

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

Forest school development.

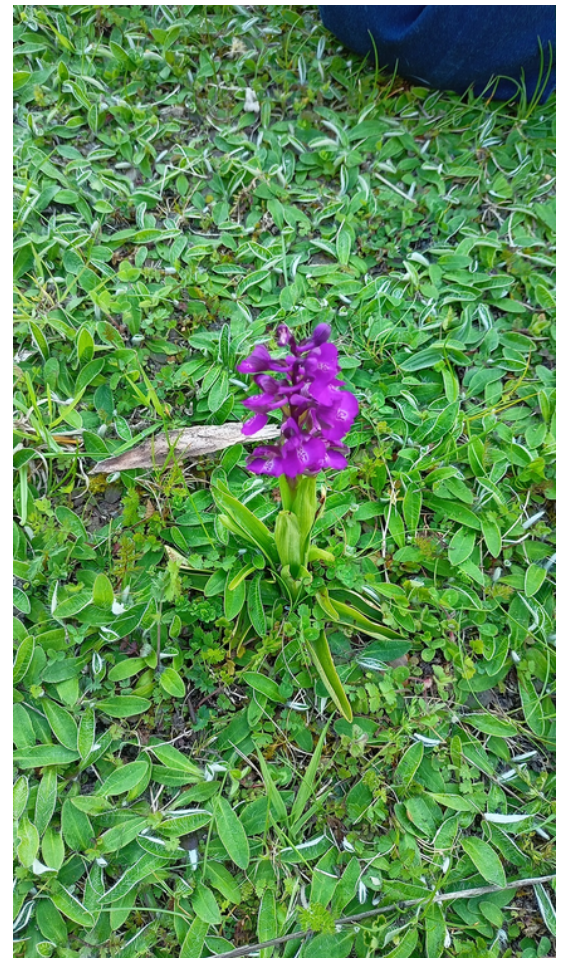
We are very lucky to have Paul Stack and his team at Chiltern Rangers working with us on our Forest School development. On Thursday some of our year 5 and 6 pupils were working on creating a nature pond area, following the design from earlier in the year. Some of our pupils have also designed and made labels for our meadow experiment too. The very exciting news is that we have a green winged orchid growing in our new meadow. The Chiltern Rangers team have never seen one before in High Wycombe. What a beautiful sight!

Our year 6 pupils have been working hard to prepare for their SATs tests next week. Please see the note in the newsletter from Miss Medhi and also the separate letter to year 6 parents with further information about the week.

As I write this, preparations are under way for our picnic celebration to mark our King's Coronation. This is a wonderful opportunity for our whole school to come together and share in this celebration - something that we don't often get to do. Please share this article with your children if you would like to find out more about the coronation.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/64363584>

Our children have been busy designing and making crowns to wear, flags to wave and placemats to eat from (and also to keep as a commemoration). Mrs Machingauta has also very kindly gifted each pupil a book mark which also lists all of the UK monarchs. Thank-you everyone for all of your hard work.



Please enjoy the bank holiday weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning, bright and refreshed. year 6's please make sure you have an early night!

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Krisztian for trying hard in all areas of his learning, especially in mathematics where he is confident enough to put his hand up to answer questions.

YEAR ONE

Elayne -for her amazing effort in Phonics

YEAR TWO

We have 2 stars of the week! Yousaf for working so hard on his times tables and getting to the next level on 'cracking times tables'. Also, Nafisa for writing an excellent letter in English. Well done to you both!

YEAR THREE

Annabell. She has really worked hard this week, always wanting to challenge herself with her subjects. Also, she is doing really well with swimming and keeps pushing herself to do new things. Well done Annabell.

YEAR FOUR

Humza - for working well with his partner in class to come up with quality 'open' questions in order to gather further information about a character.

YEAR SIX

Khawala for always trying her best and for her progress in her Reading Comprehension skills.

YEAR FIVE

Ibrahim - For reading consistently over the past few weeks and having his planner signed

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week, Reception have been getting ready for our Coronation party. The children made beautiful place mats and individual crowns to mark this very special occasion. It is something you may wish to keep and treasure as a lovely reminder of our King's Coronation. On Friday, the children and staff came together to enjoy a whole school picnic. Lots of laughter could be heard as the children enjoyed celebrating together.

In class, the children have been watching our real life caterpillars grow and they have now doubled in size. We are very excited to watch as the caterpillars get ready to go into their chrysalis.

YEAR ONE

In English had to describe the sights and sounds of a forest. In Maths we have completed our height and length topic before moving on to mass and volume next week. In Science we learnt about Seed Dispersion. In Computing we reminded year 1 how to find their Purple Mash login at the back of their planners and to complete the to do tasks set in Coding. We did our Spellings Quiz on a Wednesday.

On Friday We had a Coronation Party for King Charles III.

YEAR TWO

This week in Year 2, the children have been preparing for their SATS by completing practise papers and we have been going through the answers. They have made really good progress throughout the year and I think they will do really well in their SATS. In English, the children wrote poems about an imaginary place. They used an image of an enchanted forest to help them write their poems; they were fantastic! In Maths, the class were learning about temperature. They looked at how to read different temperatures on a thermometer and used addition and subtraction to work out temperature changes. In Topic this week, the children learnt about the King's upcoming Coronation. Then they drew portraits of King Charles and wrote facts about the upcoming Coronation. They also had a great time on Friday afternoon celebrating the King's Coronation! The children made place mats, flags and bunting for the picnic and then enjoyed eating lunch outside with the rest of the school. It was a truly memorable afternoon!

YEAR THREE

Year 3 have had a great week this week, in maths we have started our new topic on fractions. We have been adding fractions together and it was great to see their confidence growing. In English, we were learning about fronted adverbials and how to use them. Plants seem to be popular with the year 3s, we were learning about the roots and their importance to plants. In RE we have been learning about the importance sharing. Things are going swimmingly well at Swimming, the pupils are really enjoying themselves which is great to see. Hope you all have a great long weekend. Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

Another week a has flown by!

Year 4 have been busy innovating 'How to Train your Dragon' in English. They have been busy researching a mythical creature of their choice and then describing its appearance and personality ready to incorporate into their English writing next week. In maths we moved onto our new unit on 'decimals' where the class have been learning about splitting a whole into tenths and then how this can be written as a decimal. To finish off the week, year 4 will be celebrating the king's coronation by having a 'coronation picnic' together with the whole school. We hope they have an amazing afternoon celebrating. Have a great long weekend year 4.

YEAR FIVE

This week Year 5 have been working on preparing for completion of their Poetry Publishing. They have been learning a poem by storywriter and Poetry Performer - Valerie Bloom. We have a list of fun facts to do with her very successful career. You might like to ask your child if they know a fact about her.

Continue to encourage your child to use Mathletics regularly. We can see the benefits from them using this online tool and they enjoy receiving their certificates.

We were delighted to see our Forest School Team on Thursday. Six of your children took part in helping to start the construction of our new pond life area.

Today is a very significant day for our school and country and we're sure there will be photographs of our Coronation Celebration in the newsletter and on our website for you all to view.

We hope you enjoy another long weekend and watch the Coronation Service.

Homework:

Learning Activity: To write facts about the Coronation Celebrations
Spellings (will be to do with the Coronation)
Maths - to continue with using Mathletics

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

YEAR SIX

Year 6 have been working hard this week in the final run up to their SATS. We are all so proud of them for the hard work and dedication they are showing towards their learning and it truly has shown us their maturity and readiness for secondary school.

It is vital that parents/carers ensure that they attend school daily during SATs week. Should children arrive late or miss days, in accordance with the rules they will be isolated from their peers until they have completed their papers in order to avoid prior exposure to the content of the test papers. To enable the children to come into school and feel relaxed we are offering breakfast club for Year 6 each morning from 8.30 a.m. The children will be able to come into school and enjoy breakfast with their peers. There will be no cost for this to parents.

Please ensure your child gets lots of rest and sleep over the testing period to enable them to perform to the best of their ability. They have worked extremely hard and deserve to be provided with the best opportunity to succeed. We are so proud of year 6 and know they will do themselves proud.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy the coronation festivities!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
May 2023		
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Whole School
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Mon 22nd May	Teaching Talons	Rec, Y1 & Y2
Tuesday 23rd May	Tempest Photography - Class Photos	Whole School
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
Thursday 22nd June	Trip to The Wimbledon Theatre	Year 3
Wednesday 28th June	Matilda Theatre Trip	Year 4
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