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MESSAGE FROM MR HINGLEY

Dear all,

It has been another busy week in the life of Hannah Ball School. I have been amazed at some of the learning happening within the classrooms this week. There has been a 'buzz' of excitement about making electric circuits in some classes, some really high quality art work in others and some of us have been collecting things from outside that may eventually break down to become soil (Helped along of course by our friends the worms!) We often make sure that we learn outside the classroom too. (Please do remember to send your children in with their warm winter coats.)

We have been having a little bit of a tidy up in school and we have realised that we have lots and lots of spare uniform. Watch this space because we will set up a sale after school next week when our year 6s are free. There will be bargains to be had and we will aim to get rid of as many of the spare uniforms as we can.

Thank-you to everyone who has parked considerably this week. The few that haven't do let us all down. I have taken photos of cars that have parked illegally and have shared these with Buckinghamshire County Council. Please be very careful on the road - your child's safety is of our utmost concern.

It has been lovely to see our Reception and Year 1 pupils visiting a local church to experience the Christmas story. Read more about this within the weekly news section of this newsletter.

Please take a look at this information from the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/> Which is packed full of informatoin and advice to help you keep your children safe.

What are the PANTS rules?



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Treasure, for settling in so well in to our class and being able to follow our rules and routines. Well done!

YEAR ONE

Leo is our Star of the Week for showing great sportsmanship in PE. Starting Thursday, he's been working really hard to behave well in class and following the classroom routine.

YEAR TWO

Our star of the week is Haleema. Haleema always shows kindness and honesty towards both adults and children. She has developed her resilience and is showing increasing curiosity in her learning. Well done Haleema!

YEAR THREE

Star of the week in Year 3 is Phoebe. She has been working hard on her maths and getting better at it each time. I am very proud of you, well done Phoebe.

YEAR FOUR

Dean-For using good manners at all times.

YEAR FIVE

Sethun
For always being super organised and polite and listening carefully to instructions as well as contributing to discussion during maths.

YEAR SIX

Lily R for her resilience and attitude in maths this week and improving her arithmetic score by 17 marks!

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

Reception have had a very busy, fun packed week. They have enjoyed learning the story of the Gingerbread man in class and we used a story map to act out the story at carpet time. Please ask the children to recap the story for you - it really is a wonderful story.

The children also visited the Baptist Church in High Wycombe this week where they listened to and acted out the story of Christmas using a variety of props. At the church, the children used a range of sparkly crafts to make a 3D star to remind them of the story. We are going to put them on our class Christmas tree in December. We are also learning a range of Christmas songs in class to sing to you at our Christmas production. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR ONE

We had a blast this week, visiting Union Baptist Church and getting all festive for Christmas by practicing our Nativity show. Next week, we're excited about a workshop on the Great Fire of London. Have a fantastic weekend!

Homework:

Please read daily with your child and practise their words for their spelling test in their yellow books. Maths book will also be sent home this week, Please complete only the pages that are highlighted yellow.

YEAR TWO

We started the week by reflecting on our memorable trip to Windsor Castle, providing the children with the opportunity to share their insights and impressions. In our English lessons, we are embarking on persuasive writing, equipping students with the skills to articulate compelling arguments effectively. In Maths, our focus has been on exploring subtraction with resources. In history, our students have been immersed in the study of William the Conqueror and the architectural legacy of the Normans, particularly their contributions to castle construction.

As a part of their English homework, children will be sent home a comprehension to complete. Make sure you are regularly logging into Mathletics to see their assignments.

YEAR 3

The Year 3s have been amazing again this week. In English we are finishing off our writing for Stone age boy. In Maths, we have been learning how to use the column method to add and subtract. In science we learned about what soils are made from and had a look at some soil we collected from the school. In reading we are reading about the Stig of the Dump and building our comprehension.

Miss Stickland and Mrs Yasin.

Homework: Homework is given out on Friday. This is due back next Wednesday. These are compulsory to do.

Reading: Reading should be done every day. Please make sure this is done. Signatures need to be in the planner for the right week.

YEAR FIVE

This week in English your children have been writing in preparation for their published piece of work. Everyone has worked very hard to use all of their knowledge to produce some very interesting narratives so far.

We would continue to ask you to encourage your children to learn their times tables. This will help them to become more confident, especially as our current topic is Multiplication and Division.

Art:

We have been learning about the artist Peter Thorpe during art lessons and looking at his portraits inspired by space and rockets. Here are some of your children's pieces of work.

They are all fantastic though.

Homework:

Maths:

Mathletics and TTRS

Homework Maths book due in on Wednesday

Spellings:

Will be posted up on purple mash.

Reading:

Please continue to read with your children on a regular basis. We still have a number of children who don't have their planners signed to indicate they have been reading at home.

You may get a phone call asking why this has not happened in the near future.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Not long to go until our trip to Hampton Court Palace

Kind Regards

Mrs Mir and Miss Dear

YEAR SIX

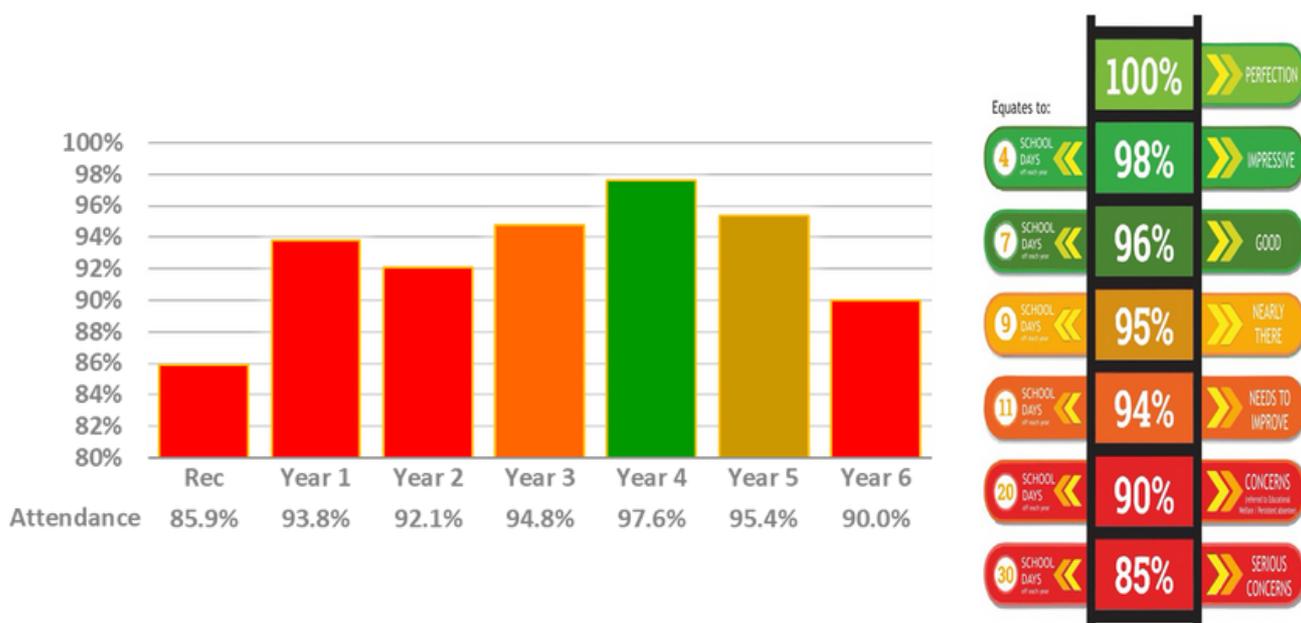
Year 6 have had a busy week this week, filled with assessments! I've been thoroughly impressed with their attitude towards the tests and seeing how much progress they have made since September.

In English this week, we have finished writing and publishing our own versions of 'Rose Blanche.' The final pieces have been a pleasure to read and the standard of writing that year 6 is producing is wonderful. In maths this week, we have been focusing on adding and subtracting fractions; focusing on mixed numbers.

Our science lesson this week has been an exploratory one; year 6 have been creating circuits and looking at what happens when the voltage is increased on decreased. To consolidate their learning about Anne Frank, year 6 have spent an afternoon this week creating PowerPoint presentations which they will be presenting to the whole class next week. We have also had an afternoon of painting yesterday, where we created silhouette backgrounds for our Blitz themed art pieces.

A great week year 6, well done!

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:



Well done Year 4 for winning this weeks attendance with 97.6%!

PLEASE REPORT ANY ABSENCES ON THE SCHOOL ABSENCE PHONE MESSAGE LINE BY 9AM EACH DAY

TIME KEEPING

There are an increasing number of children who are late in to school in the morning. This week alone , we have had between 5-10 families late every day. We understand that there is sometimes traffic or an accident and things don't always go to plan, however for children who are regularly late to school, they are missing out on important opportunities in the morning. There are also a number of children waiting to be collected at the end of the day. Please make sure you are dropping off and collecting your children on time.

NOTICES

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Family Christmas Day

Saturday 2 December 2023
 11am - 4pm

Step back in time this December with our Christmas Family Day! Try your hand at historical Christmas crafts, play traditional seasonal games, visit our Christmas Craft Fair and don't forget to keep an eye out for a very special Christmas visitor straight from the North Pole!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

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Week 1: Wednesday 20th December – Friday 22nd December
 Week 2: Tuesday 2nd January – Wednesday 3rd January

Wycombe Leisure Centre
 Handy Cross, High Wycombe HP11 1UP
 9.00am – 4.00pm
 Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
	November 2023	
Tuesday 28th November	Great Fire of London & Kings & Queens workshop –Y1	YR1
Tuesday 28th November	Kate Poels author visit	KS1 & KS2
Thursday 30th November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	YR2
	December 2023	
Friday 1st December	Non-Uniform Day-Christmas Colours in exchange for £1	Whole School
Monday 4th December	Pantomime 2-3pm	Whole School
Tuesday 12th December	Trip to Hampton Court	Y5
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Disco (Further details to follow)	Whole School
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day	Whole School
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