

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

It has been an extremely busy week again at Hannah Ball School. It has felt like a whirlwind of activities at times and what fantastic experiences your children have had! Year 2 and 6 have been taking their assessments (the rest of school will do theirs next week) in between their normal lessons. Year 5 are nearing the end of their swimming course and we look forward to KS2 doing a trial of kickboxing over the next two weeks. We have also had science week this week. Our pupils enjoyed talks from our visitors on beekeeping and game designing and then yesterday they were all forensic scientists. There have been other exciting activities going on in classes that have been linked to science, so please do read the rest of this newsletter to find out more. Thank-you to Mrs. Mir for organising this amazing science week.

Our Eco club went up onto the bank again to do some more litter picking. It really is looking great up there and so much tidier and the Chiltern Rangers partnership is a fantastic way of creating important community links. The forest school provision is coming along nicely and we even have a nursery for our saplings.



One of our neighbours has recently contacted us again about inconsiderate parking. Please be mindful of where you are leaving your cars and how you are parking. Sometimes you are blocking our neighbours in by parking over their drives. I have advised our neighbours to report any inconsiderate or illegal parking to the police via their non-emergency line.

Well done to our Reception class this week who have won our attendance trophy. They will be having a dip in their goodie box on Monday as a reward. I will be working with your class teachers to design whole class rewards from now on to encourage improved attendance.

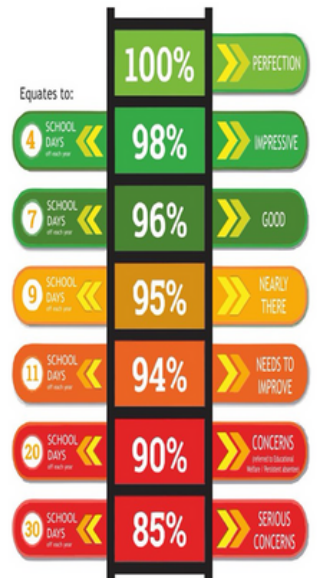
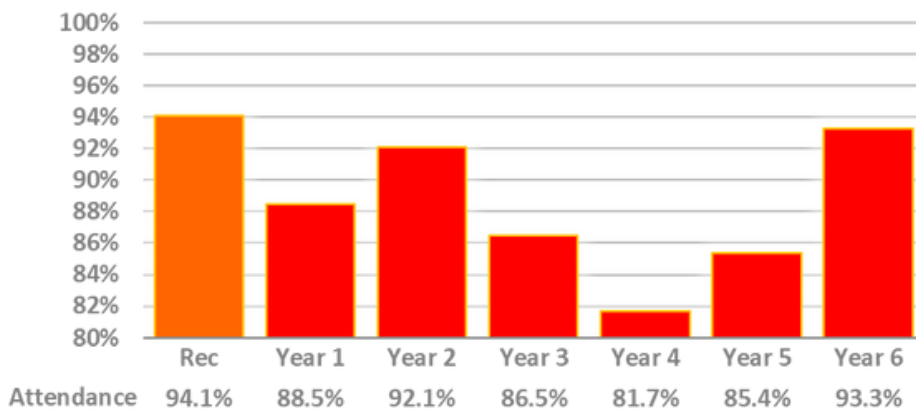
Have a lovely weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Excellent attendance is really important in order for your child to benefit from school and make the best possible progress.

Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Children should only be absent from school if they are really poorly. We have excellent pastoral care and qualified paediatric first aiders. If your child is under the weather, please talk to their teacher who will be able to ensure they are looked after with lots of TLC!

This weeks attendance



Schools have to regularly inform the Local Authority of any pupils who are regularly absent from school, have irregular attendance, or have missed 10 school days or more without the school's permission. Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence.

Schools also have a safeguarding duty, under Section 175 Education Act 2002, to investigate any unexplained absences.

**CERTIFICATES WILL GO TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS WHO HAVE
SCORED OVER 1000 POINTS THIS WEEK! WELL DONE!**

Year 1

David
Ellie
Haleema
Isma
Paige

Year 2

Aleeza
Ashvika
Laila

Year 3

Aarib
Laiba
Mustafa

Year 4

Logan
Sethun
Shammah

Year 5

Aleema
Fredrik
Ibrahim Z
Lily R
Luiz

Year 6

Shazain
Aahil
Amana
De'Shawn
Israa
Madiha

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Emaan for using all of her sounds to label the parts of a duck. Excellent job Emaan!

YEAR ONE

Shoaib has had a great week this week and has worked really hard in his English lessons writing his character diary. Keep up the great work Shoaib - we are very proud of you.

YEAR TWO

Jenson John for trying his best in his assessments this week. He has particularly worked hard on the reading comprehensions and has made fantastic progress since his last assessment. Well done Jenson John.

YEAR THREE

Sasha has really shown how engaged she is with her learning. She excels in maths and always wants to challenge herself more in different subjects. I am really proud of Sasha and how much she has grown over the last few weeks I have known her. Keep up the great work, Sasha!.

YEAR FOUR

Niana - for actively taking part in class discussions and confidently putting her hand to answer questions. This demonstrates how intently she listens in class.

YEAR FIVE

Ayyan Z For working very hard to understand new words and their meanings.

YEAR SIX

Rania for her excellent attitude and resilience towards her learning and for always striving to improve.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in reception we have continued to watch our ducklings grow and the children have all been commenting on how much they have changed. They also got to stroke the ducklings so they could feel how soft they were. The ducklings were a little too lively to hold! It has been a fantastic experience for the reception children to see the hatching process and we will be sad to see our ducklings go on Friday. Have a look on Tapestry to see your children with the ducklings! Please continue to read and practise the sounds and harder to read words that have been sent home. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR ONE

In Year 1 this week we have had a lot of fun learning how to strike and field the ball when playing cricket. In English we have started our own character diaries using lots of adjectives to describe the 'unhelpful farmer' in 'Farmer Duck' and in English we have started our new topic Place Value within 50, where we have been learning to recognise tens and ones.

Please remember to complete the phonics and spellings in your yellow homework books and the mathematics work set online. If you have any problems logging in, please do let us know.

Year 1 also had lots of fun in our forensic science workshop where they became detectives looking at DNA and fingerprints. Massive thank you to Mrs Mir for arranging this for us all.

We also enjoyed potting our sunflower seeds getting ready for Mothers Day this coming Sunday.

YEAR TWO

This week the children have been working really hard on their assessments. They completed reading comprehensions, Maths papers and practised their spellings. It has been great to see the progress the children have made since their last assessments, and I am very proud of them!

In Maths, the children have continued with their topic on 'Multiplication and Division' by learning to divide by ten and began looking at the five times table. In Computing, the children learnt how to make a non-fiction fact file. They used '2Connect' on Purple Mash to make their fact file about the United Kingdom. Finally, in Science, the children checked the growth of their beans and then learnt about the lifecycle of their plants.

YEAR THREE

This week has been a great week for Year 3. It was science week, so students were able to participate in some of the science activities that happened at the school. On Tuesday we had two people come in and speak about their jobs and how it relates to science, one is a beekeeper and the other is a game designer. Thursday, we were learning about forensic scientists. The Year 3 students got to experience what it is like to be a forensic scientist and had their own crime scene to investigate. In English we have moved onto a new topic called 'Iron Man' (nothing to do with Marvel, sorry). In Maths, we have started our new topic: fractions. Only two more weeks to go, and there are still more exciting things to do in Year 3.

Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

What a great week it has been celebrating British Science week. We started off the week with an assembly about this year's theme, which is 'Connections'. We

looked at how we are all connected to each other through Science. This was then followed by some visitors on Tuesday (a Beekeeper and a Computer Scientist who designs Video games). The children loved discussing how both areas are connected to science and asked some very interesting questions.

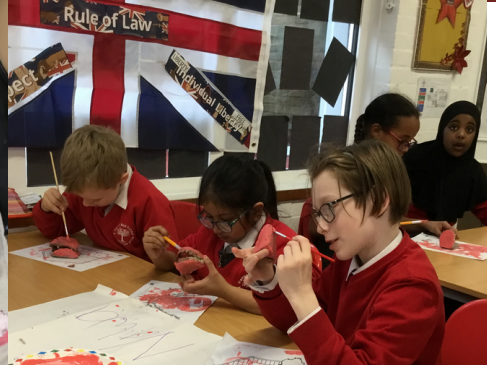
They also got the opportunity to taste some yummy raw lavender honey! Our science week further

continued with an exciting Forensic workshop on Thursday. The children thoroughly enjoyed using their problem skills to solve a crime. It was lovely to see how

the children were working together to discuss and work out who the victim and the culprit was. Finally, to end the week, year 4

have finished making their clay teeth and have been painting them. Please see pictures to see their creative skills. Well done

year 4 for an awesome week, have a great weekend.



YEAR FIVE

Today, Year 5 were treated to an exciting trip to: The Tower of London.

Although it rained it didn't dampen our spirits.

We went through the Fusiliers Museum before lunch, saw the beautiful Crown Jewels on display, walked up the Beauchamp Tower and through the White Tower. There was too much to see in the short time we were there, but we have touched a huge part of our British history and this has been an amazing opportunity.

Quotes:

"I liked looking at the Royal Animals, especially the leopards" - Poppy

"The Beauchamp Tower was interesting. Some of the carvings in the bricks were creepy looking" Lily R

"I really enjoyed seeing the different armoury on display. Especially the breastplates" - Fredrik

"We really loved Queen Victoria's really small crown. It was sparkly and shiny" Mia and Lily

Homework: Athletics, Reading and extra house points for finding facts about the Tower of London. This can be written in Homework books or in Purple Mash.

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear



YEAR SIX

Year 6 have had a great week this week; especially during the afternoons on Tuesday and Thursday where they had some visitors in for Science week!

They thoroughly enjoyed hearing from a parent who is a video games creator and I've heard they had a great time during their forensic workshop too!

Year 6 have also been working hard in the mornings this week where we have had assessments to help prepare them for SATS. I have been thoroughly Impressed with the determination and resilience shown by the class during these tests. They have all been eager to know where they can improve which shows a real maturity that will serve them well as they prepare to enter secondary school. Well done year 6!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
March 2023		
Monday 27th Match	Odds Farm Trip	Reception
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		
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday	Whole School
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Whole School
Mon 8th – Thur 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
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
Thursday 22nd June	Trip to The Wimbledon Theatre	Year 3
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