

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM MR HINGLEY

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week for our parents evenings. Thank-you to everyone who attended, especially on Thursday evening when the weather was terrible!

As you know, Hannah Ball School has celebrated Black History Month throughout October. Please see the separate information from Mrs. Machingauta about all of the exciting things that have happened and the wonderful writing our children have produced.

Thank-you to everyone who sent in donations for our harvest festival collection. This is in aid of The One Can trust and your support has been overwhelming - they really will be amazed!

Thank-you for your continuing support. It has been an extremely busy half term but I am pleased with how well your children have settled in and how hard they have worked. Have a fantastic half term break everyone and we will see you all back in school on Monday 30th October.



Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Dylan is our star of the week for excellent listening during phonics and for learning so many new sounds. Well done Dylan! We are so proud of you.

YEAR ONE

Emaan has received star of the week for reading achievements. She demonstrates a love for reading and she shares her enthusiasm for books.

YEAR TWO

Elaine. She is kind, helpful person. She has produced a fantastic piece of writing in English and has a real interest in our 'Coming to England' story. We wish you all the best in your new school Elaine. We will miss you dearly.

YEAR THREE

Aleeza. She excels in everything she does in class and always puts 100% in her work, especially her handwriting. Great work Aleeza.

YEAR FIVE

Adiva - for going above and beyond to extend her learning at home. Thank you for creating such a lovely 'Did you know?' booklet.

YEAR SIX

Zainab for always showing the value of kindness.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

Reception have had a busy week learning about the story called 'Lost and Found'. The story includes a penguin and a little boy who go off to the South Pole together in a boat. The children enjoyed making boats (just like in the story) out of junk modelling. Please ask your children about the story and if they bring home a model boat, please ask them what they used to make it and how they created their fabulous creation.

Please remember to sign your children's planner daily and read with your children each evening. Just a small comment each evening in the planner, enables us to know how their reading is going at home. Please support your children to learn their Harder to read and Spell Words. These words are learnt by sight and not blended. This will help them when they then come across them in their reading books.

YEAR ONE

This past week, we had a fantastic time. We wrote about Mae Jemison, the inspiring astronaut. In our geography lesson, we embarked on a thrilling treasure hunt using our school map to guide us, making learning about different locations more engaging. It was a week filled with exciting and educational experiences!

I hope you have a great holiday! During your break for homework can you collect colorful autumn leaves and things that remind you of Autumn? You can use them to make a nice art project. Enjoy your holiday and have fun being creative!

YEAR TWO

It has been lovely this week meeting the parents. If you have not yet had an appointment, I will come and speak to you after half term to book a time. As I have said in the meetings, if you need any support with anything then please come and speak to me. This week, we have been finishing off our diary entry of Floella Benjamin. The children have learnt so much about Trinidad and what it was like for her to move to England in the 1960s.

In Maths, we are finishing off the place value unit and we will be starting addition and subtraction next half term. I will put lots of things on Mathletics for you to practice over half term.

Your homework this half term will be to create a project on Windsor castle. Please check the yellow books for more information.

Thank you for your support this half term. Hope you have a restful break.

YEAR THREE

This has been a busy week before the half term break. In English we have been writing a fact file about Wangari Maathai, an incredible woman who helped the environment in Kenya. In Science we have finished our Topic on animals including humans. The children are really knowledgeable on this subject. In Maths in Addition and know lots of facts! In Maths we have been looking at subtraction. We have looked at each individual place value column for adding and subtracting as well as adding 1s across to the 10s column. This topic will continue after the half term break. During the half term break, please continue to encourage your child to read and complete the homework that has been provided. Please keep signing the children's planners as well during the half term break. Mathletics and Timetable rockstars sign-ins are in the planners too. I hope you have a good half term break. Miss Stickland

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

YEAR FIVE

This week, year 5 have demonstrated our school's value of being resilient. It's been a long term and although everyone is feeling tired, they have continued to power on through completing end of unit assessments as well as writing their biographies. In maths we have moved on to multiplication and division and will continue with this topic after half term. Well done year 5 for all your hard work this term. We hope you have a lovely break and get plenty of rest. Mrs Mir, Miss Dear and Miss Saldanha.

Homework:

Science - To create a 'Did you know?' poster/booklet about our Science topic that we have just completed (Earth and Space). These will be displayed in the school hall, so make sure you make it interesting and colourful.

Mathletics - continue with tasks assigned online.

Topic - our topic next term is 'Tudors' - so feel free to do some wider reading about the Tudors that you can share with the class after half term.

YEAR SIX

This week, year 6 have been working very hard in the run up to the half term holiday. We've been writing our newspaper reports about the Windrush Scandal in 2018, and I've been extremely impressed with some of the extra research many of them have done to add to their writing. They have also been working hard for the past few weeks on creating PowerPoint presentations about Windrush and it was lovely to have an afternoon of watching them confidently present their work to the rest of the class. In maths this week, we have been tackling long division and they have done extremely well to grasp the tricky method. We are seeing improvements in the arithmetic skills of the class so keep up the great work!

For homework over the holidays:

- The usual homework books and spellings. Year 6 should have the page numbers recorded in their planners.
- Create a 'did you know' poster about their science topic this half term which was 'light'.
- Our next topic after half term will be WWII so your topic based task is to research a WWII recipe and make it at home. Bring pictures to show us your creations when we get back!

An excellent week and a brilliant first half term year 6 - well done! Enjoy your half term break!



Announcing Hannah Ball School Council 2023-2024

Together we Inspire, Aspire, Achieve

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected as our school council and will be taking on office with immediate effect.

Year 1: Leo & Tomika

Year 2: Mukundi & Arrielle

Year 3: Jenson-John & Aleeza

Year 4: Alicja & Hashim

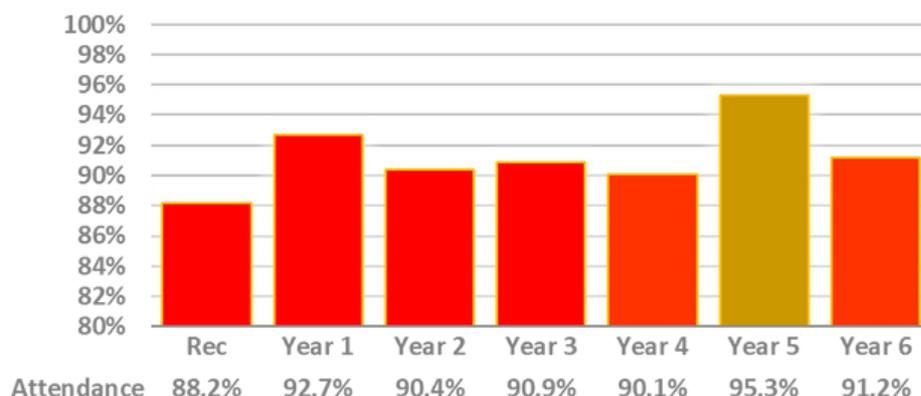
Year 5: Bailey & Esterlyn

Year 6: Luiz & Lily

These children will be the pupils' voice in our school and they will be working as part of a national initiative-The Smart School Councils Community. They will also receive training on how to carry out their duties effectively.



THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:



Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



Please be aware that unauthorised holiday absence of 5 days or more can now result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice which carries a fine of £60 or if not paid after 21 days then the fine is doubled to £120 and court prosecution if unpaid after 28 days.

Holidays

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits and days out
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Attend routine appointments

If your child has a holiday of 1 week during term time and 10 days illness, they would miss 75 hours of education in the academic year. If this pattern were to be repeated throughout your child's school life, they would miss almost a year of their education.

NOTICES



OCTOBER HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS

CALLING ALL YOUNG FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS! IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN – THE OCTOBER HALF TERM IS FAST APPROACHING, AND THE WYCOMBE WANDERERS FOUNDATION HOLIDAY SOCCER SCHOOLS ARE BACK!

 **DATES: 23RD–27TH OCTOBER**

 **VENUE: HIGH WYCOMBE, AYLESBURY, HENLEY (BEACONSFIELD ALREADY SOLD OUT)**

 **AGE GROUPS: OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5–12**

[HTTPS://WYCOMBEWANDERERSFOUNDATION.CO.UK/SPORTS-PARTICIPATION/HOLIDAY-SOCCER-SCHOOLS/](https://wycombewanderersfoundation.co.uk/sports-participation/holiday-soccer-schools/)

DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE OCTOBER HALF TERM, LEARNING NEW SKILLS, AND FOSTERING A LIFELONG PASSION FOR SOCCER WITH WYCOMBE WANDERERS FOUNDATION.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SECURE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT ACTIVITY PROGRAMME MANAGER, ANDY HOMENT VIA ANDREW.HOMENT@WWFC.COM.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
	October 2023	
Monday 30th October	Autumn Term 2 begins	Whole School
	November 2023	
Friday 3rd November	Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Friday 3rd November	South Bucks Book swap-after school	Whole School
Thursday 16th November	Union Baptist Church Assembly	KS1
Friday 17th November	Y2 Windsor Castle Trip	Y2
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
	June 2024	
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June	Longridge Residential Trip	Y6
	July 2024	
Friday 19th July	Longridge Day Trip	Y5