



# Hopelands Preparatory School

38/40 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AD

## Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> October

### Dates for your Diary

- October 18<sup>th</sup>** Head's Tea Party
- October 19<sup>th</sup>** Halloween Day
- October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 29<sup>th</sup>** Half Term
- November 12<sup>th</sup>** Friends of Hopelands Disco
- November 16<sup>th</sup>** School Photographs – Individual & Siblings
- November 17<sup>th</sup>** We The Curious Trip – R/Y1/Y2
- November 26<sup>th</sup>** Friends of Hopelands Quiz
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Flu Immunisation, R – Y6
- December 8<sup>th</sup>** Nativity – R/Y1/Y2, 4-5pm
- December 10<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Service, St Cyr's 2-3pm
- December 13<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Show – Y3/4/5/6 Times TBC

### In this week:

- Black History Month
- Fun Run
- Book Club
- Halloween
- PE
- Mental Health Day
- Meet the Teacher
- Ronald McDonald House
- FoH
- Well Done!

### Lost Property

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

Pink/purple glasses - Florence

PE Polo Top – Anthony Tiptaft

School Coat – Arthur Crane

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Coat – Juniper Cook

Metal water bottle – Alex Keith



## Black History Month by Mrs Jobanputra

For black history month, Year 1 have been learning about what this means and the significance of this. We have read a range of fiction and non-fiction books. Our favourite has been "Hair Love" by Matthew A. Cherry.

We have learned about what Marcus Rashford did during Covid-19 to support all the vulnerable children and families with meals. We decided that it was important we said thank-you to him for being an amazing role-model and working so hard. Year 1 children were so excited to write "real" thank-you letters to Marcus Rashford which have been posted to him!





## Fun Run by Mr Kirby

On Wednesday 13th October, the entire school came together to compete in a Fun Run. Following 18 months of lockdowns and restrictions, it was so pleasing to see so many smiles and happy faces as the children stretched their legs. Reception, Y1 and Y2 ran first (along with their Y6 buddies) and it was great to see so many colourful hats to highlight this was purely for fun and enjoyment. They walked the course first before running 1 lap of about 1km.

Y3-6 ran after break and completed a course just short of 1 mile. Again, it was amazing to see the whole school come together to celebrate and encourage each other on what was the perfect weather for running. As expected, some children find running easier but, following on from our mental health morning on Monday, exercise is so good for your mental health and happiness. As Nike say, 'If you have a body, you are an athlete.' <https://www.nike.com/gb/help/a/nikeinc-mission> Every single child at Hopelands is an athlete and should be proud of their run.



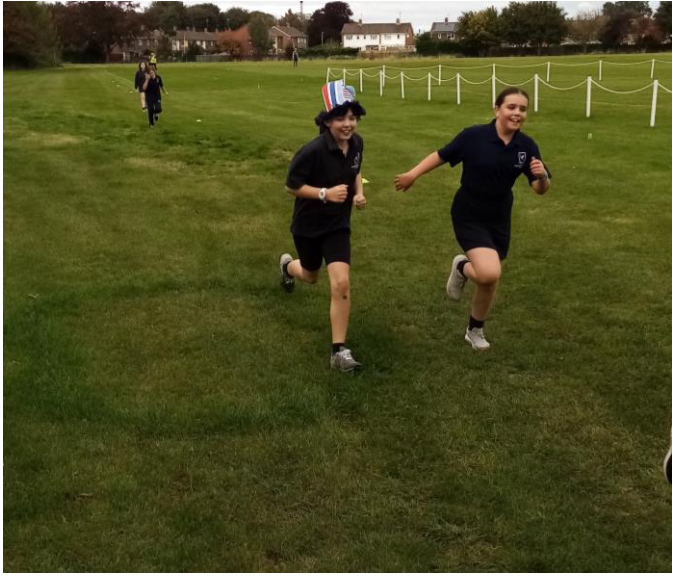


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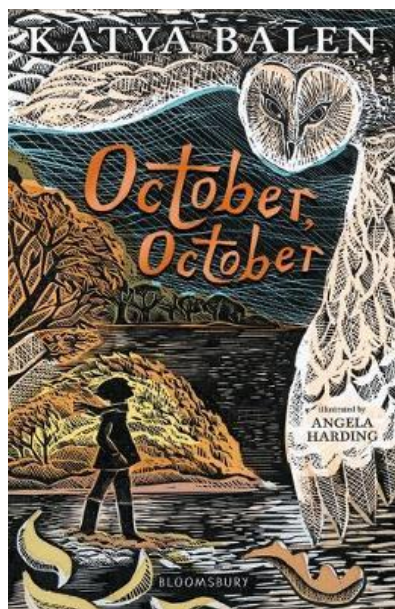


## Book Club by Mrs Boix - 'A Glasshouse of Stars'

What an enjoyable read! And what a magical conversation when we exchanged views on Wednesday at our very first school bookclub! We discussed a variety of themes that the book, 'A Glasshouse of Stars', brings up in the story, such as the wonderful friendship between Meixing and Kevin; Meixing's wonderful world of imagination; the delicate way in which the story treats diversity and grief; and the different ways of demonstrating one's feelings.

While discussing our favourite parts of the story and chatting about the fascinating way in which the author used personification throughout, we also started to draw Meixing's family tree, as family roots are so relevant to the main character's told experience. We were fortunate to have the help of one of our younger pupils to help with the pronunciation of the characters' names. It was a truly awesome experience with our pupils that I find hard to express in words!

We have now chosen our next book, which we think will be as interesting and enjoyable to read: *October, October* by Katia Balen. We are hoping to be joined by some of the boys too if you think you can influence any of them, please do. Thank you for your support!



## Halloween Day by Miss Porter

On Tuesday we will be holding a Halloween Day for the pupils. As we will be on half term on the day of Halloween, we thought it would be a lovely idea to bring it forward to celebrate at the end of this term in a creative/educational way. The day will have a literacy focus and centre around creative writing, poetry sessions and other ghoulish lessons! In the afternoon of the Tuesday, we will all come together and share our work for the day and celebrate our spooktacular creations and writing in an assembly of the whole school.

As well as this, we would love for the children to come dressed up (in Halloween or any other costume if Halloween is not something you would like to celebrate) in their scariest costumes to get their imaginations going! There will be a few prizes for the most imaginative costume and plenty of chances for the houses to compete against each other during the day.





## PE by Mr Kirby

Year 5 have been working exceptionally hard all term on their gymnastics routine. We have practised different types of jumps, balances and paired balances. The children were then given the challenge of linking these together into a sequence, using different ways of travelling and as much of the mat space as possible. In pairs, they performed their final routine to the class and can be extremely proud of what they have achieved. There are some budding gymnasts in the making!





## Mental Health Day by Mrs Jobanputra

For Mental Health Day Year 1 children began with a bit of Yoga and breathing exercises. We then did some circle time and role play to discuss the different feelings and emotions we might have in different situations.

Following this we wrote down a whole list of things we can do when we might feel a little sad or overwhelmed. We heard several different stories, our favourite was "the colour monster". We ended our morning with some mindfulness colouring.



## Mental Health Day by Mrs Stevenson

We spent some time describing emotions and discussing ways of dealing with emotions. We created our own visual interpretations of different emotions. We listened to a variety of very emotive songs - talking about which ones made us feel positive, which ones were sad, and which ones just made us all want to dance!

## Mental Health Day by Miss Hurley

We read the book 'my monster and me' which taught us how to talk about our worries, we then made worry dolls, coloured pictures about emotions and talked about times when we felt those emotions. The children had a lovely morning.



## Meet the Teacher – Mr Kirby



**A** is for Aston Villa. I am a lifelong Aston Villa supporter and I travel home and away to the fixtures whilst also helping organise the coach for the Gloucestershire Supporters Branch

**L** is for love. I am getting married in February next year!

**A** is for Andoversford. I have previously taught at St Edward's, Charlton Kings Junior School, Andoversford and Berkhamstead

**S** is for Sport and PE. I have been teaching/coaching sport for 15 years and I studied at The University of Gloucestershire for my BEd (hons) specialising in Physical Education

**T** is for Teddy my adorable stepson who I also coach (football) on a Saturday morning

**A** is for author. I haven't written a book, but I do enjoy reading. I am currently reading 'No Hunger in Paradise' by Michael Calvin

**I** is for inclusive. I see sport as being for everyone and I want all children to have the opportunity to represent the school

**R** is for referee. I am a qualified football referee to compliment my coaching badges in cricket, football, and hockey.

**K** is for Karahi curry. My favourite food is curry

**I** is for ice. I am more of a fan of Winter than Summer.

**R** is for running. I have just completed the London Marathon in a time short of 6 hours 45 minutes and 40 second. It felt like it after too!

**B** is for Betty my loveable stepdaughter who has just started at Denmark Road

**Y** is for Yule time... I am a huge fan of Christmas, and I cannot wait to get my tree up!



# Ronald McDonald House



We have received this certificate as a thank you for the money raised last term through the non-uniform day and the cake sale. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and who bought them!

The charity are delighted, and have said that this amount equates to four families being able to stay in their accommodation and be close to their little ones in hospital for the night.

Thank you!

In Recognition of Support

This certificate is awarded to  
**Hopelands Preparatory  
School**

For Raising  
**£121.88**

Thank You so much for supporting Ronald McDonald House Bristol

Signature: *Mum*

Date: 30/09/2021

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## Message from Friends of Hopelands by Mrs Bingham

Hello everyone,

A few reminders....

All Christmas design order forms to be returned by half term - please don't leave it until the last minute as they need to be given to your class co-ordinator and then to Jenni Bingham. We will be unable to process any that are not received by Jenni.

DISCO - let the kids get their dancing shoes on Nov 12th 5:30-7:30.... payments for Disco no later than Nov 1st - this will enable us to purchase enough food and drink for the children.

### PARENTS QUIZ

We have applied for our licence and have a teachers team too! This is such a fun night. With food and wine too. £5 per person. Payments again no later than Nov 1st.

All payments by banks transfer with the following references:

IQCards- name and class

DISCO - name and class

QUIZ - name

Thanks

Jenni



## Well done!

A huge well done to Isla and Indira who recently completed a 5km mud run for Cancer Research. We are all incredibly proud of you. A tough course and the weather looked atrocious!

The money you have raised is a fantastic achievement:

Indira's fundraising page:

<https://bit.ly/3BnqsKo>

Isla's fundraising page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/elisabeths-team-2>



## Well done!

A huge well done to Daisy who took part in Splashathon at the weekend. It's normally only open to under school age children but she asked if she could take part. She did a sponsored swim and has raised over £150 for the charity Tommy's.

Well done Daisy, we are all super proud of you!

