



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> May

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### Dates for your Diary

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** Heads Tea Party

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** Key Stage 2 Cyber Safety Workshops

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Football Tournament (12 children from Y5&6)

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** Gloucestershire Cricket Coach

#### Important Future Dates:

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** Prize Giving (Stonehouse Court Hotel)

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** Sports Day

### 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

### Families

Here is the latest edition of the Families magazine:

[Families Gloucestershire Magazine MayJune 2021](#)



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## Music by Mrs Powell

The Reception children have been learning about Dinosaurs so in Music we have been tapping dinosaur rhythms, singing dinosaur songs and moving like dinosaurs with the drumbeat.

They have also been taking it in turns to conduct the group with the traffic lights.



## Music by Mrs Powell

Class 2 have been learning about The Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens.

They have been following a picture score to bounce around in time to the music like Kangaroos!



In Music Club Millie and Finley used the mini beast rhythm cards to compose their own 4 beat pattern and then joined them together to make a longer piece. They added their own melody, learnt to play it on tuned instruments and even had a go at recording their music in written notation.



## Design Technology by Miss White

Y6 started their new DT project only two weeks ago, but they are already buzzing with ideas and developing amazing creations! Their current aim is to design a Gargoyle waterspout, followed by experimenting and testing materials as they make a small 3D model to check proportion and function. They are 'learning by doing' and starting to piece together components to bring their drawn ideas to life. In two weeks time their full scale gargoyles will be under way - so watch this space!



## PE

The children have really enjoyed practicing their cricket skills this week. Bowling, batting, catching and fielding – future cricket stars in the making!



## Head's Tea Party

Isla, Harriet, Aiden, Florence, Toby and Alice, all enjoyed themselves at the Heads Tea Party this week. A new record was set on how quick the chocolate fingers disappeared!



## Cookery Club

The lovely smells filling the corridors on Monday evening were from Key Stage 1's cookery club where they were making pineapple upside down cake.



## French by Madame Trebble

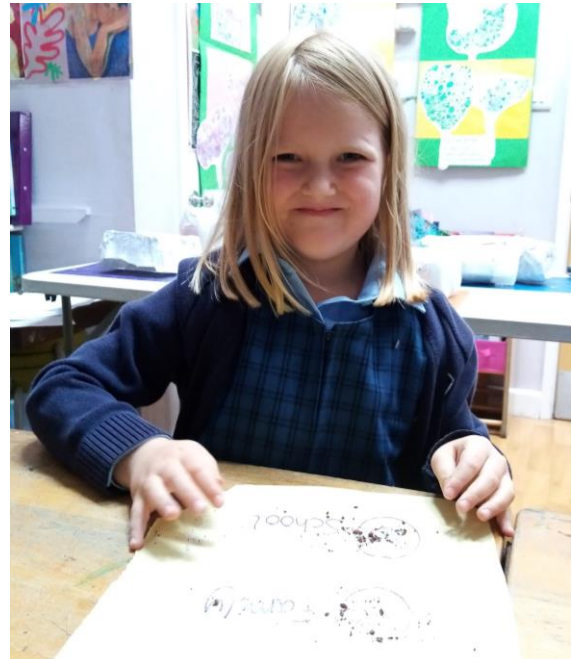
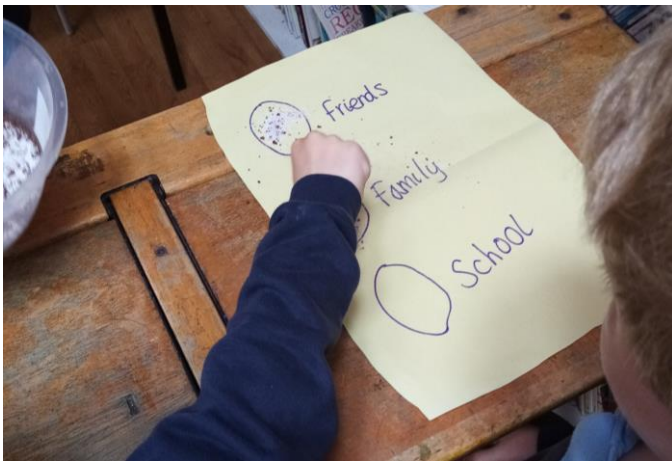
By asking their fellow classmates questions about their food likes and dislikes and expressing their opinions with reasons, Year 5 have been putting their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills into action.





## Mental Health Awareness week – Class 2

This week is Mental Health Awareness week and as a school we have been reflecting on our mental health and discussing why it is so important. Here are some of class 2 who did an experiment with coffee and salt. The salt represents the population of the world and the coffee represents the one in four of us who will at some point in our lifetime, experience a mental health problem. By mixing the 2 together and separating them into the categories of family, friends and school, the children could see how many people it affects and the importance of always being kind.



## Mental Health Awareness Week – Year 3 by Mr Rousell

To support awareness, Year 3 have spent time out each day to reflect on nature and what it means to them. The class designed their own landscape and wrote about how it made them feel, e.g., safe, warm, energised and confident. We also enjoyed presentations about the responsibilities of looking after horses and new kittens and how keeping animals can benefit our mental health. Finally, Gabriel taught the class for 15mins. He covered areas of maths, spelling and geographic and historic knowledge. I best watch my back as Year 3 loved it!



## Mental Health by Miss Cook

Mental Health Awareness Week has been fantastic. It has been great to start some interesting conversations about why looking after our Mental Health has been so important. With one in four people developing a mental health condition in our lives it also important to recognise that we are not alone (whether you have a mental health condition or not).

In keeping of the theme of nature for the Mental Health Awareness week, have a go at some of these activities. <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/nature-and-mental-health/ideas-to-try-in-nature/>. One I particularly liked is bringing the outside indoors, children could be encouraged to have a plant in their bedroom to keep alive as not only is it great for mental health it also gives a sense of responsibility as well. Even trying some photography outside is super for mental health, creativity and who knows, it might become a real passion.

