

# HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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## MESSAGE FROM MR HINGLEY

THIS WEEK HAS BEEN A REALLY BUSY FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER HALF TERM. ON TUESDAY, OUR YEAR 4 PUPILS VISITED THE MAIDENHEAD SYNAGOGUE. THIS WAS A REALLY INFORMATIVE TRIP WHICH YOU CAN READ ALL ABOUT IN THE YEAR 4 NEWS SECTION OF THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER. THE GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYED 4 MATCHES THIS WEEK. ONE MATCH WAS AT BEECHVIEW ACADEMY ON TUESDAY, AND THE OTHER THREE WERE AS PART OF OUR LEAGUE FIXTURES WHICH WAS HOSTED BY TYLERS GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL. WELL DONE TO ALL OF THE GIRLS IN YEAR 5 AND 6 WHO TOOK PART AND TO ALL OF OUR PARENTS WHO ENSURED THAT THEY ALL GOT THERE ON TIME. ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY SOME OF OUR YEAR 5 AND 6 PUPILS TOOK PART IN A BIKEABILITY COURSE. THIS COURSE IS AN EXCELLENT WAY OF DEVELOPING CYCLING SKILLS AND IMPROVING AWARENESS OF ROAD SAFETY. THANK-YOU TO ALL OF OUR STAFF THAT WORK VERY HARD IN THE BACKGROUND TO MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN AND TO YOU AS PARENTS FOR SUPPORTING ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO.

OVER THE COURSE OF NEXT WEEK, WE WILL BE COLLECTING MONEY FOR THE POPPY APPEAL. OUR TEAM OF YEAR 6 CHARITY REPS WILL SELL POPPIES AT ALLOTTED TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THE SUGGESTED DONATION FOR OUR POPPY APPEAL THIS YEAR IS 50P. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.

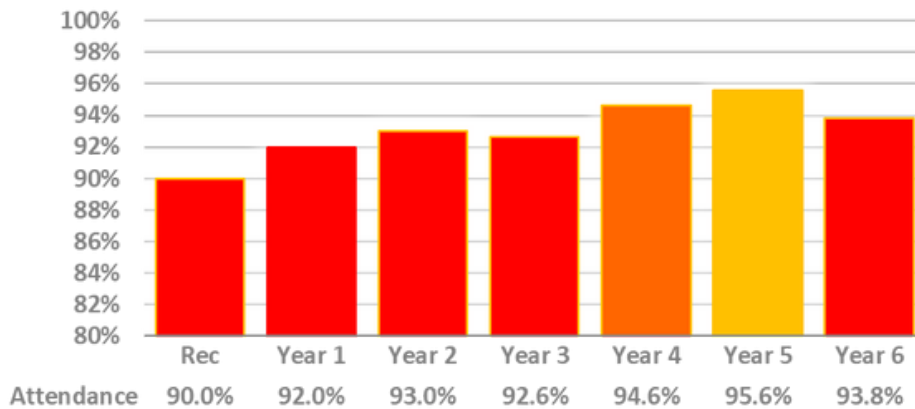
HAVE A FABULOUS WEEKEND EVERYBODY.

# ATTENDANCE

## ATTENDANCE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

IN THE EVENT THAT YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO LET US KNOW. TO NOTIFY US OF YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE, PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS: OFFICE@HANNAHBALL.BUCKS.SCH.UK OR PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 01494 522476 GIVING YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS AND THE REASON FOR ABSENCE. THIS EMAIL ADDRESS IS MONITORED BY MRS SULLIVAN WHO DEALS WITH DAILY ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

THANK YOU.



## Star of the Week

### RECEPTION

KAI IS STAR OF THE WEEK FOR USING HIS SOUNDS TO BLEND AND WRITE SIMPLE WORDS. WELL DONE KAI!

### YEAR ONE

ELAYNE HAS SHOWN AMAZING PROGRESS IN HER HANDWRITING AND ALWAYS TAKES TIME TO ENSURE HER LETTERS ARE FORMED CORRECTLY. SHE HAS WORKED SO HARD AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HER.

### YEAR TWO

ALIZA FOR STARTING THE NEW HALF TERM WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS HER LEARNING AND FOR ALWAYS BEING A GOOD FRIEND

### YEAR THREE

MUSTAFA FOR HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO LEARNING AND ALWAYS SHOWING OUR HANNAH BALL VALUES ESPECIALLY, RESPECT, KINDNESS & RESILIENCE. WELL DONE MUSTAFA!

### YEAR FOUR

ALL OF YEAR 4 - THEIR BEHAVIOUR WAS EXCEPTIONAL ON OUR SYNAGOGUE TRIP. THEY ASKED EXCELLENT QUESTIONS & DEMONSTRATED HANNAH BALL'S VALUE OF RESPECT.

### YEAR FIVE

LILY M FOR HER EXCELLENT STORY AND READING COMPREHENSION THIS WEEK IN ENGLISH.

### YEAR SIX

AYMAN FOR HER EXCELLENT ATTITUDE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH HER IMPROVED CONCENTRATION AND EXCELLENT HANDWRITING.

# MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

## RECEPTION

THIS WEEK RECEPTION HAVE BEEN LEARNING THE STORY OF FUNNY BONES. WE HAVE LEARNT ABOUT HALLOWEEN, DECORATED PUMPKINS AND MADE SKELETONS USING A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS. PLEASE LOG INTO TAPESTRY TO SEE THE WONDERFUL LEARNING THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE LAST HALF-TERM. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE YOUR CHILDREN'S HARDER TO READ AND SPELL WORDS AND THEIR SOUNDS.

## YEAR ONE

WHAT A GREAT START TO A NEW TERM YEAR ONE! THE CHILDREN HAVE COME BACK READY TO LEARN AND THIS HAS BEEN LOVELY TO SEE. WE HAVE MADE A START AT LOOKING AT OUR NEW TOPIC, THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON. IN SCIENCE WE ARE OBSERVING HOW SEASONS CHANGE AND PAYING ATTENTION TO AUTUMN COLOURS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN WITH THEIR LEARNING AND READING.

## YEAR 2

YEAR 2 HAVE HAD A GREAT FIRST WEEK BACK! IN ENGLISH THEY WROTE LETTERS TO CELEBRITIES OR PEOPLE THAT THEY ADMIRE. MR HINGLEY WAS VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE SOME LETTERS FROM YEAR 2 CHILDREN! IN MATHS THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN MAKING 10 WITHIN ADDITION QUESTIONS TO MAKE THEM EASIER TO WORK OUT. I HAVE BEEN REALLY IMPRESSED BY THE CHILDREN'S DETERMINATION IN MATHS THIS WEEK WHILE THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING THIS NEW CONCEPT. IN THEIR TOPIC LESSONS, THE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNT ABOUT THE GUNPOWDER PLOT. THEY LEARNT ABOUT WHO GUY FAWKES WAS AND WHY HE TRIED TO BLOW UP THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT. THEY MADE PREDICTIONS ABOUT WHAT THEY THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT IN THE STORY; THERE WERE LOTS OF INTERESTING IDEAS. FINALLY, IN PSHE THIS WEEK, THE CHILDREN STARTED THEIR NEW TOPIC 'CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES'. WE DISCUSSED CERTAIN GENDER STEREOTYPES AND THE CHILDREN SHARED THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS. THEN THE BOYS CHOSE A GIRL TO WORK WITH, AND TOGETHER, EACH PAIR CREATED A SHIELD OF THINGS THAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON, AND WROTE WHAT MADE THEM SPECIAL. IT GAVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THAT BOYS AND GIRLS CAN SHARE THE SAME INTERESTS.

## YEAR 3

YEAR 3 PUPILS HAVE HAD A SUPER START TO THIS HALF TERM. THEY HAVE ALL COME BACK KEEN TO GET ON WITH THEIR LEARNING AND THIS HAS BEEN LOVELY TO SEE. WE HAVE STARTED READING OUR CLASS TEXT- THE JUNGLE BOOK AND THE CHILDREN CAN CONFIDENTLY SUMMARISE THIS STORY. IN MATHS, WE CARRIED ON LOOKING AT PLACE VALUE UP TO 1000. THE CHILDREN WILL HAVE BROUGHT THEIR NEW HOMEWORK BOOKS HOME TODAY WITH 2 PIECES OF HOMEWORK AND SPELLING PRACTICE. PLEASE ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THEM. ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ ON A DAILY BASIS. THANK YOU! MRS MACHINGAUTA

## YEAR FOUR

YEAR 4 HAVE HAD AN EXCITING START TO THE NEW TERM. WE KICKED OFF THE WEEK WITH A VISIT TO A SYNAGOGUE WHERE THE CHILDREN EXPLORED A JEWISH PERSON'S PLACE OF WORSHIP. THIS VISIT ALLOWED THEM TO APPLY THEIR LEARNING FROM CLASS INTO A PRACTICAL SETTING. I AM VERY PROUD TO SAY THE CLASS BEHAVED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL AND ASKED SOME INTERESTING QUESTIONS TO EXTEND THEIR LEARNING. THE CLASS ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TASTE SOME SPECIAL JEWISH SWEET BREAD CALLED 'CHALLAH'. THERE ARE SOME PICTURES OF OUR VISIT ATTACHED. IN ENGLISH WE HAVE MOVED ONTO OUR NEW UNIT AND WILL BE STUDYING 'HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE'. THE CHILDREN MADE SOME EXCELLENT PREDICTIONS AND THEY ARE NOW LOOKING FORWARD TO READING THE STORY TO SEE IF THEIR PREDICTIONS WERE CORRECT. IN SCIENCE, OUR NEW TOPIC THIS TERM IS 'STATES OF MATTER'. YEAR 4 ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PLANNING SOME EXCITING NEW EXPERIMENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS.

## YEAR FIVE

THIS WEEK, YEAR 5 HAVE BEGUN THEIR NEW TOPIC ALL ABOUT THE EGYPTIANS AND HAVE STARTED INVESTIGATING MATERIALS IN SCIENCE WITH AN EXCITING EXPERIMENT. WE HAVE CREATED A GLOSSARY OF NEW VOCABULARY TO ADD TO EACH LESSON. THE CHILDREN CAME UP WITH SOME FANTASTIC PROPERTIES AND ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE THE MATERIALS THAT WE INVESTIGATED. IN WRITING, WE HAVE STARTED LEARNING OUR NEW TEXT, THE PRINCE OF EGYPT AND THE CHILDREN ARE REALLY ENJOYING IT. IN HISTORY, WE HAVE CREATED A TIMELINE TO SHOW HOW LONG THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN CIVILISATION LASTED, ADDING KEY EVENTS AS OUR TOPIC PROGRESSES.

## YEAR SIX

THIS WEEK, YEAR 6 HAVE STARTED THEIR NEW TOPIC, 'WORLD WAR II'. TO START OFF, WE LOOKED AT HOW THE WAR BEGAN AND ORDERED EVENTS ON A TIMELINE AFTER LISTENING TO NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT. IN ENGLISH, WE BEGAN OUR NEW STORY, 'ROSE BLANCHE' WHICH IS ABOUT A YOUNG GIRL LIVING IN GERMANY THROUGH THE WAR. IT IS A WONDERFUL PICTURE BOOK AND YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THE STORY SO FAR, MAKING EXCELLENT PREDICTIONS AND INFERENCES. THEY'RE ALL VERY CURIOUS TO SEE HOW THE STORY ENDS WHICH THEY'LL FIND OUT TODAY! IN MATHS YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEIR PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS USING THE FOUR OPERATIONS. WE ALSO STARTED OUR NEW SCIENCE TOPIC WHICH IS 'ELECTRICITY' AND WE LOOKED AT THE SCIENTIFIC SYMBOLS ASSOCIATED WITH CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT.

FOR HOMEWORK, YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN GIVEN 3 CGP BOOKS ( SPAG, COMPREHENSION AND MATHS ) WHICH THEY WILL TAKE HOME EACH FRIDAY AND RETURN EACH WEDNESDAY WITH SPECIFIC PAGES COMPLETED. IN THEIR PLANNERS EACH WEEK, THEY WILL MAKE A NOTE OF THE PAGES THEY ARE REQUIRED TO WORK ON IN EACH BOOK. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE WORK IS COMPLETED IN PENCIL, KEPT NEAT, ALL WORKING IS SHOWN IN THE BOOKS AND THAT THE BOOKS ARE LOOKED AFTER.

AN EXCELLENT START TO THE HALF TERM YEAR 6 - WELL DONE!



PHOTO GALLERY



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
November 2022		
Tues 29th November	Trip to The Verulamium Museum	Year 3
December 2022		
Thurs 15th December	Trip to Windsor Castle	Year 2
Tues 20th December	Last day of term (Normal finish time)	Whole school

Date	Event	Who?
January 2023		
Wed 4th January	INSET Day – School Closed	Whole School
Thur 5th January	Start of Spring Term – School Opens	Whole School
Fri 27th January	Aylesbury Waterside Theatre trip	Year 4
February 2023		
Fri 10th February	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
Mon 20th February	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
March 2023		
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
April 2023		
Mon 17th April	INSET DAY – School closed	Whole School
Tues 18th April	Start of Summer term – School Opens	Whole School
May 2023		
Mon 8th – Thur 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Fri 26th May	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
June 2023		
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY – School Closed	Whole School
Tues 6th June	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
July 2023		
Tues 4th July	Transition day	Whole School
Wed 5th July	Transition day	Whole School
Fri 21st July	End of Summer Term (Timings tbc)	Whole School
September 2023		
Mon 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School