

HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Hingley

There has been lots of activity in the school this week, with many of the children doing assessments throughout the week too. I want to echo Mrs. Mir's comments in her news about attendance. We have three classes that are over 95% this week and that is so much better than in the past. Well done everybody! Year 5 have the highest attendance this week. I have spoken to Mrs. Guy who will decide with the children on their reward for their 98.1% attendance.

Reception are looking forward to their Odds Farm trip on Monday - please make note of the important information from your trip letter. Year 2 have been growing seeds as part of experiments and looking at ideal growing conditions. They have also been writing their stories based on Jim and the Beanstalk. I can't wait to read some of them. Year 5 have their final swimming session next week. They very much enjoyed their Tower of London trip last week and are busy finishing off their Tudors topic. Year six, have of course also been finishing off their writing based upon The Highwayman. It sounds like we have some very creative writers in year six, and again, I can't wait to read some of them.

The boys and girls football team deserve a special mention this week. They have been to Tylers Green, and then the boys went to Highworth Combined school to play an extra match. Well done everyone on your sportsmanship - you are really beginning to work as a team. Thank-you also to you, as parents, for getting your children to the venues on time and for staying and supporting your children.

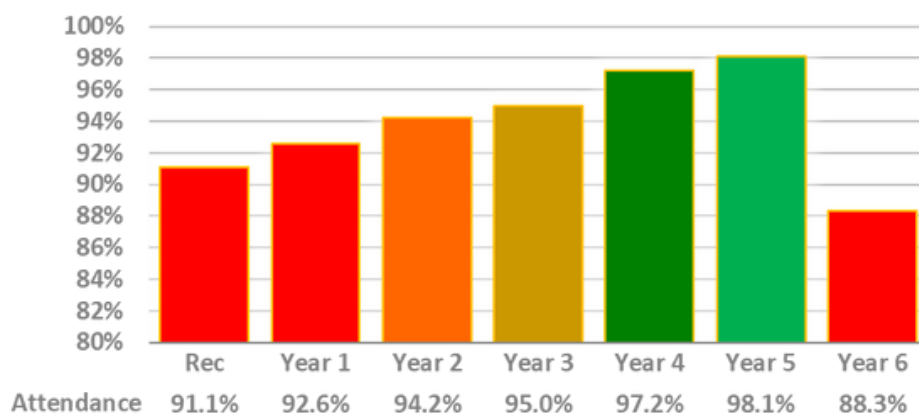
Thank-you to everyone who is supporting our PTA through our Easter Egg tombola fundraiser. My office is full of eggs and I think there will be plenty to go around next week! Well done everyone and thanks again!

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

Aaron
Ismaeel
Isma
Patrick
Paige

YEAR 2

Aleeza
Aliza
Ashvika
Noah

YEAR 3

Aniela
Laiba

YEAR 4

Anaum
Affan
Abu Safyn
Filip
Sethun
Shammah

YEAR 5

Aaron
Ibrahim
Fredrik
Luiz

YEAR 6

Aahil
Amana
Israa
Olivia
Muhammad
Sethun
Fredrik

Star of the Week



RECEPTION

Daisy for being a good role model in class and for now beginning to apply her sounds and writing a good sentence independently during phonics.

YEAR ONE

Mohamed for always trying his hardest, for always checking his work and getting it finished.

YEAR TWO

Edward for making significant progress in his written comprehensions and putting more effort into his writing.

YEAR THREE

Sierra. She is helpful around the classroom and always wants to help the teacher. Even though she finds certain subjects a challenge, she has been pushing herself and showing that she can achieve anything when she puts her mind to it. Well done Sierra!

YEAR FOUR

Sana - for showing great enthusiasm in learning and believing in herself. This new grown confidence suits you and is clearly showing in your work.

YEAR FIVE

Aaron - For making extra progress in reading and encouraging his friends to read more interesting texts.

YEAR SIX

Shazain for his innovative Star Wars retelling based on 'The Highwayman'.

MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

RECEPTION

"In Reception this week we have been reading the story called 'rabbits don't lay eggs'. Do ask your children to tell you all about this lovely story. The children have also learnt about the Easter story and the importance of Easter.

Please remember it is our trip to Odds Farm on Monday. If your child is bringing a packed- lunch, please do NOT bring a lunch box - everything must be disposable. Please send your child with a suitable outdoor coat for our trip as the weather can be very changeable at this time of the year. Please be prompt dropping your children off on Monday morning as we will be on a tight schedule to get to our venue in plenty of time".

YEAR ONE

This week in year one we have been working hard to finish publishing our diary from 'Farmer Duck' and have started to move on to our new book 'The Secret Sky Garden'.

In Maths the children worked really hard during their first Maths assessment and have continued to work on 'Grouping and identifying tens' in their daily lessons.

In cricket this week we brushed up on our batting and bowling skills and found a few cricket stars among us!

Please remember to keep logging in to Mathletics online and completing the phonics work set in your yellow books. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Regards
Year 1

YEAR TWO

We have had a great week in Year 2! In English the children have been writing their innovated stories based on the text we have been reading 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. They have written fantastic stories and I am really proud of their efforts. In Maths the children started a new topic on 'height and length'. They learnt how to measure objects in centimetres with a ruler and looked at what could be measured in metres. In Science we concluded our topic on 'plants' by looking at what plants need to stay healthy. The children looked at the bean seeds that they planted and decided on the ideal conditions to grow a plant. They were excited to see that some of their plants had grown! Finally, in topic, the children were exploring their local area. We looked on Google maps at High Wycombe and where the school is located. Then, in pairs, the children used the laptops to look for local landmarks and recorded the road names.

YEAR THREE

What a busy week in Year 3. We have been busy with our new english story "The Iron Man". We have creating a story sequence for one of the chapters together as well as created an awesome story map together of our wanted poster. In Maths, we are still learning our fractions and ordering them. In Science, we have finished our rocks, soils and fossils topic. We were learning about the different types of soils and what we use soil for. In PHSE, the students got to understand what Emergency Services are and their jobs are to know what their address is, postcode and phone number. These last few weeks have gone by so quickly, looking forward to next week for more adventures. Miss Stickland

YEAR FOUR

I want to start off today by saying well done to year 4 for working so hard on their assessments this week and their attendance! We have had full a class, so thank you parents for ensuring the children have made it to school. I cannot stress the importance of attendance and the impact this has on their learning. Aside from assessments, we have made a start on our persuasive writing in English. The children have been busy innovating their own persuasive adverts to sell toothpaste and have come up with some great adjectives to try and entice the audience into buying their product. In science we have been learning about food chains and working out where 'producers, prey and predators' sit in the food chain. The children loved discussing who eats what and came up with their own food chains using a variety of producers and animals. We are continuing our work on fractions in Maths and have been learning about proper and improper fractions. And finally, Happy Ramdhan to all those who will be fasting during the next 30 days, I hope you all enjoy the special time with your families and friends.

A gentle reminder: keep practicing your timestables daily in preparation for the national timestable check in June.

YEAR FIVE

This week your children have been busy with both English and Maths assessments and thankfully they have all been completed. So, next week our timetable will be back to normal and we will continue our story writing and publishing.

During swimming our swim coaches have also been assessing your children. Their last swim session for this term will be next Thursday so it is important for everyone to take part so that they receive their certificates.

Please make a note that we have the Easter Egg Tombola next week, and children will be able to purchase 5 tickets for £1.00, but they also need to bring in an Easter Egg for the Tombola itself.

Our next topic is: 'Crime and Punishment' in the Tudor Period and we are hoping that our recent visit to – The Tower of London – will inspire your children to continue to research and gain more knowledge and understanding of why King Henry the VIII and the Tudor family behaved in the way they did.

Easter Break is just around the corner, and I'm sure you will be looking forward to the holiday season and a few yummy treats.

Kind regards
Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

YEAR SIX

This week in year 6 we have been completing and publishing our own versions of 'The Highwayman' using fairytales for inspiration. We have been focusing on using different 'voices' to tell the story from varying points of view. Year 6 have been very innovative and I've enjoyed reading so many different fairytales with a Highwayman twist such as The Little Mermaid, Frozen, Rapunzel, Aladdin and Beauty and the Beast. We even had someone using Star Wars as their inspiration! Well done year 6 for producing some wonderful pieces of writing. In History this week, we have been learning all about workhouses during the Victorian era; how and why they came to be and the conditions in them. We will be using this work and continuing research to write balanced arguments about the usefulness of workhouses next week. In Science, we have been learning about the 4 different types of microorganism and the man who is responsible for the system of classification we use, Carolus Linnaeus. An excellent week with lots of wonderful pieces of work produced - well done Year 6!



£2 PER FAMILY

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 10-12

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Easter Holiday Activities

3 - 15 April 2023

Join us for our Egg-cellent Easter Craft Activities in the first week and Your Amazing Brain themed crafts and activities in the second week. Enjoy our Easter egg trail on every day over the holidays. Don't miss our special Family Easter Event on **Saturday 8 April!**

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND




Introduction to childminding course

Starting 26 April 2023

Are you looking for a rewarding and flexible job in childcare?



If you love the idea of working with children and helping them to grow emotionally, physically and educationally, then becoming a childminder could be the career for you. This **6-session course** will cover all areas you need to get yourself set-up.

For additional information, support or guidance information please contact the Early Years Workforce Team on:

 eycpd@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

 01296 382 468

Book on to the next course by scanning the QR code.



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Family Support Service



How to...

Move up to Secondary School

Course for year 6s

Getting ready to move up to secondary school? Not sure what to expect? Our short, six-week course could help.

6 sessions cover:

- What to expect at secondary school
- Making friends and dealing with peer pressure
- Tackling your fears and worries
- Getting organised

To secure your place, scan the QR code or email: earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Book by 3 April 2023.

Starts W/C
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April 2023

High Wycombe
Mondays
6pm to 7pm
Castlefield
Family Centre

Aylesbury
Tuesdays
5.30 to 6.30pm
Southcourt
Family Centre

Amersham
Tuesdays
5.30 to 6.30pm
Amersham
Family Centre

Steeple Claydon
Thursdays
6pm to 7pm
Steeple Claydon
Family Centre

Online
Wednesdays
6pm to 7pm
Microsoft
Teams



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
March 2023		
Monday 27th March	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
Tuesday 25th April	School Nurses -Vision Check	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