

# HANNAH BALL SCHOOL

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## Message from Mr Hingley

It has been another week full of culture at Hannah Ball School. On Monday our year 5 pupils participated in an opera workshop from Garsington Opera. They will be going to see, and indeed joining in with, a performance of The Barber of Seville in the summer and having a whole day workshop has been an amazing experience for all involved. Some of our pupils have already been selected to take part in the children's chorus for next year and so I must extend my thanks to the team at Garsington for providing our children with such a wonderful opportunity.

This afternoon, our pupils have been marking Eid in school by having some celebrations this afternoon. This has been a wonderful way of sharing this celebration. Many thanks to all of the staff who have organised this event.

Some of our pupils received the excellent news this week that they will be published authors. Please see the news from Mrs. Machingauta in this newsletter.

I was pleased to see how many Athletics certificates we had to give out this afternoon in our celebration assembly. Well done everyone for all of your hard work and please do keep it up!

### Year 6 parents

Remember we have one more week to go until SATs. These take place in the week beginning Tuesday 9th May, remembering of course that it is a bank holiday for the King's coronation on Monday 8th May. It is extremely important that your child attends school that week unless of course they are so unwell you don't think that they'd be able to sit the tests. If your child is ill it is imperative that you phone in to school to tell us so that we can make alternative arrangements for your child. This of course is extremely disruptive for your child and for the rest of the year group so please only keep your child off as a last resort.

### Strike Action

One of the main teaching unions, The NEU have called strike action for Tuesday 2nd May. The school will remain open for all except Reception and Year 4. All other year groups should attend as normal. I am extremely grateful to my teachers for letting me know about their intentions in advance so that we can plan to keep the school open as widely as possible.

### King's Coronation parties

Our school will be having a picnic on Friday 5th May to celebrate the King's coronation. Please see the information from Mrs. Walsh. I can't wait to see some of our amazing crowns!

Have a lovely extended weekend everyone.

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Nicholas Hingley

# Star of the Week



## RECEPTION

Daisy is star of the week this week for understanding the concepts of doubling and odds and evens.

## YEAR ONE

Haleema for following instructions during the end of unit maths topic test and doing well. We also have a star of the week for Arielle for always following instructions and behaving beautifully in class.

## YEAR TWO

Hajrah for fantastic work in Maths this week. Well done!

## YEAR THREE

Bradley - He has been producing amazing work in class, especially in English. He has been completing very neat and beautifully written handwriting. Well done Bradley

## YEAR FOUR

Paulo - for working so hard on his phonics and excelling in his learning. He has a fantastic attitude towards his learning which is helping him make progress.

## YEAR FIVE

Anene for having a great first week at Hannah Ball School and for always being very polite.

## YEAR SIX

Nasteha for always being an excellent role model in her attitude towards learning.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

### RECEPTION

Reception have had an exciting week welcoming the arrival of real life caterpillars. The children have been using magnifying glasses to look closely at the caterpillars. They have already doubled in size after just a few days.

We will read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar next week and we will talk about the life cycle of a caterpillar. Do ask your children to recap this wonderful story to you.

The children enjoyed a class party celebrating Eid on Friday.

Just a gentle reminder to send in a water bottle each day with your child. Can you please also be mindful of the school starting time. When children arrive late, our phonics lesson is interrupted and the children can lose valuable learning.

### YEAR ONE

In Year 1 this week we continued with our phonics, guided reading, handwriting and in English we predicted the story of the Last Wolf. During story time we listened to the story of the Last Wolf and was surprised to learn how it unfolded.

We have an enriched programme on Wednesday of French, music and P.E where we continued to learn our sprint starts. We also have our Spellings quiz.

Just a gentle reminder that Homework must be done and handed in on Wednesday and next week in addition we have a Purple Mash task to do that is also due next Wednesday.

Reading books will be exchanged on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday please encourage reading at home. In Maths we completed an end of topic test on place value up to 50 before moving on to our next topic length and measures.

We have ended our week celebrating Eid as a class and have enjoyed our snacks and games together.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you all back in school on Tuesday.

## YEAR TWO

We have had a great week in Year 2. In English the children have been planning another letter to write to their friend.

They had to research their interest on the internet and then use this information to plan their letters. Towards the end of the week, the children began writing their letters.

There were some really interesting letters about Sonic, Spider-Man and Disney Princesses! In Maths the children have been learning about Volume and Capacity. They learnt how to measure liquid in millilitres and litres. Year 2 had a great Science lesson this week looking at microhabitats. We went outside and looked for different microhabitats around the school. They found some amazing microhabitats and saw lots of different mini beasts. Then the children had to sketch their favourite microhabitat and label the mini beasts they found. Well done on another great week, Year 2.

## YEAR THREE

This week has been quite a busy week for Year 3s. In English we have finished Iron Man and have gone onto a new book called "Rhythm of the Rain". In Maths we have moved on from learning about Mass and are now learning all about Capacity and Volume, students are learning new maths languages like millilitres. Students have been learning the parts of the flower and how each part of it helps the flower/plants grow. Swimming was a success, the students were so excited all day for it and they got put into their groupings. We are looking forward to what next week brings. Miss Stickland.

## YEAR FOUR

This week year 4 have been busy imitating our English text 'How to Train Your Dragon'. They have looked at character and setting descriptions as well as learning lots of new vocabulary. Please ensure you practice learning your story maps as homework. In Maths we have come to the end of our unit on fractions and have learnt how to add and subtract fractions. We have also learnt what a proper/improper fraction is and mixed numbers. Be sure to keep practicing your weekly learning on Mathematics and your timestables. In Science, the class have enjoyed exploring simple circuits and have been curious about how the flow of electricity causes different electrical components to work. They have investigated and created their own circuits and have loved making different components work. Well done year 4 for a great week...enjoy the long weekend!

## YEAR FIVE

This week Year 5 were treated to another Garsington Opera Workshop. They were very enthusiastic and enjoyed performing to Year 4 at the end of the day.

The team were very impressed with their behaviour as well.

In English your children have been learning about the features of a poem and looking through exemplar poems to find these features. You might like to ask them what features they have learnt about.

Congratulations to Ibrahim Z and Aleema A for being awarded certificates for winning the children's writers competition during World Book Day 2023.

### Homework:

We have set mathematics to do with our current topic - Area and Perimeter and also some problem solving activities - Pyramid Puzzles and Magic symbols.

They may like to go onto the 'TOP MARKS' website to play - Hit the Button - for quick multiplication/ division and number bond challenges.

### Spellings:

Will be brought home in the usual fashion.

### Outdoor activity:

You might like to go for a walk to the Rye and have a look at how the river flows and ebbs. You might like to look at the waterfall if you'd like to see it. You might like to take a photo and email it to us through the office.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

Mrs Guy and Miss Dear

## **YEAR SIX**

This week, Year 6 have been working really hard in the final run up to their SATS. We are all so proud of them and the effort they are putting in across all subject areas.

In science, we have started learning all about the circulatory system and how the heart functions. In English, we have been moving forward with our Story and the children created 'conscience alleys' where they advised Cameron on what it is he should do. We had some wonderful letters of advice written too! In Maths, we have been working on our reasoning and arithmetic skills, focusing on speed and accuracy. Well done for an excellent week Year 6 and enjoy the bank holiday weekend!.



# Writing Competition Winners

## YoungWriters®

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We are pleased to announce that nine children from Hannah Ball have been successful in a national creative writing competition.

The following children will see their work featured in a published books called “The Incredible Diary of..... or The Magic Door – Tales Of The Fantastic”

- Aliza – Year 2
- Hajrah – Year 2
- Alicja – Year 3
- Mustafa – Year 3
- Aarib – Year 3
- Dean – Year 3
- Maya – Year 4
- Aleema – Year 5
- Ibrahim – Year 5

The books is scheduled for publication on 23rd June 2023 and will be available to purchase from [www.youngwriters.co.uk](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk)



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
<b>May 2023</b>		
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday	Whole School
Tuesday 2nd May	Teacher Strike Day	Reception & Y4
Friday 5th May	Kings Coronation Picnic	Whole School
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
<b>June 2023</b>		
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
<b>July 2023</b>		
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
<b>September 2023</b>		
Mon 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School