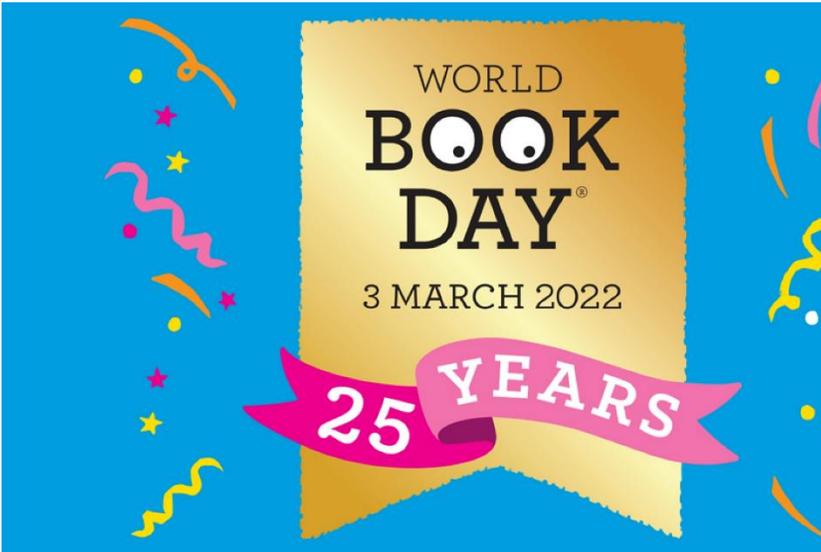


# Hannah Ball School

## Weekly Newsletter 4th March 2022



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Dear Parents,

What an excellent start to the new half term we have all had. As you know, yesterday we celebrated world book day. It was wonderful to see so many of our children dressed up as their favourite characters. Mrs. Machingauta had fun ringing her bell throughout the day which was our signal to 'drop everything and read'! Our classes have been working hard decorating their classroom doors, and they do look amazing. (Please see the pictures below). Well done everyone for making this day so memorable.





Year 5 visited Hampton Court Palace on their trip today, which will be an amazing start to the Tudor topic work.

### **Contact details**

Please could you make sure that we have your most up to date contact details. If your phone numbers have changed, you must share the new numbers with us.

### **Ukraine conflict**

If you would like to talk to your children at home and you don't know where to start, or if they are asking you questions that you find difficult to answer, Newsround is a good source of information, especially for children in KS2.

: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60417806>

"One *Newsround* presenter, in a radio interview this morning, underlined that you can't hide children from all the harsh realities of the crisis in Ukraine. We adults should be truthful, he advised: confirm for example that, yes, they heard right, there are children in Ukraine hiding out in underground stations rather than learning in classrooms - but there is no need, he said, to show them the more horrific footage circulating on social media."

### **Google Classroom**

All children should have log in details to access Google Classroom. If you had any problems at all accessing this platform, please contact us in the office, either by telephone or by email. I know that if you are new to the school you may not be used to Google Classroom as you may have used something else. We are here to help you and only ever a 'phone call away.'

### **Clubs after half term**

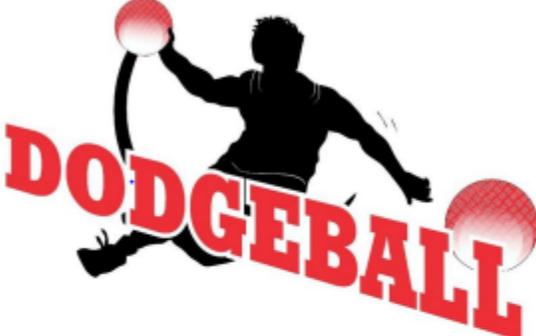
**Dodgeball** – See poster for information

**Table tennis club** – invites to be sent out shortly, - this will run before school (0800) on Wednesdays for KS2

**Choir** will continue on Wednesday's for those children going to the Echoes event in the Royal Albert Hall.



**Hannah Ball Primary**



**DODGEBALL**

**Yr. 3-6: Wednesday**

A hugely fun and popular session! Children will play lots of variations of dodgeball games such as GaGaGa, Fortress, Superhero, Medics, Kings & Queens, In-Out...and of course normal dodgeball competitions!

Dodgeball club will start Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March. 3.15 – 4.15pm. The cost is £21 for a 6 week Half Term.

Generally, these clubs will be inside but please do bring warmer clothing in the event the hall is unavailable the odd week due to school events.

**TO BOOK VISIT [WWW.FIT4FUN.CO](http://WWW.FIT4FUN.CO) (no .uk at the end).**

**EMAIL: [INFO@FIT4FUN.CO](mailto:INFO@FIT4FUN.CO)**

### **ParentPay**

I am pleased to say that over half of our families are now regularly using their ParentPay accounts. Many have commented on how much easier it is to pay for school trips and keep track of their Breakfast Club payments. If you haven't yet activated your account, please contact the office and we will resend your log in details to you and assist with any problems. If you do have a child who attends Breakfast Club, please be reminded to check your account balance and top it up either before or when your child attends a session.

### **Volunteers needed**

We are always looking for volunteers, whether to work in our Reception class or to support with reading. Please contact the school office on [office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk) to register your interest. Gaining work experience will help with an application to study either Level 2 or Level 3 certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings.

## Learning Support Assistants

We will shortly be putting an advert out for a learning support assistant position. If you have GCSE Maths and English at grade C and above (or equivalent) and would like to join our wonderful team of staff, please get in touch. We will have either full time or part time positions available.

(Mrs Sullivan - [office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk) or on 01494 522 476)

## Free School Meals

We know circumstances can change, so if you are in receipt of benefits, please contact our school office. There are simple forms to fill out, which we can help you with. This will not only benefit the school, but you will also be able to claim free school meals for your child and receive help towards the costs of trips and clubs.

## Fundraising Day

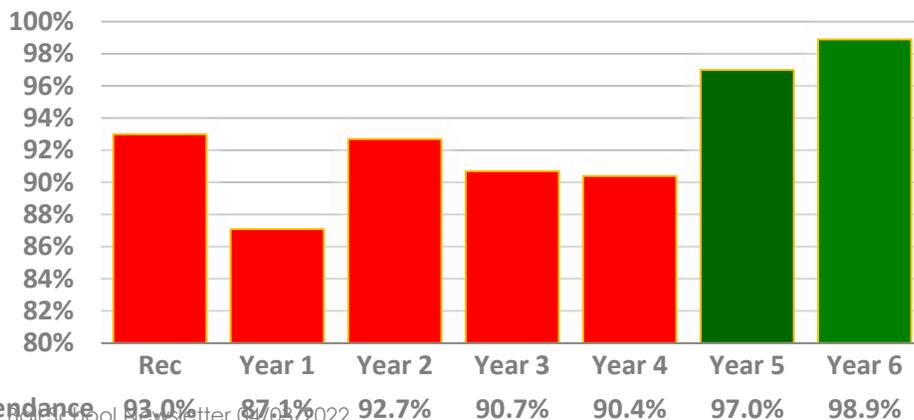
This was cancelled but will be rescheduled for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

All monies will be spent by the PTA on our pupils. Please see the separate email with further details, but in short:



If you can spare half an hour at hometime to help man the stall please contact Mrs. Sullivan at [office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk) or on 01494 522 476.

# ATTENDANCE



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# Star of the Week

## Reception

Ayat for using her sounds to write the names of the animals in our story this week. Well Done Ayat!

## Year 2

Annabell for working hard to retell and sequence the story and for working independently in maths when partitioning numbers.

## Year 3

Bailey, for his display of the school value of responsibility. Bailey has been responsible in the school library and is a great role model to his friends showing them how to behave in a library. Bailey has now been nominated as the class library monitor.

## Year 4

All of year 4. Year 4 have been working extremely hard in pairs to produce PowerPoint presentations on endangered animals. They all presented these to the class speaking confidently and clearly making Mrs Mir very proud :)

## Year 6

Ameera for her showing enthusiasm and curiosity when making her predictions about 'Macbeth' this week.

# Celebrating Reading at Hannah Ball

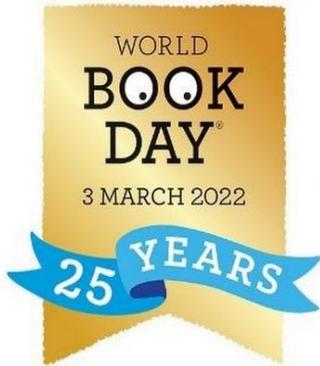
## What is World Book Day?

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe.

The first World Book Day in the UK took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

**Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.**

**The charity's main mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.**



On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the pupils and staff of Hannah Ball joined the rest of the world to celebrate World Book Day. It was a fun packed day where reading and stories were celebrated by all. Most pupils and adults were dressed up as their favourite book characters. Many thanks to you parents for the effort you put in to get your children costumes. In addition to dressing up we had the following activities...

### **Story as a class and school**

Reception class started a story using an unusual object. The story was then emailed to the next class, all the way to Year 6. Each class continued the story, incorporating their teacher's chosen object. At the end of the day, we had our very own Hannah Ball World Book Day 2022 story. This will be published and shared with you all.

### **Drop everything and read (DEAR)**

Everyone in school had a book on them all day. A bell was rung randomly throughout the day and when the bell rung, everyone stopped what they were doing and read the book they had.

Indeed, reading can be done anywhere and everyone can do it!

### **Classroom Door Decorating**

Each class decorated their classroom doors as a book jacket! This was great fun that really required some creativity. The pupils worked together to decide on a book they liked and then decided how to decorate their door, with the teachers help.

# MESSAGES FROM THE TEACHERS & STUDENTS...

## Reception

Welcome back! We hope you had a great half term holiday. This week in Reception we have been busy celebrating World Book Day! We dressed up as our favourite book characters and talked about our favourite books and Mrs Ruby shared her favourite with us too, " We're going on a bear hunt". We also learnt about Pancake Day and all the ingredients we would need to make them and what our favourite toppings are. We have started our new topic "Do cows drink milk?", where we will be learning about the different animals that live on the farm and what different animals provide us with. Have a great weekend.

## Year 2

This week year 2 have started to learn about what plants need to grow and have been observing like scientists to draw seeds and bulbs using magnifying glasses. We've looked at different art movements such as impressionism and pointillism and used purple mash to create digital artwork in this style. We created a class gallery to showcase what we created. For world book Day, we carried on the artistic theme and read a book all about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and then had a go at drawing real flowers on a huge piece of paper that filled the whole table. We had to work collaboratively to share the space. After that, we used water colours to paint flowers and used this work to create a lovely world book Day display on our classroom door.

## Year 3

This Spring term in Year 3, our topic is 'Scrumdiddlyumpcious'. In English, we are reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory by Roald Dahl and we will write our own fantasy story. In Maths, we are learning about length and perimeter. This week we have converted centimetres to metres. In Science and Design technology this term, we will look at nutrition and making our own healthy meals.

## Year 4

One week into our new term already! Year 4 have returned to school re-energised and eager to learn. This week we have been busy starting our Topic 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' where we have been having some interesting and funny conversations already! In Science we have moved onto 'Animals including humans' which is directly linked to our English non-fiction explanation text - 'How does the ear work?' . Over the weeks this will lead us to our very own innovated version of how the human digestive system works. In RE we have been discussing the importance of forgiveness and the children have been working through different scenarios trying to answer whether they would forgive or not? This is part of our key question in RE this term - 'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'. To end the week on a high, we have been enjoying world book day where some children have come into school dressed up as their favourite book characters. Take a look at some of the pictures below! Well done year 4, keep up the good work!

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a great first week back and are thoroughly enjoying our new class text 'Macbeth' which we began exploring on world book day! To celebrate WBD and to introduce the text, the children created an excellent 'Macbeth' classroom door using words they associate with the play. You can see the door we created below. In maths, we have been finishing up our work on percentages by looking at how to calculate percentages of amounts. In history, we have had an introductory lesson on our new topic, 'the Victorians' and the children have created cover pages to show what they already know and what they would like to learn. An excellent first week back year 6 - well done! Please make sure you're completing all homework which is given out on a Friday and to be returned the following Wednesday. This includes maths whizz, weekly spag or comprehension, spellings and weekly arithmetic practice.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Date	Where?	Who?
	<b>Feb 2022</b>	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Fundraising day (non-uniform day, pre-loved uniform and book sale and cake sale)	Whole School
	<b>March 2022</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book day	Whole School
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gymnastics trip	Y1 and Y6
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> (am)	Y5/Y6 choir to Wycombe Swan (Echoes Rehearsal)	Y5/Y6 choir
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gymnastics trip	YR2/YR5
Wk beginning 14 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe assemblies	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Day – if children are members of the Beavers, Cubs, Brownies or Boys' and Girls' Brigade they are allowed to wear their uniforms on this day.	Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Boys' and Girls' Brigade.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day	Whole School
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gymnastics trip	YR3/YR4
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	World Poetry Day	Whole School
Wk beginning 21 <sup>st</sup>	Shakespeare Week	Whole School
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Echoes – Royal Albert Hall	Y5/Y6 choir
	<b>April 2022</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Odds Farm trip	Reception and Y1
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Assembly	Y5
Wk bg	Easter holidays	Whole School
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Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	Whole School