

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

This week has been busy, although it looks as though this week it has been the staff that have been the super busy ones. Lots of work always goes on behind the scenes and this week the teachers have been busy marking assessments and putting the finishing touches to end of year reports. We have had some exciting activities in school too though, as always! Year 1 enjoyed their trip to Wellington Country Park on Thursday, six children across year 5 and 6 were involved in some work with Chiltern Rangers - the main part of this was making a film to support our Heart of Bucks grant application. Our year 6 pupils have been busy rehearsing their production of 'The Island that Rocks' as well as having a launch of their enterprise projects from Start up Sherpas. They are also working each week with 'Together as One' which is focussing on transition. We are looking forward to working together next year with both our year 5s and 6s and it has been fantastic to reconnect with this amazing charity.

We have been really pleased with our examination results across the whole school this year. We will share these in detail in due course. This demonstrates our determination to continue to raise standards in Hannah Ball School and a recognition of all of the hard work from everybody involved: staff, parents and most importantly of all, our pupils. Well done everybody!

Reports will be coming out over the next few days - please take the time to respond to them and if you would like to share good news with us in response to these reports, we would very much like to hear your comments. Sometimes, we don't know what your children are doing outside of school, such as their special interests or clubs that they are in. If you would like to talk through these reports or have a query, please don't hesitate to contact us. For those of you who have informed us that you need separate copies of the reports this is in hand. If your circumstances have changed and you need further copies - please do let us know.

Library books - please return library books this week if you have not already done so. We have spend lots of money this year an we do expect you to take care of them. Any unreturned books will be subject to a £5 charge.

Phonics books and school reading scheme. We have been very successful in improving both our phonics results (81% in 2022 and 83% in 2023) and reading results across the whole school. We have done this both through very high quality teaching but also by purchasing high quality resources. Again, we implore you to look after the books that are coming home. We cannot afford to keep replacing these resources indefinitely and we will therefore look to charge you for missing or damaged books.

Last day of term - we will be finishing at 1:30pm on Friday 21st July. If this causes undue inconvenience please contact your class teacher and will will ensure your child is accommodated until the normal home time.

Things to do this week

Return library books

Send in a plastic bag for things that will come home from school

Y5 - return permission slips for the Garsington Opera trip on Tuesday

Return any comments about reports - we would really like to hear about any milestones met at home or any exciting news.

Let us know if your child needs to stay until home time on Friday 21st July

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Ameera for trying really hard to use her sounds to write a sentence about her favourite memory of Reception. Well done Ameera!

YEAR ONE

Year One,

You were all amazing representatives of Hannah Ball School whilst out on our School trip yesterday and we were so proud to be with you all. You all listened so carefully and helped each other to stay safe and have a wonderful day. Well done Year 1 - you continue to make us proud.

YEAR THREE

Yaman. He is a respectful member of the classroom who always quietly does his work and does it to high standards. Well done!

YEAR FOUR

Sethun - for always following the values of Hannah Ball School and setting a good example to the others.

YEAR FIVE

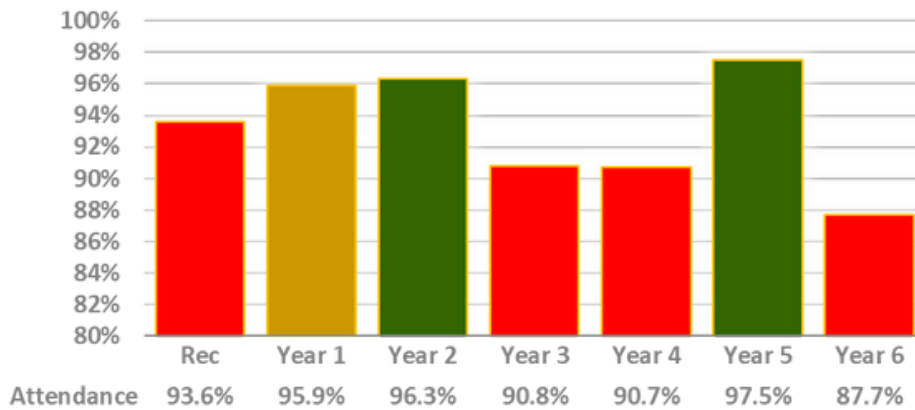
The whole of Year 5 for being super attendance stars.

YEAR SIX

Nathan for his progress in maths and reading this year. Well done!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Hannah Ball Attendance this week.....



Well done to Year 5 for winning the attendance trophy and class prize again this week!

Attendance Ladder



Sickness/Appointments

Where it is at all possible please make appointments for dentist, doctor, etc. outside school hours to avoid disruption and time missed at school. Please note that children arriving in school after such appointments and after registration are classed as absences. Other absence from school should be notified on the first day with a note or telephone call explaining reasons.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, continuing the learning about under the sea , we have been learning about our new story, Smiley Shark. We looked at the characters in the story and the setting. We have made jellyfish and 3D sharks which we have then used in our play.

Thank you all once again for your support at sports day and taking part in our adult race! We had a lovely time and really enjoyed spending time with you all at the picnic afterwards.

The children all did so well and the scores are in.....Red house scored 72 points, Yellow house scored 74 points,

Blue house scored 75 points and Green house scored 101. WELL DONE

GREEN HOUSE !!! We hope you all have a lovely weekend and are looking forward to spending our last week with your children.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

YEAR ONE

This week in Year 1 we have finished our Maths Fractions topic and have moved on to learning about time. Over the next week we will be looking at before and after, days of the week, months of the year and telling time to the o'clock and half past the hour. In English we have finished writing and editing our letters 'to the evil rich man' character from our Dinosaur Planet story before we can publish our last Year 1 English writing piece next week. In Science we started to look at how we can classify and group animals into mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds and in PSHE we continued to look at how we change as we grow.

With thanks going to Mrs Wright for leading and Mrs Machinguata for arranging Year 1 also had a fantastic day out at Wellington Country Park, where all the children took part in a pond dipping exercise before identifying what they caught in their nets. We found; snails eggs, pond skaters, damselfly (who take 4 years to mature), a muscle, water louse and lots of larva. All the children did super listening and were respectful of each other around the water. We moved on around the park and had a lovely train ride where we could spot fairy gardens, animal families and windmills before stopping for lunch. After lunch we made a visit to the animal farm where the children were able to get up close to the free roaming hens, pet the goats and feed the pigs their lunch of fresh vegetables and overripe sweet bananas. After a quick hand washing stop we took a lovely walk through the grounds to find the dinosaurs, dinosaur eggs and a fossil in the woodland where we all tried to pronounce the dinosaur names brachiosaurus, ankylosaurus and pterodactyl. Thanks to a lovely parent, all the children enjoyed an ice cream treat before boarding the 'party bus' back to school where we enjoyed singing Disney songs to our wonderful driver.

Year 1 - you were amazing and should be proud of yourselves. We hope you all had an awesome day!

Here's some pictures for you to see what we got up to.

Have a great weekend - we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday for our last action packed week together of year 1!



YEAR THREE

This week has been a great week for Year 3. In English, pupils have been writing their story based on the story 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory', they are using all those amazing ideas they have come up with before to bring them to life in their story In Maths we are still on time and pupils are now calculating minutes and seconds, they used a clock to see how long 60 seconds is. A lot of pupils didn't realise that 60 seconds/1 minute isn't as quick as they thought. In Science, we talked about Magnets and how they attract and repel each other because they have two different poles. Just a reminder can we please have all the library books back on Monday. And also if you have spare bags (like supermarket bags) could they also bring one in next please. This week went by so quickly, I can't believe we only have one more week. Well done for this week year 3s. Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

We've almost reached the end of the academic year. This term has flown by and year 4, as always have been working very hard. This week we have been learning about how to write a formal letter of complaint ensuring that children are using the correct grammar, tone and language to create impact to the reader. They will be innovating their own letter of complaint with the recipient being 'Cambridge Theatre'. The class have been thinking about their own trip to the theatre and will be using their own experiences of the day to incorporate into their writing. In Maths we have moved onto our final unit of the year 'Position and Direction' and have been learning about how to plot coordinates on a graph. In RE we have almost completed our unit on why Christians go to church and the importance of having a church and its services. And finally in Science, the children have almost completed their PowerPoint presentations on Isaac Newton to end their research project. I can wait to have these presented to me. Thank you for all your hard work this week year 4, have a great weekend!

YEAR FIVE

This week has been another busy week in year 5. We have been continuing to learn about forces and have been investigating water resistance and magnetism.

The Chiltern Rangers came in on Thursday running workshops for 3 of our students and 3 Year 6 students which was appreciated.

Your children have produced lovely presentations on our Allotment topic which they will be sharing next week.

Reminder:

Trip to Garsington Opera (Stokenchurch)

Tuesday 18th of July 2023

Thank you for handing in all of your permission slips and those that needed to order a school lunch have been confirmed by the kitchen.

The coach leaves school at 11.30am, where we will have a picnic lunch and enjoy the workshop out on their premises. There are a number of local schools which will also be taking part and this will be an amazing opportunity to see where the organisers that have come to our school perform.

Your children will be leaving Garsington at 2.15pm and be back at school for normal end of day release.

End of Year Party

Our end of year party will be held on Thursday afternoon and we are asking if you could donate a plate of party food for them to enjoy after lunch that would be very much appreciated.

Homework:

We will not be sending out spellings this week as we are at Garsington Opera on Tuesday.

Please remember to bring in any library books on Monday as Miss Mani would like them all in. We won't be able to issue any more until next term.

We also need all of their school readers back on Wednesday the 19th July.

There is also a piece of homework about researching a fruit and vegetable to complete, which has been posted on the Google Classroom.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

YEAR SIX

This week, year 6 have been busy getting ready for their production next week. They have been working hard to learn their lines and the songs and we are looking forward to performing! They have also been enjoying their social skills workshop which have been run by the charity 'Together as one'. Well done year 6, you're almost at the end of your primary school journey and you should be proud of yourselves.

Please note:

Our performance times for parents are 2pm on Wednesday 19th July and 7pm on Thursday 20th July. For the evening performance, please make sure your children are in school for 6:30 so we can be ready to start at 7.

We do need all year 6 children there for the performance please!

NOTICES



HERE THIS SUMMER HOLIDAY!

TECH SUMMER CAMP

DIFFERENT COURSE EACH WEEK!

WEEK 1
ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN

Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to mix like a Pro DJ... plus MEGA LASERTAG! A week of inspiration and creation with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, build skills.

WEEK 2
MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING

Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and learn coding fundamentals, then take a deeper look into engineering using LEGO bricks combined with sensors and motors to create cool inventions powered by code.

WEEK 3
PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY + CRAFTS

Is your child obsessed with Youtube and Tik Tok? Join us for a complete masterclass in capturing and editing like a pro, whilst instilling safety and proper practice. Plus, a BONUS Arts and Crafts session each day that will become their content focus.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023
JULY - SEPTEMBER

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Packed Lunch and Snacks (swimmers)
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

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Here's a list of the most urgently required items for families and individuals in need of food support.

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| Tinned fish (ideally oily: mackerel / sardines / salmon) | Brown rice (500g) |
| Tinned tomatoes | Wholemeal pasta (500g) |
| Tinned vegetables | Tinned meat meals |
| Tinned potatoes | Tinned ham / corned beef |
| Tinned pulses | Toiletries: Shampoo, Toothbrushes |
| Tinned fruit | UHT milk |
| Pasta & cooking sauces | Size 5 & 6 nappies |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
	July 2023	
Tuesday 18th July	Garsington Opera Trip	Year 5
Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Production for Parents 2pm	Y6 families
Thursday 20th July	Y6 Production for Parents 7pm	
Fri 21st July	End of Summer Term (Timings tbc)	Whole School
	September 2023	
Friday 1st September	INSET day -School closed	Whole School
Monday 4th September	INSET day-School Closed	Whole School
Tuesday 5th September	Autumn Term begins	Whole School
	October 2023	
Friday 20th October	Last day of half term	Whole School
Monday 30th October	Autumn Term 2 begins	Whole School
	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