



Hopelands Preparatory School

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To all the Hopelands families we wish you a wonderful Easter!

Lost Property

Please look out for the following lost property items, thank you.

PE Polo Top – Agnes Morley

PE Polo Top & PE Jumper – Orla Scott

PE Polo Top – Jasmine Blandford

PE Polo Top – Anthony Tiptaft

Clubs

As communicated on Monday, both lunchtime and after school clubs will roll over to the summer term. Therefore, if your child/children had already registered for the club they will remain on the list for the same club for the summer term. If your child/children **do not want** to continue with their club(s) after Easter please let the office know, thank you.



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Design Technology by Miss White

The Owl and the Pussycat is a much-loved poem and in DT Y4 designed and built their very own toy theatres. These included rotating sets and moving characters, which helped them perform the poem to the Y1, Y2 and Reception classes. Much giggling took place throughout the performance and Y4 did a fabulous job of bringing the poem to life.



Design Technology by Miss White



Class 2 by Miss Cook

These past few weeks in DT we have been looking at objects that float and sink. In English we have also been looking at the book 'Where the Wild Things Are,' and discussing the boat that Max used to travel to where the wild things are! The children's task was to create a boat that would float in the water tray using an array of recycling and they were free to choose their own materials. The children loved this as you can see!



Class 2



Art by Miss White

During the recent lockdown, Y1 and Y2 were introduced to the bright and colourful world of Matisse cut outs and they very successfully brought these skills back into the classroom. Working together as a creative team, pupils made their own Matisse inspired garden picture using only scissors, coloured paper, and glue. The result is bold, vibrant and a visual blast of fresh garden air!



Heads Tea Party

Some of Key Stage 1 attended a Heads Tea Party this week. They were all super excited to be served their food by Mrs Bradburn and a couple of children declared that it was the 'best day of their lives!' Its always a fun occasion with lots of giggling and interesting conversations.



Hindu Dance Celebration by Miss White

On Tuesday, the whole school took part in a series of Hindu Dance workshops, curated and created by our wonderful dance teacher, Jacqui Holloway. Pupils were introduced to Saraswati, the Hindu Goddess of Spring and they learnt to use their hands, arms and bodies to celebrate the coming of the spring season.

All the pupils did an amazing job as they learnt complex arm patterns and dance sequences, and they all experienced the joy of celebrating with dance. A huge thank you to Mrs Holloway for creating a happy memory for the pupils before they head off for the Easter holidays.



Hindu Dance Celebration



Head Pupils

Congratulations to Charles Dunham and Agnes Morley who are the Head Pupils for this half term. Each half term pupils are selected by the teaching staff. Charles and Agnes have been chosen for their amazing work ethic. Well done Charles & Agnes we know you will both be fantastic ambassadors for the school.



Weekly Countdown Challenge by Mrs Elmore

Every week Mrs Elmore sets the children in Year 6 a countdown challenge.... can you complete it?!

Challenge:

Use +, -, \times , \div to make either 900 or 734. You may only use the given numbers once; you may find you do not need them all.



Wellbeing by Miss Cook



This past week I have spent a lot of time outside in the local woods. Spring is such a fantastic time to visit wooded areas as nature brings everything back to life. Forestry England has some fantastic activities for mindfulness activities while exploring the woods or forests.

Now the colours are all coming back:

Try a rainbow walk where you look out for objects that are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Keep going through the colours until the end of your walk. If you have a camera you could take a picture of each of these objects or you could draw them.

And now the birds are returning from their winter migration:

If you are out for a walk take a minute's silence and use this time to observe and listen to your surroundings. You can keep your eyes open or close them if you wish. After you have taken this minute for yourself you might like to take a moment to reflect. Were there any sights (if you had your eyes open), sounds, smells and sensations that captured your attention?

For more information, visit [Mindfulness in the forest | Forestry England](#)