



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> May

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### Dates for your Diary

May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Heads Tea Party
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	PC Weedon visit for Year 6
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gloucestershire Cricket Coach
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Heads Tea Party
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Cyber Safety Workshops
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gloucestershire Cricket Coach

### 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 – Anthony Tiptaft

### World Maths Day

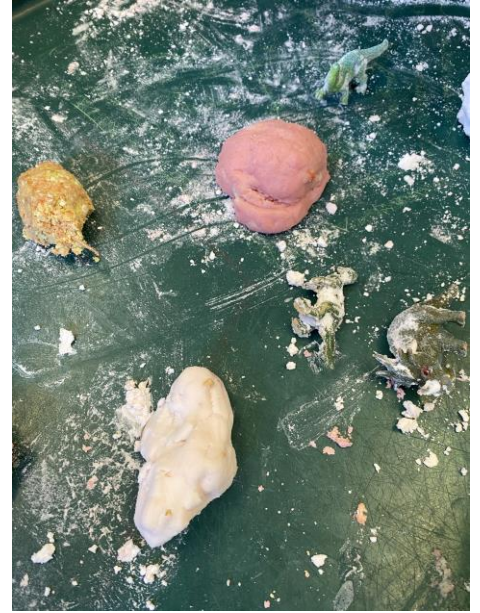
Here are Arthur and Jack celebrating World Maths Day by having fun with weights and measures!



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## Dinosaurs!

Reception have had great fun with dinosaurs this week. The children made dinosaur eggs by wrapping the dinosaur 'chicks' in playdough and bicarbonate of soda. They then experimented by using lots of different liquids to help 'hatch' them. The vinegar solution was a firm favourite as they watched the eggs fizzing away!





# Dinosaurs!

Mysterious dinosaur footprints have been appearing in the playground. Armed with their counting blocks the Reception children have been measuring and logging what they are finding.





## Neurodiversity Celebration Week by Mrs Elmore



You may have noticed some posters of celebrities on the windows by the school office. Look a little closer and you will spot that these celebrities have not let their challenges and labels hinder their success. During our assemblies this week, we have focused on Neurodiversity. Alongside looking at our physical differences, we have gained an appreciation and understanding that our brains are wired differently. We have watched and listened to videos where people have shared their experiences with specific learning barriers such as Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, ADHD, Autism and Dyspraxia with a view to understanding the challenges which can be faced but also a sense of empathy and support when people need it.

The videos we shared with the children included:

Dyslexia - <https://youtu.be/11r7CFIK2sc>

Dyscalculia - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_djdPIZrFno](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_djdPIZrFno)

Autism - [https://youtu.be/RbwRrVw-CRo?list=PLriiyb-2M7B19njL5Rw0S9bq2Br\\_eYfgS](https://youtu.be/RbwRrVw-CRo?list=PLriiyb-2M7B19njL5Rw0S9bq2Br_eYfgS)

Dyspraxia - <https://youtu.be/ssfbXEc3tKc>

ADHD - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YeamHE6Kank>

Some alternative videos were shared with KS1:

KS1 ADHD - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsTMJ8DJv14>

KS1 Autism: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkirmvcRFKY>

Rather than seeing some areas as an issue, we have celebrated the positive qualities neurodiversity can bring.

## Class 2 by Miss Cook

In Class 2 we have been learning about Mary Anning and the amazing work she did in the world of fossils. As a class we are very keen on all things prehistoric so this topic is a huge hit! We have looked at how fossils have formed, and we have created some of our very own using salt dough and coffee! The children enjoyed investigating how to imprint onto the fossils and we did some investigation work as to which patterns worked best.





## Class 2 by Miss Cook

Here are class 2 with real life fossils!





## Art by Miss White

Y6 have enjoyed exploring colour, shape and movement and were truly inspired by the work of Sonia Delaunay. Although her work is almost 100 years old, it certainly does not look it! Using fabric dye instead of paint to create bold and vibrant colour combinations, Y6 responded to the project with enthusiasm and a sense of creative spirit. Looking at her work closely, Y6 understood that dynamic impact can be created by overlapping geometric shapes. Using strong and clear colours created images that seem to visually vibrate, and WOW! The results are super impressive!





# Art by Miss White





## Mental Health by Miss Cook

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week and the theme this year is nature. As a school we will be setting aside some time each day to reflect on our mental health and discuss why our mental health is so important. We also want to normalise our emotions and talk about how it is normal to feel happy, sad, angry, anxious, and more. We have a whole range of emotions and that is what makes us human.

To prepare your child for Mental Health Week ask your child what s/he thinks the world would be like without any emotions and see what they come up with. Hopefully they can see that emotions can be really beneficial to people as well. If you would like to find out more please visit [Mental Health Awareness Week 2021](#).



## Maths Challenge by Mrs Elmore

**Remove just 4 matches to leave 4 equilateral triangles – they must be all the same size.**

