



Hopelands Preparatory School

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Newsletter 28th May

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Dates for your Diary

June 7th Back to school

June 11th Classes & Leavers Photos

June 11th Wheelchair Rugby – Y6

Important Future Dates:

July 6th Prize Giving (Stonehouse Court Hotel) 1.15 – 4.30pm

July 9th Sports Day, 1pm start

Gazebo

Does anyone have a gazebo we could please borrow for Sports Day on July 9th? We are ideally looking for 3. If anyone can help, please let the office know, thank you.

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

PE Polo Top – Poppy Blower

PE Coat – Nadia Peet

Second-hand Uniform

Friends of Hopelands will be holding a second-hand uniform sale before the end of the summer term. If you have any uniform you would like to give, please either let the office or Lee-Anne Etherington know, thank you.



For all the latest pictures and weekly activities please follow our Facebook page
[@HopelandsPreparatorySchool](https://www.facebook.com/HopelandsPreparatorySchool)

Football by Miss Walker

After a long wait of over a year, the Year 5 and 6 children were excited to attend the Atlas Football Festival. We were welcomed back by an enthusiastic Atlas team who were keen for the children to have fun and enjoy the experience. The tournament saw us play 6 games against some very experienced sides. It was a pleasure to see every one of our squad playing a vital role from cracking shots, key tackles and super saves. As the day went on, we picked up confidence and began to play the ball around nicely. There was some great teamwork and resilience on show throughout, well done to all the children involved. Many thanks to the wonderful drivers and to Mr Harbottle for staying to help and cheer the team on.



Football by Miss Walker



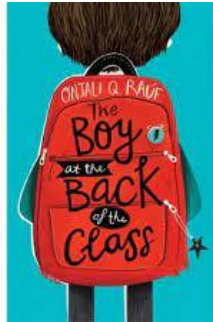
Dinosaur Worlds!

Reception have been busy creating mini worlds for their dinosaurs. As everyone know all dinosaurs need plenty of vegetation to eat, fluffy clouds to lie under and a roaring volcano! The worlds look brilliant, well done Reception!



Year 4 by Mrs Bradburn

Year 4 began studying the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom' during lockdown. The boy has inspired a great deal of discussion on the question of immigration. As part of their English lesson, the children have written a persuasive letter to Priti Patel asking her to review some of her decisions around this subject. Here are some of the letters which are now on their way to London, if we receive a reply we shall let you know!



Dear Mrs Priti Patel,

My name is Ava McDougall, I have been reading a book in class called "The boy at the back of the class" It is an exciting book with a boy called Ahmet in it and he is a refugee. He could not speak English very well, yet, because the country he ran away from spoke a different language. It taught me what a refugee was because before I read the book, I had no clue what they were I had not even heard the word refugee before. So, I am writing to you to ask if you can let more refugees in to the country. We are one of the wealthiest countries in the world, but we are only taking 1% of refugees into the country.

My reasons are that refugees sometimes die on their way here on boats at sea. Refugees must squeeze close together and they get the worst experience at sea so I think we should let them into the country and look after them since we have the time and the money. Refugees have been through bombs in wars and see buildings get exploded.

We also do not have many doctors in Britain and refugees sometimes want to be doctors when they grow up and some older refugees may already be doctors and we need lots of doctors during the pandemic.

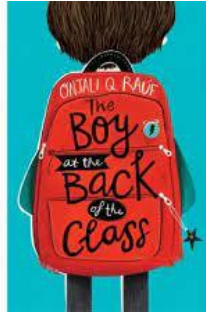
Their lives have been turned upside down and we can provide a suitable accommodation for them and even education for the children.

It is our duty to look after people who are less fortunate than us who are dying in the wars in their countries, and many are dying all over the world so after you have read my letter, I hope you will consider more refugees in the country.

Yours sincerely,

Ava McDougall

Year 4 by Mrs Bradburn



Dear Mrs. Patel,

Having been a pupil at Hopelands Preparatory School for the last term, we have been reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class.' Year 4 have been discussing and we would think that you should consider letting more refugees into the country. We would like to see men, woman and children who are forced to leave their homes and flee from their homes can find the protection they need and to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity to achieve their full potential. Do you not think it is our duty to help these poor refugees?

Until I started to read this book, I did not know how fortunate we are to have a safe home to live in and somewhere that we are welcomed. I start to feel that people in the UK do not want refugees because they feel that they will take over their homes and jobs. Refugees do not mean any harm they just want a life to live in with peace and harmony. I never knew how badly refugees have to suffer in their terrible condition. Refugees die trying to save themselves when coming to our country, but it seems like we do not care about their lives. Do you not care about their lives? I believe everyone deserves a life to live in peace. They face many tragic situations in their poor lives. I expect we can save many more refugees than we do right now.

Refugees may not know that we are one of the wealthiest countries, but we should and help more refugees. Even though we may be small that should not stop is from doing the right thing. They are entitled to a home, food and education.

Keep the gates open for refugees and give them the safety they need. It is easier to train refugees and not as expensive as it is to train doctors. Many refugees that we take in are trained to be doctors and are very successful.

The tragic times refugees are in is nothing to do with them, but horrible people are bombing schools and children are dying as well as adults. In my opinion we must let more refugees into the country to save their lives and they might save our lives if we help them.

In conclusion since we are all global citizens it should be our duty to help as many refugees as we can and to give refugees the safety they need and give them a better life.

Yours sincerely

Layla Griffiths

Year 4 by Mrs Bradburn

Dear Mrs Priti Patel,

My name is Harriet Pendrell, and I am pupil at Hopelands School. We have recently been reading a book called the Boy at the Back of the Classroom. It is about an empty chair and a boy called Ahmet. He is a refugee, and he sits in the chair at the back of the classroom. When class four started to read the boy at the back of the classroom I asked our teacher what a refugee is because I had never heard of the word refugee until now. We also had been watching videos of people's lives as a refugee. My main reasons for allowing refugees into Britain are:

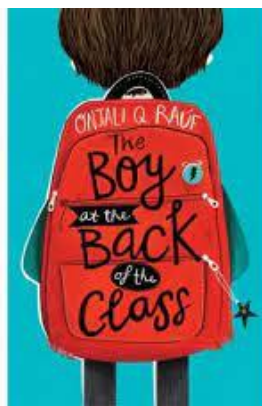
Firstly, refugees have a right to come to Britain because they have no homes to live in and not much food. Refugees have lost their homes from bombs and fights. We only have one present of refugees in Britain. Refugees will have a safe place to live in if we let them into Britain. We can help them and give them homes. We can let them live a normal life.

Secondly, as we have been reading the boy at the back of the classroom, I have realized what refugees have been through. What happens is Ahmet comes and sits in the empty chair. Some of the teachers are not so keen on Ahmet because he is a refugee. He did not have many friends because he was a refugee.

Lastly, refugees had the worst experience coming to Britain and they haven't had the experience we have been having. Some do not make it to Britain because they died or drowned. If they come to Britain, we cannot reject them, we have to let them come and live their lives. As global citizens we should be responsible to give them all they need.

Your sincerely

Harriet Pendrell



Head's Tea Party

This week it was the turn of Liberty, Ava, Josie, William, Toby and Cara! There are 2 Heads Tea Parties left for this academic year, June 14th and June 28th. Then we start all over again in September!



Year 6

One of the traditions when leaving primary school are the leavers hoodies. They arrived last week and the children were thrilled. They are an amazing group of children and we will all miss them very much.



Butterflies

For the last couple of weeks, the Reception children have been looking after some caterpillars. They have been fascinated to watch them transform into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies and have been feeding them sugared water and fruit to help them grow. Last week there was great excitement as they released them into nature.



Butterflies



Mental Health by Miss Cook



Dear all,

This week we have been lucky to have Mrs Holloway in to treat the children to a Buddhist meditation workshop. The children were exposed to all kinds of mindfulness during these sessions, and it got me thinking of what we can do to improve our mindfulness as I think we can all do with a bit more of it. One app which is excellent and aimed at children is "Mindful Powers." Children have guided mindfulness through looking after a "Flibbergibbit." It is fun and a good introduction to mindfulness.

I know that more screen time is not ideal, but children can also use their newly learnt mindfulness meditation on a half term walk and Mrs Holloway also talked about how mindfulness can be done in an active way with children exploring music, dance and meditation as well!

Miss Cook

Guitar Lessons by Let's Play Music

Please see the below from 'Let's Play Music'.

We teach children guitar by using modern songs they know and love, while utilising techniques and knowledge that will give a solid musical grounding for secondary school.

Our teachers are talented, professional musicians with a passion for playing and performing. We motivate the children by passing on the gift of music in a way that is inspiring, relevant, and real.

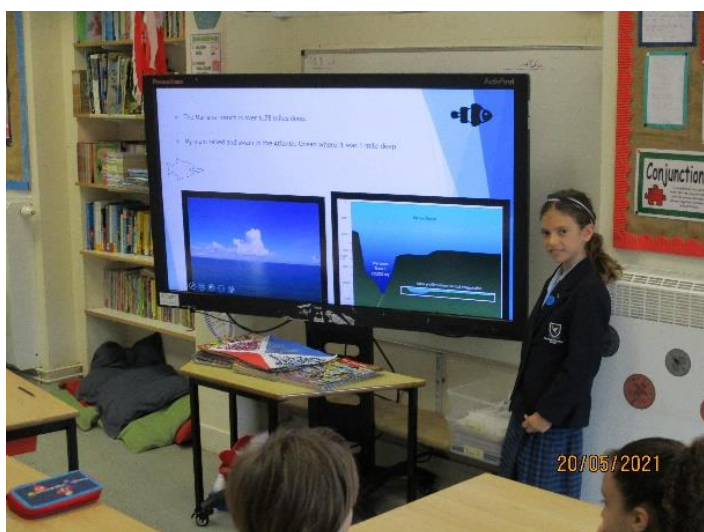
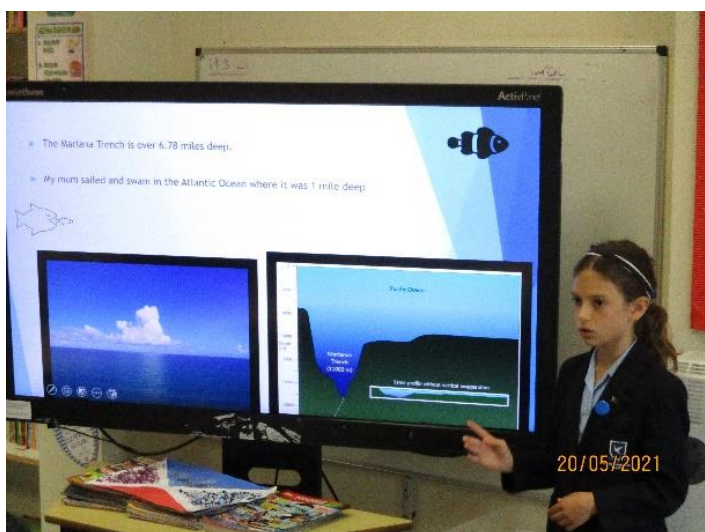
Sessions are £16.25 per lesson (30mins small groups of 2 to 3) and available to key stage 2.

For more information and to sign up for lessons please speak to Mrs Powell or the school office.



E-Safety Workshops and Class Presentations by Mr Rousell

Year 3, 4 and 5 were visited by Gloucestershire Police to discuss online safety. The workshops covered the safe use of apps, online accounts and ways to communicate. The Q&A sessions at the end proved interesting to say the least. Florence also treated us to a presentation all about the Mariana Trench – the 'depth' of her subject knowledge was impressive!



Meditation Workshop by Miss White

Everyone at Hopelands was treated to a 'Meditation Experience' with Mrs Holloway this week. The Sophie Hall was decorated with lights and candles (LED!) to help pupils focus on themselves, the music surrounding them and their thoughts. Although there were great moments of peace and tranquillity, there was also the opportunity to respond to sound using improvised and free form movements - being 'liberated' with their reactions to help release tension and find a sense of physical freedom. Lots of happy and slightly dazed children by the end of each session, but a hugely worthwhile experience for us all!



Maths challenge by Mrs Elmore

Put 9 dots in a square like this:



Can you go through all 9 dots
with **four straight lines**?

You **can't** take your pen off
the paper.
You **can** start where you like.

Friends of Hopelands by Mrs Bingham

Thank you to everyone who had bought tickets to this year's pantomime - Jack and The Beanstalk at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham, on Wednesday 15th December.

Over half of the tickets have now been sold so if you do wish to buy some, please do so ASAP. Tickets are £16 each instead of £22 each - there is limited availability.

The show starts at 2pm so a suggested collection time is midday.

The Important Bits

If you wish to purchase a ticket, payment **must** be to the Friends of Hopelands bank account by transfer. Please use your child's full name and class as a reference. If you cannot fit all of that in, the surname and class will be adequate.

Sort Code: 30-98-29

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Name: Friends of Hopelands

It is a Lloyds bank account.

Once you have transferred the funds please send an email to friendsofhopelands@yahoo.com we will then email you back to confirm the reservation of your ticket/s

Tickets will be on a first come first serve basis and will be handed out in good time. Due to the number of tickets being purchased **we are unable to reserve particular seats.**

Parents and carers will need to arrange collection of their child from school and get themselves to the pantomime. This is **not** a school trip parents/carers need to purchase a ticket for each person in their group and accompany their child, arrange **all** transport and any refreshments. FOH are selling discounted tickets only.

I do hope that we can all 'get together' to enjoy the show! If you have any questions, please email jennibingham01@gmail.com