



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Newsletter 3rd December

Dates for your Diary

- December 4th** Stonehouse Goodwill Day
- December 6th** Year 5 & 6 girls Hockey match
- December 7th** Head's Tea Party
- December 8th** Nativity – R/Y1/Y2, 4-4.30pm, school hall
- December 10th** Christmas Service, St Cyr's 2.15-3pm
- December 13th** Christmas Show – Y3/4/5/6, 2pm & 4pm
- December 14th** Christmas lunch & The Jolly Postman! Non uniform day.
- December 15th** Last Day of school, non-uniform day.

In this week:

- Spelling Bee
- Tag Rugby Festival
- Science
- Art
- Friends of Hopelands
- Water Assembly
- Yoga
- Crisp Success!
- Message from FOH

Clubs

Please note the following cancellations:

- 6th December – No football club
- 8th December – No dance or music club
- 13th December – No football or drama club
- 15th December – No dance or music club

Lost Property

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

- Pink/purple glasses – Florence Hasinski
- PE Polo Top & School Tie – Anthony Tiptaft
- School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd
- PE Coat – Juniper Cook
- Navy cardigan (from disco) – Megan How

Spare Clothes

If anyone has any spare children's clothes (between ages 3-6) which they are happy to donate to school, please pass them onto Miss Hurley or Mrs Jobanputra. Also, if your child does have an accident and comes home in spare clothes, including underwear, please remember to return them back to school – our supplies have got very low! Thank you.

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Spelling Bee by Miss Porter

Last week, we held the much-anticipated Spelling Bee. Years 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 battled it out in front of the school to be crowned the Spelling Bee champion! All children who took part did amazingly well and a huge congratulations to our overall winners: Liberty Bound and Florence Hasinski. There will be two more Spelling Bee competitions held next year and we hope to see more keen spellers take to the stage!



Tag Rugby Festival – Mr Kirby

Played 10 Won 2 Drew 4 Lost 4

On Wednesday 24th November, the whole of Class Four went to participate in a Tag Rugby Festival. We entered two teams (both mixed ability) meaning there was lots of rugby to be played!

There were two leagues of four before these were split after break. 'Hopelands Team One' were in Group One and managed two draws and a loss. 'Hopelands Team Two' were in Group Two and managed one win and two losses meaning both teams finished third in their respective groups.

There was some very strong opposition, but we used our skills and learned from our mistakes in the previous match against Berkhamstead to cause our opponents problems. We passed fluently, kept our defensive wall, and used our attacking formation to score a great deal of tries. Florence, Arthur, Jayden, Auden, Alan, Toby, and Gabriel all managed to get on the score sheet throughout the morning. They have Megan, Beatrix, Ethan, and Dylan to thank for their quick passing which allowed them to attack the opposition. Finley, Emi, and Ava helped keep our defence as tight as possible, which was not easy against some extremely fast players.

After the break, both teams were then placed in another group where, between them, they managed two draws, one win and one loss. This meant we finished first and second in the group as the festival finished with smiles all round. Class Four will now turn their attention to football, but I am impressed with how much their rugby has improved since September and they have a solid basis to push on next year.

Class Four - very well done.



Science by Mrs Stevenson

Armed with a basketball, a football, a blueberry, 2 cherry tomatoes, one grapefruit, one orange and a tiny peppercorn, we took our learning outside to create a scale model of the Solar System. Can you work out which planet would be represented by which item?

The girls stood in a line to see the relative size of the planets and then, with Layla as the Sun, positioned themselves where they thought their planet would be in terms of distance from the sun and other planets.

Once we had made our guess at the distances, we got into actual positions relative to the Sun and other planets (50cm = 1A.U!). The girls were surprised by how close the rocky planets were and how far away the gas giants were from the Sun.

Finally, we had a go at recreating the rotation that gives us day and night and the revolution around the Sun that gives us years.

It was a fun, visual way to appreciate the vast distances in our Solar System.

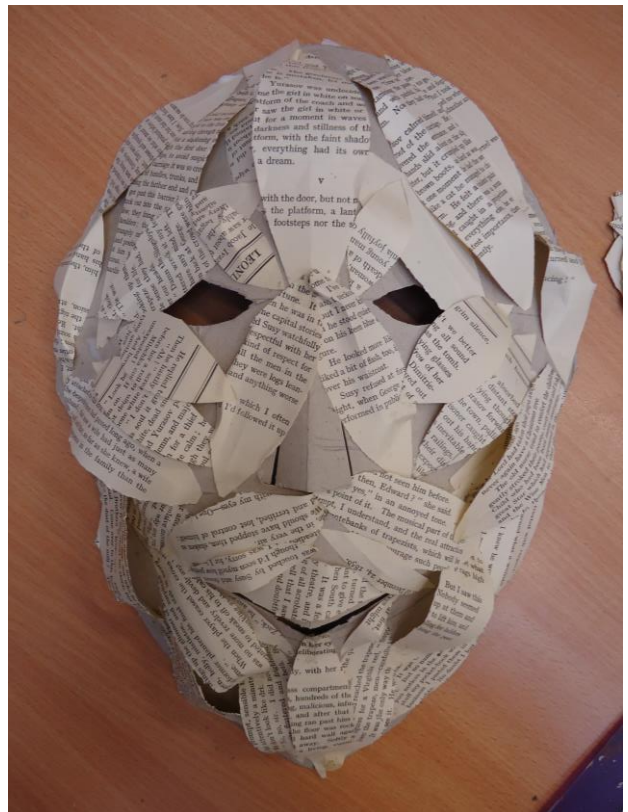
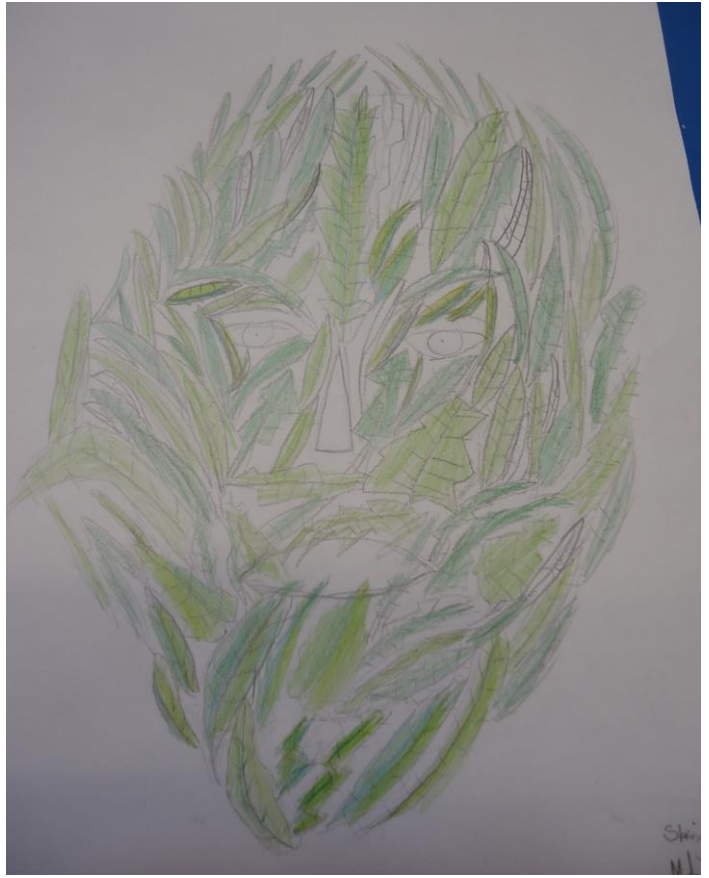


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Art by Miss White

Y6 have been working with a sense of delicacy and true creative vision as they have created 3D Green Men and Green Women paper models. The foundations were made from recycled card and manipulated to create a moulded foundation ready for the multiple layers of leaf shapes. Each leaf has been carefully cut and shaped and then placed to capture a sense of Mother or Father Nature, some smiling and some not! Although not 100% complete yet, they are on their way to be fab-u-lous!



Art by Miss White



Friends of Hopelands

Plenty of fun was had at the wreath making event this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Lloyd, Arthur's mum, from Cottage Bouquets who gave expert tuition which led to everyone producing amazing wreaths! All money raised has been donated to Friends of Hopelands and they are hoping to run this again next year. If you wish to find out more about Cottage Bouquets please visit their [FB page](#).



Water Assembly by Miss Hurley

On Tuesday we had a visit from Beth at Severn Trent Water. She delivered an assembly teaching us about the water cycle and how we can save more water to help the planet and keep water bills down! She told us about lots of freebies that Severn Trent offer on their website such as attachments to your shower to keep the pressure high but use less water and timers to help us keep our shower time down. You can apply for these freebies here: <https://www.stwater.co.uk/wonderful-on-tap/save-water/get-water-fit/>

The children loved the assembly, especially the song teaching us about how to save water at the end!



Mrs J's Yoga challenge for all!

The children can learn a range of yoga poses in Mrs J's Yoga club, every Tuesday afterschool.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the office.

Tree Pose

Vrikshasana



Benefits

Improves balance, strengthens thighs, calves and ankles, stretches legs and chest, develops concentration.

- 1 Begin in mountain pose. (Feet shoulder-width apart, hands at your sides.)
- 2 Lift your right foot, turning your knee out; place your foot on your leg wherever feels comfortable.
- 3 Press your hands together.
- 4 Raise your arms over head and look up to your hands if possible.
- 5 Return hands to your chest and lower your right leg.
- 6 Repeat with left leg.

Crisp Success!



A huge thank you from Rowan to everyone who supplied crisp packets for her collection.

In total she collected 659 small and 70 large crisp packets. It takes 150 small packets to make one blanket so she will have supplied enough for hopefully 5 blankets to keep someone warm over Christmas.

Well done Rowan this is an amazing achievement!



Message from Mrs Bingham, Chair of FOH

Hello Everyone

All parents that ordered tickets for the Jack & the Beanstalk at 2pm on Dec 15th should now have them. Mrs Bradburn is allowing those attending the panto to leave at midday. Please ensure you cancel lunch with the school office if you do not need it.

We will be having a special visitor on the last morning of school too 🎅

With such a small committee of volunteers we are always keen to welcome new members. Perhaps you could help with one event a year?

So far this year FoH have

- :-Sold Strawberries at Sports Day
- :-Organised a Winstone's Ice Cream Van
- :- Hosted a bake sale and uniform sale
- :-Had a fantastic school disco with snow machine
- :-Hosted a parents quiz - with a babysitter no less!
- :-Hosted a fantastic Christmas wreath workshop.
- :-Organised personalised Christmas cards and goodies.
- :-Provided items for Christingle
- :-Provided presents delivered by Santa for every child
- :-Organised discounted pantomime tickets
- :-Put together a wonderful raffle - tickets on sale at the nativity and the Key stage 2 performance

So lots of wonderful things have happened but many hands make light work - please contact friendsofhopelands@yahoo.com if you wish to join our small team 😊

I will be meeting with Mrs Jones in the new year to see how FoH can assist financially with some exciting plans for the school.

Thank you for your support

**Churches Together in Stonehouse
with Churches in Eastington, Standish & Haresfield**

**Messy Knit-i-vity
Sheep Trail**

From 1st Dec – Fri 24th Dec



**The shepherds want to visit baby Jesus
but they've lost their sheep...**



Can you help find them?

**Collect your worksheets from any of our churches or on
Facebook and get searching.**

Participating retailers:

Stonehouse:

Hurns Hardware
Wynn's Cafe
Delta 9
Mercy in Action
Daniels Hairdressers
The Flower Shop
This 'n That
All Pets & Garden Accessories
AC's Hairdressers

Naylor Powell
Wholefoods
Sourced in Stonehouse
Repair & Share
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Bond's Hairdressers
Broomhalls Butchers