well done year 6 for an excellent week. In our English lessons, we've been busy finishing and publishing our own versions of Macbeth. They've thoroughly enjoyed their Shakespeare unit and the writing has been excellent; I can't wait to see what else they produce this year! To round off the topic, we will be visiting the Globe Theatre next Friday to see where Shakespeare's plays were and still are, brought to life.

We have also started our new unit this week : 'Windrush'. Year 6 have been learning all about Windrush in our history lessons and we are reading 'Windrush child' by Benjamin Zephaniah in our reading lessons. For our writing, we have been learning our new model text - a newspaper article about the arrival of the Empire Windrush in 1948. Year 6 are showing great interest in the topic and are even doing their own research which is wonderful to see.

In maths, we have been looking at prime numbers, square and cube numbers and working on our long multiplication skills. In our PSHCE lesson this week, year 6 were introduced to Maslow's hierarchy of needs and had a chance to think about which needs are met for them and how this affects their learning.

An excellent week year 6, well done and have a lovely weekend!

Note for parents/ carers:

Please ensure the permission slips are returned before next Wednesday for our trip to the Globe Theatre.

Recruiting now for House Captains and Pupil Leaders from Year 5 and 6



What makes a good leader? Are you.....

Reliable ✓	Responsible ✓	Able to influence others ✓
Well organised ✓	Kind and helpful ✓	Resilient ✓
Honest and sensible ✓	Hardworking ✓	Respectful ✓
	Courageous ✓	Good communication skills ✓

We are recruiting for House Captains and Pupil Leaders for this academic year

We need 2 House Captains for each house (boy and girl) and we need 6 pupil leaders across Year 5 and 6.

If you would like to be a House Captain or a pupil leader, this is what you need to do to be considered:

1. Register your interest with your teacher
2. Prepare a speech/presentation that is no more than 3 minutes long focussing on why you should be considered for House Captain or Pupil Leadership.
3. You will then present your speech to Miss Medhi, Mrs Mir and Mrs Machingauta on Wednesday 11th October
4. Successful candidates will be announced on Friday 13th October.

Any questions please ask your class teachers.



Involving every voice



Do you have the following qualities?

Reliable ✓	Kind and helpful ✓	A good listener ✓
Well organised ✓	Hardworking ✓	Resilient ✓
Honest and sensible ✓	Respectful ✓	Friendly and approachable ✓

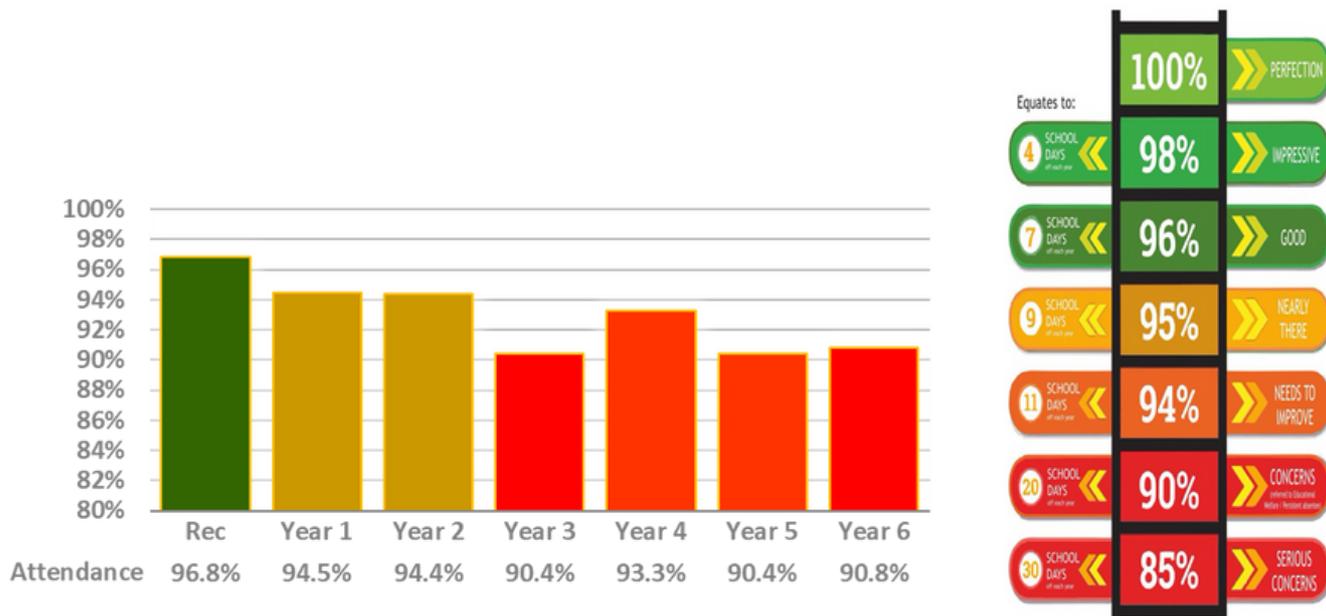
Are you capable being your School Council Representative for this academic year?

If you would like to be a member of the School Council, this is what you need to do to be considered:

1. Prepare a speech/presentation that is no more than 3 minutes long focussing on why your class should vote for you as their rep. What difference will you make as a School Council Rep?
2. You will then present to your class on Tuesday 10th October. Your class will vote for the best 2 candidates.
3. Successful candidates will be announced on Friday 13th October.

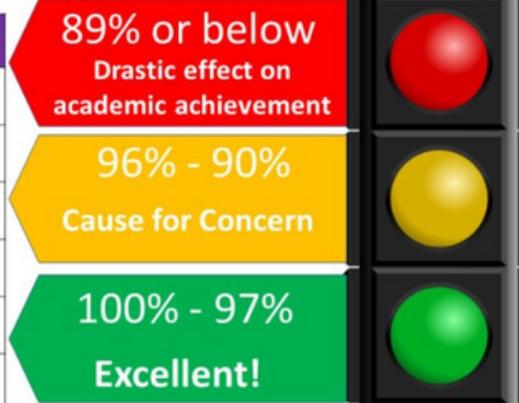
Any questions please ask your class teachers.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:



ATTENDANCE Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons



Please ensure the school has up to date addresses and telephone numbers. We will contact you if your child is absent and you have not contacted the school. This ensures that any absence is quickly identified.

If no contact is received regarding the absence, it is recorded as unauthorised. Ultimately the school is responsible for deciding if the absence is acceptable or not. Only genuine absence will be authorised. You will be asked to provide medical evidence if your child has a poor attendance record.

NOTICES

WYCOMBE MUSEUM

OCTOBER HALF TERM

22nd - 29th October

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Available daily except Monday & Saturday • 10am - 4pm • £3 per child
 Hunt for pumpkins and solve our puzzle for a prize!
 Book online or drop in.

🎃 Seasonal activity trail ● Best for ages 3-11

24th & 25th October, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: Clay Creations

Starts 10.30am • £4.50 per child
 Design your own coins in clay as you learn about money through the ages.

🏺 Crafts ● For ages 3-11

29th October, Sunday

Halloween Ghost Hunt

Starts 2pm • £6.50 per child
 Come dressed to scare & join in with ghoulish games and creepy crafts in this after-dark experience.

👨‍👩‍👧 Family fun day ● Best for ages 4 - 11

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Huge choice of over 50+ activities
 Ofsted Early Years Registered
 Tax Free childcare vouchers accepted

Holiday club for 3-12 year olds
 Open 8am - 6pm at Holy Trinity C of E School

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Pumpkin Patch Kitchen

Monday 23rd - Sunday 29th October

Join us this half term for a full week of Halloween food fun.
 Book your space at edenshopping.co.uk

BOOK NOW!

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Choose fun at

£17 for Half Day
 £32 for Full Day
 £140 per week

No extended hours fees charged
 Full Day Sibling Discounts available

October Half Term

Mon	Sublime Slime	Sports Action	Crafty Creations	Football Camp
Tues	Pottery	Basketball	Sticky fingers	Crazy Golf
Weds	Cupcake Heaven	Lego Creation	Escape Room	Dodgeball
Thurs	Puppet Making	Rounders	Crafty Creations	Wacky Races
Fri	Great Outdoors	Jewellery Making	👻 Halloween Party! 👻	

Head to our website fun-fest.co.uk/marlow to book or call 07999 885 627 for more information

Facebook: Fun Fest Marlow Instagram: @FunFestMarlow

Hannah Ball School collect for The One Can trust each Harvest. Please send in your donations to your classrooms and we will start to make our display. Many Thanks in advance.

Registered charity no. 1148626



PLEASE DONATE THIS HARVEST

OUR PRIORITY ITEMS ARE:

- Tinned meat meals
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Cooking sauces
- UHT milk
- Baked beans
- Instant coffee & tea
- Healthy cereals
- Biscuits
- Tinned soup
- Toiletries
- Pasta & rice

SCAN THIS QR CODE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL ITEMS NEEDED →



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
	October 2023	
Thursday 12th October	Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	Y3
Thursday 12th October	Height & Weight Check	Y6
Friday 13th October	Trip to Shakespeare Globe Theatre	Y6
Friday 20th October	Last day of half term	Whole School
Monday 30th October	Autumn Term 2 begins	Whole School
	November 2023	
Friday 3rd November	Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Thursday 16th November	Union Baptist Church Assembly	KS1
Thursday 23rd November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	Reception
Friday 24th November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	YR1
Thursday 30th November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	YR2
	December 2023	
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of Autumn term	Whole School
	January 2024	
Thursday 4th January	INSET Day	Whole School
Friday 5th January	School Starts	Whole School