

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

In assemblies this week we have been looking at our golden rules of 'Ready, Respectful, Safe', but especially the first part, 'Ready'. Essentially this means 'Ready to Learn', and once we start exploring what this actually means, this very simple concept reveals quite a number of steps for us to be able to be ready to learn.

A fundamental part of being ready to learn is to make sure that we have enough sleep. Everyone is different with the amount of sleep that is needed, but children need sleep to 'reset'. Synapses rest to prepare for the next day's learning and important brain development hormones are released. We can prepare ourselves for a good night's sleep by setting up a good bedtime routine. Children need to be helped with this, but routine is key. Devices, such as mobile phones and tablets have a negative impact on the brain's ability to prepare for sleep. It is recommended that children don't have access to devices for at least an hour before bedtime and having a t.v in the bedroom is not to be recommended either.

Other fundamental steps towards being ready to learn is ensuring that we drink enough water. Water is best, not juice, fizzy drinks, nor as mentioned in last week's newsletter, energy drinks. Throughout the day, sometimes we may feel tired, or have sugar cravings, but this is sometimes because we are dehydrated. We do provide drinking water in school, but it is best if your child has their own named water bottle with them in school.

A healthy diet also helps us to be ready to learn. It is easy to default to convenience foods, but fresh fruits and vegetables provide essential vitamins and minerals. At school we provide fresh fruit and vegetables at lunch time, and Reception and KS1 have fruit and vegetable snacks provided free of charge. Please do remember to send in a healthy snack for your child if they are in KS2. Please also note that we are a nut free school.

KS1 SATS

Well done to all of our pupils in year 2 that have worked hard this week with their SATS tests. They have all had a very mature attitude towards them and Mrs. Walsh and her team have been immensely proud of them all!

Uniform expectations

Although the children are looking really smart in their full school uniform, there are still some incorrect items creeping into the PE kit. I shared the expectations last week and here is the link to the uniform guidance. <https://www.hannahball.bucks.sch.uk/parents/uniform/> Our pupils are aware of the expectations for the PE kit so please do ensure that you provide the right clothes for them to wear.

Punctuality

I am still concerned with the amount of families that are arriving late for school. The vast majority of you are on time every single day, but we do have a core number of families that are letting us down. We will challenge you if you are late and we are tracking those that are regularly late. It is your responsibility as a parent to not only get your child into school, but get them into school on time.

If you are late, (ie after 0855) you must accompany your child to the office to explain the reasons for your lateness.

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Abdullah for making great progress with his reading! Great job Abdullah!

YEAR ONE

**Hayden for Helping in the classroom when asked to assist.
Elaine for spellings**

YEAR TWO

All of Year 2 for having a fantastic attitude towards their SATs papers this week and showing resilience. Well done Year 2, I am so proud of you!

YEAR THREE

Nailah has been challenging herself in all subjects and always wants to answer questions. Nailah knows that we can learn by making mistakes that is how we learn and she never gives up. I am very proud of you, keep it up Nailah.

YEAR FOUR

Uzair - for being proactive with his homework and practising his timestables daily and using TTRS/Mathletics. Taking responsibility for his own learning has clearly shown as he received full marks for his mock timetable assessment.

YEAR FIVE

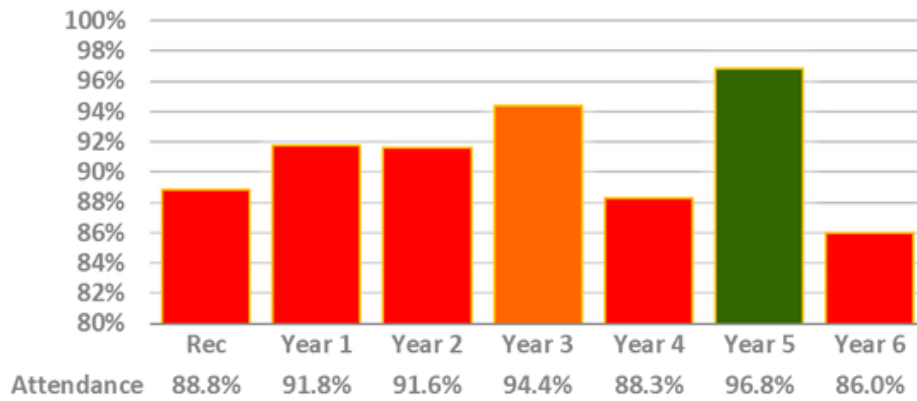
Poppy for an excellent attitude to writing during English and being an enthusiastic reader.

YEAR SIX

Amana for her enthusiasm and confidence in Maths this week.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Hannah Ball Attendance this week.....



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

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been continuing to watch the changes that have been happening to our caterpillars. They are now all in their cocoons and we are hoping they will come out before our half term holiday!

The daffodils that we had planted back in March have now grown and we have been doing some observational paintings of them using watercolours. We have also been completing lots of bug hunts outside after learning all about the different ones we might find in our garden. We have found lots of snails, slugs, worms and spiders! Even though the sun is out, please can you send your child to school with a coat everyday. Our weather can change very quickly and we are outside throughout the day. Have a great weekend.

YEAR ONE

We started learning scenes in coding. A to do task is set in Purple Mash which is due next Wednesday. In English we started planning a story and in maths we continued learning mass and volume. In RE we learnt about saying sorry and how to forgive and in science we learnt which plants grow underground or which ones grow above ground.

YEAR TWO

This week, the children have been working really hard on their SATs papers. They had two reading papers and two maths papers. On Monday they have their grammar and spelling papers, and then this will conclude their SATs. As well as completing their SATs papers, the children have been doing some fantastic work in their normal lessons. In English the children have been looking at rhyming words, tenses and similes and alliteration, which will all help them to write their own poems next week. The children wrote fantastic rhyming couplets about different objects from the text that we have been reading, 'The Street Beneath my Feet'. In Maths, the children have been learning how to find a half and a quarter of numbers and shapes, using their division skills. In Science, we looked at how animals are suited to their habitats and how they depend on plants and other animals for survival. We had some really interesting discussions in PSHE this week about conflict and how we can resolve conflicts with our friends. The children had a real level of maturity when discussing this topic. Well done on a brilliant week Year 2!

YEAR THREE

It is never a dull moment in Year 3. This week has gone by so quickly and it was a full week! In English, we are finishing our book Rhythm of the Rain, and we are now publishing our writing. In Maths, we are at the end of our fractions. We have been looking at word problems for fractions and trying to find the best way to answer by using bar models. Science has been interesting learning about the flower on a plant and how that helps make more plants by creating seeds as well as food for the insects. In RE, we have learned about a festival called Vaisakhi and why it is important to the Sikh community and this links into our sharing theme. We learned about the different rivers in the UK for our Geography topic, with that the year 3s also learned how to use an Atlas. In PSHE, the pupils are going to practice how to deal with conflict situations. I think this is a great skill to have especially when growing up. Swimming was great, it is our last session next week and the teachers at the pool have something fun planned for the children. Looking forward to next week, I hope everyone has a lovely weekend. Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have had a very eventful week this week investigating a dragon on the loose. We had a dragon attack the school in the early hours of Tuesday. Year 4 were shocked to see the destruction it had caused. They rushed to the scene to report what they found (please see pictures attached). From their evidence, they wrote a newspaper report as their 'cold write' (pre-assessment) in English. Following the eventful day, year 4 are now learning about features of writing a newspaper report which will lead to them writing their own innovative version next week. I can't wait to read these! In Maths, we have continued our learning on decimals and have been looking at a whole number as tenths and hundredths. In Science, we have planned an investigation to test different materials to see if they are conductors or insulators. We will be testing these in circuits at the end of the week. In PSHE, we have been discussing how to manage relationships that change over time. We had some interesting discussions around this topic and the children were able to apply the theme to their own experiences and how they have dealt with particular situations.

Well done year 4 for a great week.

Homework:

Timestables - please keep practicing your timestables daily as the timetable check assessment is creeping up on us (week commencing 5th June 2023).

Mathletics - Keep up with the work assigned on Mathletics.

Spellings - Ensure you have practiced writing the words out and complete the sentences (don't forget to use a dictionary to find out the meaning of any words you don't know the meaning of).



YEAR FIVE

This week your children have continued to learn about Rivers and Wild Weather and some children have been able to share the super research they made last week.

Our Pond Life area is now complete and the paintings that some of your children completed have been placed around our outdoor area. We have also been able to plant seeds on the bank area and are hoping to see the results over the next few weeks, resulting in a lovely meadow.

We are currently reading the popular book *The Wind in the Willows* - by Kenneth Grahame in English. We have been looking at the nature of different characters and finding evidence in the text to support their ideas. We will be watching the movie next Friday.

Our latest topic in Maths is statistics and we have been learning to interpret information by using graphs, tables and tally charts. We have also been able to use these in Science to plot information after class experiments.

Mr Hingley has asked your children to please wear the correct PE clothing during PE sessions. This includes - Black track pants or shorts - black Sweater - white plain top and suitable trainers. If you have any problems - please phone the office.

Please make sure your children bring in a water bottle each day and especially during PE sessions now that the weather is getting warmer.

Homework:

Learning Activity: - Research a 'Soul' musician and write some fun facts.

Mathletics - Problem solving

Spellings - Focus words are based around Rivers

Reading - Please make sure you are signing your child's planner each week and checking that they are recording what they are reading. (This includes library or home reading literature)

Many thanks

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

YEAR SIX

This week, Year 6 have been busy in our English lessons, planning and holding a debate about whether or not Cam should accept the offer of a Pig's heart for a transplant. They all worked collaboratively and ran the debates themselves which we have been thoroughly impressed with. Year 6's public speaking skills have improved so much since September and this is wonderful to see as they get closer to beginning secondary school. In Maths, we have been learning about the relationship between the area of rectangles and the area of triangles. From this, they came to the formula to calculate the area of triangles by themselves before then applying it to problems. In Science, we have been looking at what it means to live a healthy lifestyle and created Posters to go around the school to promote a healthy lifestyle. In PSHCE, year 6 have been looking at how to be aware of their mental health and how to recognise when they need support. In our RE lessons, we have been looking at the different ways in which Muslims try to lead good lives through a group activity where they ranked 9 statements to decide which act of faith is more helpful in trying to lead a 'good' life for a Muslim.

An excellent week year 6, well done!

Children's Half Term Events at Wycombe Museum



The full events programme, plus booking for events can be found at <https://wycombemuseum.org.uk/events-by-wycombe-museum>

Please remember that we are a collection point for the One Can Trust. Donations can be dropped into the basket in our main reception area. This local foodbank supports many of our families in time of need so please do take time to have a look at the urgent needs list below.

Urgent Needs
5-5-23

Toilet Rolls
Tinned Meat Meals
Tinned Fish
Tinned Veg
Tinned Pulses
UHT Milk
Deodorant
Nappies (sizes 5 & 6 only)

Sorry we can't accept:
Alcohol, homemade food, frozen or refrigerated items,
out of date items or opened packets.

ONE CAN TRUST : FOOD PROGRAMMES

one can COOK

Join us for a **FREE** 6 week course and learn some simple kitchen hacks, easy cookery skills and healthy and inexpensive meals.

Wednesday Evening's
6:30 - 8:30pm
Hills Café
162 Micklefield Road, High Wycombe HP13 7HA

If you would like to book onto our course please contact the Food Programmes Team on: food.programmes@onecantrust.org.uk or call us on: 01494 512 277

What's cooking?

26th <i>April</i>	Minestrone Soda Bread	<i>Introduction</i> <i>Health & Safety</i>
3rd <i>April</i>	Pan Pizza Homemade Tomato Sauce	<i>Kitchen skills</i>
17th <i>May</i>	Veggie Curry Naan Bread	<i>How many meals?</i>
24th <i>May</i>	Stir Fry Fruit Crumble	<i>Supermarket Hacks</i>
31st <i>May</i>	Veg/ Mince Pie and Gravy	<i>Batch Cooking</i>
7th <i>June</i>	TBC	<i>Recap</i> <i>Certificate</i>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
<i>May 2023</i>		
Mon 22nd May	Teaching Talons	Rec, Y1 & Y2
Tuesday 23rd May	Tempest Photography - Class Photos	Whole School
Friday 26th May	Picnic at the Rye Park	Y6 & Parents
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
Thursday 22nd June	Charlie & The Chocolate Factory	Year 3
Wednesday 28th June	Matilda Theatre Trip	Year 4
<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