

Hannah Ball School

Weekly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER:

Back to school report – the first few weeks!

The start to our school day is smooth and thank-you for ensuring that your children are dropped off between 0845 and 0855. The children should be in the classroom and learning by 0855 and if they are here earlier they will have some focused starter work, which is a great of way of starting the day.

Please see the timings below as a reminder.

Start and end times

Year group	Location	Soft start	Location	End time
YR	Main playground gates	0845 - 0855	Outside classroom	3pm
Y1	Main playground gates	0845 - 0855	Main playground gates	3:10pm
Y2	Main playground gates	0845 - 0855	Main playground gates	3:10 pm
Y3	Side gates	0845 - 0855	Side gates	3:10 pm
Y4	Side gates	0845 - 0855	Side gates	3:10 pm
Y5	Side gates	0845 - 0855	Side gates	3:20 pm
Y6	Main entrance	0845 - 0855	Main entrance	3:20 pm

We do have a **breakfast club** which is open from 8am. You do not need to pre-book and there is a range of healthy breakfasts available. This can be used as a one off – for instance if you have an appointment to attend or need to get into work early, or as a regular attendance.



Our first few weeks back have been an exciting glimpse of 'normal'. We have had exciting events such as two theatre visits for year 6 and for year 3 and year 4. Today we had a planetarium visit which the children found most exciting. It was a bit of a squeeze to fit the 3m high dome into our small school hall but we managed it and the pupils enjoyed their enrichment activity. Please see year 5's new for more information!

We are still being mindful that we are in the midst of a pandemic and therefore asking the children to wash their hands regularly, with hand sanitiser available in all classrooms and around the school. Our new lunchtimes are working well and pupils are enjoying the extra space that this has created. We are now back in the dining hall for our meals but only doing so two year groups at a time. We are still asking visitors to wear face masks when they come into our school building as a precaution.

Volunteers needed

If you find yourselves with a few hours to spare each week we are inviting parents (or even grandparents) to come in and listen to readers. This is an invaluable way of contributing to our school community. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sullivan in the school office (office@hannahball.bucks.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunny weather.

Mr Hingley



Star of the Week

Reception

Arielle for making some fantastic arts and crafts this week and being able to tell us all about what she has made and how she did it. Great job Arielle!

Year 1

Bernardo for working really hard in his Maths lesson to catch up with the work he had missed previously.

Year 2

Maira, For her excellent effort when working independently in both English and Maths this week. She has also produced two wonderful pastel drawings this week.

Year 3

Maya - for making great contributions to lessons and displaying our school value -kindness

Year 4

Antony - Antony has simply been 'outstanding' this week, both in his behaviour and his resilience to try his best, especially in Maths. He has been participating in class discussions and putting his hand up to answer questions. His attitude in wanting try to and do his best has really shone this week. Well done Antony!

Year 5

Harley for his super work answering inference questions in Guided Reading

Year 6

Ines for her excellent use of fronted adverbials, relative clauses and subordinating conjunctions in all of her writing sessions this week.

Messages from the Teachers and Pupils...

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been busy exploring the water! (Parents, please remember to bring wellies that can stay at school and a change of clothes) We have raced cars down the water log to see whose was the fastest and used the guttering to change where the water is going. It's been lots of fun! We have visited the 'Wonderdome' which is an inflatable planetarium, to give us some prior learning for when we learn about Space . We have had a very busy week and look forward to more next week!

Year 1

The children are continuing to learn about materials and their properties in Science. We have been learning a fun song to help us remember the names of the planets and some facts about each one. They have also made some fabulous nature pictures which are currently displayed in our Art Area. Today was a very exciting day as Wonderdome came to Hannah Ball school and Year 1 got to visit.

Year 2

This week, year 2 have been doing lots of exciting things! In science we have been using scientific equipment (beakers and pipettes) to test the absorbency of well-known kitchen towels by squeezing water onto the paper and measuring how many pipettes of water the towel absorbed. We found that the 'Regina' 3 layered towel was the most absorbent! In art, we created some Monet inspired landscapes based on photographs of well-known Buckinghamshire sites using chalk pastels. In English, we used our senses to smell, touch and see different foods and then generated some wonderful adjectives to describe them. Well done Year 2 for a super (messy!) week of learning.



Year 3

We've had another very busy week in Year 3. In English we have practiced our recount of the main event (Mount Vesuvius erupting) using all the actions and saying the words. In Maths we are extending our understanding of place value up to thousands, using a range of resources. We had great fun during our Roman day last Friday. We have learned a lot about the Romans and why they wanted to invade Britain. We also did some drama activities in groups with our friends.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a great week. We ended last Friday with the class enjoying our 'Romans Day' full of Drama and conducting their own freeze-frames. They were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope this will allow year 4 to incorporate what they learnt into their writing in English and History. We have been learning all about 'sound' in science, discussing and identifying how vibrations work, how they are connected to sound and how these sounds travel to the ear. I am also very proud to share some positive feedback from our Music teacher, Mr Sciba. He has praised Year 4 for their singing, saying it was 'exceptionally good this week and that they really stood out.' Well done year 4! Keep this up and keep smiling! Mrs Mir:)

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed exploring our solar system and star gazing in the Wonderdome planetarium this week, a very memorable experience to enrich their learning in Science. They also had fun creating a giant moving version of our solar system with different children being the planets and orbiting the sun accordingly. During English lessons the children have worked hard to develop their sentence writing skills using 'sentences of 3' before boxing up their plans for writing their diaries. The class had lots of original ideas to use in their work. In Maths we have continued our learning in Place Value and have been busy recognising, rounding and ordering numbers to one million. During Topic lessons the class learned more about Van Gogh's artwork and evaluated one of his 'Sunflowers' pieces. Well done Year 5!



Year 6

This week in year 6 we have been extremely busy! The children have worked exceptionally hard in their English lessons where they have been writing setting descriptions and conversations ready for their story. I've seen some excellent plans and from the start they've made today I know there will be brilliant stories by the end of next week. In Maths, we have been recapping the column method for addition and subtraction which the children have enjoyed. We're moving onto two step word problems today so these are necessary arithmetic skills! In science the children have been learning how to set up and write up an investigation in full. We have had some excellent bar graphs and line graphs drawn to present our findings. For our topic, the children have been looking at sources of information from the past and what they tell us. We have many excellent historians who were confidently explaining which sources were primary and which were secondary. They also generated some questions they have for archaeologists specialising in the Maya. Another brilliant week year 6, keep up the great work!



Math-Whizz

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Year 1	Hajrah	Nafisa	Laila
Year 2	Aniela	Yasmine	Bradley
Year 3	Sareena	Kyle	
Year 4	Laeq	Fredrik	Aaron
Year 5	Rubye	Nathan	Olivia
Year 6	Ines	Ezaan	Maah-E-Noor

Class Progressions

 1st -Year  6

 2nd -Year 2

 3rd -Year 4



This week's Rock Legends

Year 4 - Laeeq

Year 5 - olivia

Year 6 - Raqayyah

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Occasion	Who?
	October 21	
Friday 1 st October	Harvest Festival	YR3 &4
Friday 8 th October	African Dance Workshop	Whole School
Friday 15 th October	African Drumming workshop	Whole School
Friday 22 nd October	Black History celebration assembly	Whole School
22 nd October	End of Term	Whole School
	November 2021	
Monday 1 st November	Start of Term	Whole School
	December 2021	
Friday 17 th December	End of Term	Whole School
	January 2022	
Tuesday 4 th January	Inset Day	Whole School
Wednesday 5 th January	Start of Term	Whole School