

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

Kenya day

It looked like the year 2 children had a really exciting day in Kenya today. Thank-you to Mrs. Walsh and her team for planning such an exciting event. I haven't told Mrs. Walsh yet, but I did overhear one of the children in her class saying that this was his best day ever!

I would also like to thank my staff within this forum. There are so many people working tirelessly behind the scenes on a day to day basis for your children and their education. They do so with a smile on their faces and because they want the very best for our children. I am truly humbled to be part of this great team and thank-you!

Lateness- we still are having lots of families arriving just after registration. Just 5 minutes! This morning there were 26 children who arrived at 9am. Please be here for the start of lessons - even better, aim for 0845! Let's help your children to settle in school each morning and be ready to learn.

I am happy to see that the weather will be warmer over the next few days, but please still make sure your children wear their winter coats.

I have sent a separate email out about the strike days so please do make notes of the dates.

Mr. Hingley

Attendance – information for parents

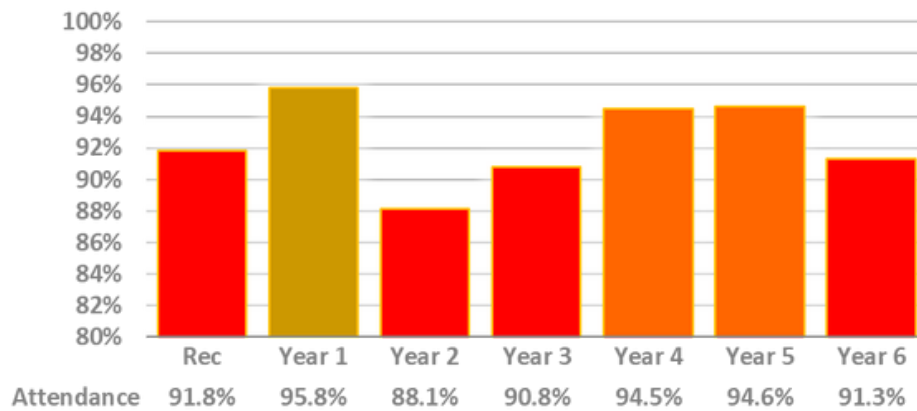
In the event that your child is unwell, we ask that you contact the school to let us know. To notify us of your child's absence, please use the email address:

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.



NO NUTS

A reminder that we are a 'nut free' school which helps to protect our children & staff with nut allergies, please do not send any snacks or lunch boxes in with nuts,
Thank you



YOU'RE INVITED TO

WYCOMBE WANDERERS WARM HUB

Where - Adams Park

Who - Over 65's (with a +1)

**When - Every Tues/Thurs in
Jan/Feb 2023**

starting 10th Jan

Time - 5.00pm - 8.00pm

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SPRINGBUCKS
GYMNASTICS CLUB



February & Easter Holidays Gymnastics & Trampolining Camps

During the February Half Term & Easter Holidays we will be running some fun and action-packed gymnastics and trampolining holiday camp days for ages 4 – 11 years, with the option for half or full days.

Please visit our website www.springbucks.co.uk and click on the Holiday Camp section for more details on how to book in via our website shop.

VENUES: Hazlemere Youth Centre, Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB
Court Garden Leisure Centre, Pound Lane, Marlow, SL7 2AE

February: Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th at Hazlemere Youth Centre & Thursday 16th Feb at Court Garden

Easter: Tuesday 5th & 11th, Wednesday 4th & 12th April at Hazlemere Youth Centre and Thursday 6th & 13th April at Court Garden

PRICE: £16.00 for a half day (9am – 12 or 1 – 4pm)
£35.00 for a full day (9.00am – 4.00pm)

**BOOKINGS ARE FILLING UP FAST SO BOOK IN ASAP TO
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**



Star of the Week



Reception
Maria, for trying really hard to write her name by herself and for working hard at home on her learning.

YEAR ONE
Ellie for her excellent behaviour and for all her hard work this week! Well Done!!

YEAR TWO
Alberto for trying really hard during English lessons and producing really good pieces of writing. Well done Alberto!

YEAR FOUR
Abu - for using intonation in his reading to show expression. You have come a long way in your reading. Well done and keep this up!

YEAR THREE
Mehrsam - Well done for using your phonic knowledge to write sentences independently in English.

YEAR FIVE
Rafael - For consistently being a kind, considerate and respectful member of the class.

YEAR SIX
Amana for her excellent reasoning in maths this week when looking at the relationship between ratio and fractions.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have learnt about how it is celebrated and we have also learnt about the significance of the animals each year. This year is the year of the Rabbit.

We have made Chinese lanterns and paper chain Chinese dragons to decorate our classrooms. We are now beginning to answer our topic question " what happens when I fall asleep?", thinking about the different people or animals who may be awake whilst we are asleep. This week we have learnt about the different nocturnal animals that we may have around us. We went to look at the burrows that were being made by badgers in our bank. Please continue to read everyday with your child and sign the planners. Homework is given out on a friday and we would like the children to return it to the class teacher by wednesday at the latest. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR TWO

We have had another busy week in Year 2. In English, we have been continuing to explore the story of 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. At the beginning of the week, we looked at persuasive writing and the children wrote a letter to the sky persuading it to rain. Then we looked at extending our vocabulary to help the children plan their own stories. In Maths this week, we concluded our topic on 'Shape' by sorting 3D shapes into different categories and making patterns using 2D and 3D shapes. In Science, we continued with our 'Healthy Me' topic by looking at the importance of exercise. The children explored why it is important to exercise and made up their own exercise routine in groups to teach to the rest of the class.

YEAR FOUR

This week year 4 have been busy learning about vertebrates and invertebrates in Science. In Maths we have been looking at related facts in multiplication and division as well as learning about how to use informal methods to work out an answer. The class found these two areas quite tricky but are showing great resilience in learning from their mistakes. In Art & Design we have designed Rainbow Crow (related to our English text) and will be looking to create a model of this using different mediums. And finally in English, we have been applying written skills such as speech and using ambitious adjectives to describe a character/setting. Well done year 4 for working so hard this week.

YEAR FIVE

This week Yr5 have been investigating using a range of descriptive language to describe a setting in English. Our class reader for this term is called : Skellig – By David Almond and your children have enjoyed reading and sharing their ideas and thoughts so far.

Thank you to everyone who remembered to get a swim cap for their child. We still had a few who didn't have one and would like to remind you to please ensure that they have one for their swim classes on Thursdays.

We would also like to remind you that PE days are Wednesday and Thursday – not Friday any longer, due to swimming.

This term in Maths, we are focusing on Multiplication and Division. It would be a great support for your children to use TT-Rock Stars or Hit the Button – on the Top Marks website as this will support their learning.

We are encouraging your children to record any reading they do and to write the title and page number that they read to, on a daily basis. Your children can change their school readers when they have finished them at any point. They don't need to wait to be told to change their readers any longer as they are now in Year 5, but they need to have a non-fiction and a fiction book.

Homework this week:

Spellings and sentences – (Spellings test is on Tuesdays)

Maths revision – Multiplication using the column method

SPAG sheet – Capital Letters and Full Stops

Homework is due back to school on Wednesdays.

Miss Dear and Mrs Guy

YEAR SIX

This week in English, year 6 have been working on researching, planning and writing their non chronological reports about an animal of their choice from the Galápagos Islands. We can't wait to see the final published versions once they're complete. In Maths, we've been working on ratio; specifically using the symbol and language to show the relationship between them and relating them to fractions. In science this week, we have been looking at adaptation and natural selection; explaining how changes in the environment have affected the adaptation of the peppered moth. This learning carried over into our topic lessons where we read and made a storyboard to summarise the picture book 'Moth'. Next week, year 6 will be designing their own peppered moths to go on display. In PSHCE, we have been looking at setting goals and breaking our goals down into small steps to better understand how to go about achieving them. Another excellent week of learning year 6 – well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
<i>January 2023</i>		
Monday 23rd Jan	Garsington Opera Workshop	Year 5
Fri 27th January	Aylesbury Waterside Theatre trip	Year 4
<i>February 2023</i>		
Mon 6th February	School nurses – Height & Weight Checks	Reception
Tues 7th February	Parents Evening 3:30-5pm	Whole School
Thurs 9th February	Parents Evening 5pm-8pm	Whole School
Friday 10th February	Police & Lawyer Visit	Year 5 & 6
Fri 10th February	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
Mon 20th February	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
<i>March 2023</i>		
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
<i>April 2023</i>		
Mon 17th April	INSET DAY – School closed	Whole School
Tues 18th April	Start of Summer term – School Opens	Whole School
<i>May 2023</i>		
Mon 8th – Thur 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Fri 26th May	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
<i>June 2023</i>		
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY – School Closed	Whole School
Tues 6th June	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
<i>July 2023</i>		
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
<i>September 2023</i>		
Mon 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School