



Newsletter 17th February

Dates for your Diary

- February 28th** Return to school
- March 1st** Renishaw 3-D printing workshop – Y5 & 6
- March 2nd** Cross Country at Stratford Park – Y3 & 4
- March 3rd** World Book Day
- March 4th** Cross Country at Stratford Park – Y3 & 4

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Weather

Just to remind, in the event of bad weather please refer to our school policy which is available on the website:

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Lost Property

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

School Tie – Anthony Tiptaft

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Jumper – Ava McDougall

School Jumper – Ella Turner

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Update from Mrs Bradburn

Half term

It always surprises me how quickly the term goes. I am sure you are enjoying the lighter evenings. As always, it has been a busy term. Our value for this half term has been friendship. The musicians have been playing music for the children coming into assembly which has been wonderful. All the children have responded positively to our assemblies on friendship, understanding the importance of having good friends and being inclusive during playtimes. Our theme next term is **Responsibility**.

Mock Trial

On 1st April, Year 6 will be competing against Rodborough in the Stroud Schools' Mock Trials Competition at Gloucestershire Constabulary's new training centre: The Sabrina Centre. The competition will see our Year 6's defence and prosecution teams compete against Rodborough's to try and win this year's trial: The case of the theft of an iPhone. Year 6 will employ the skills of magistrates, lawyers, witnesses, ushers, and many other court roles to try and win their case. The Year 6s have been lucky enough to have a real magistrate visit them this week to tell them all about his role and what they can expect when they are in court. The magistrate - Mr Spicer - got the class to practise judging a scenario and was impressed that we spotted the contradictions in the witness statements - something supposedly not many schools pick up on!

Sporting events

A big thank you to Mr Kirby for arranging so many fixtures this half term. I know the children are certainly enjoying playing at a variety of schools and they come back telling me about the food as well as a blow-by-blow account of each match. There are several competitions already booked for next term with matches at Wycliffe, Berkhamstead and St Edwards. There will also be two cross country competitions for KS2 after half term. Mr Kirby is trying to arrange a fixture for KS1, and we will let you know after half term. I want to thank all the parents for their support with these matches. I realise it is not easy, but it has made a difference in the number of fixtures we are able to attend. I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing Mr Kirby congratulations on his upcoming nuptials. He is to be married next Friday and I know he is tremendously excited to be tying the knot.

Chilli Challenges Survey

A huge than you to all the parents who gave feedback to the chilli challenge survey. We have completed the teachers survey and hope to complete the children's one by the end of term. The responses will be analysed and given to you next term.

I hope you all get the opportunity to have an exciting holiday or just a good rest over the half term. I know the children are ready. Have a great half term.

Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 6 wrapped up their Forces topic by looking at levers, pulleys and gears and how simple mechanisms make tasks easier. We then put our knowledge into action to have a go at making a mini mangonel (a form of trebuchet) to fire a paper ball as far as possible. After some trial runs in the classroom, we took the final designs outside for the final battle. The best designs fired the ball over 4 metres!



Safer Internet Day by Mrs Jobanputra

Each year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores a new issue or theme which is impacting the lives of young people. Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 8th February 2022 and the theme this year was **“All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online”**. The Day celebrates young people’s role in creating a safer internet and the ways they are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. The platforms young people use are spaces for connection, community, and collaboration, which is why the Day challenges them to foster supportive relationships and respectful communities, whilst equipping them with the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe in these spaces.

Children need to understand what constitutes respectful behaviour online and know what to do if they encounter hate or bullying directed at them or someone else.

Safer Internet Day inspires a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

At Hopelands we all took time out to learn about Safer Internet Day and explored the theme **“All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online”**.

In Reception we explored playing safely online and had fun singing the internet safety song.

The Year 1 children learned “Buddy the dog’s internet safety story”. We recited an internet safety song and wrote down a list of Internet safety rules.



Safer Internet Day by Mrs Jobanputra

In Year 2 we watched a programme about how to remain safe online and made a poster of the key messages.

Year 3 and 4 learned about all the different ways that you can stay safe online. To show off their knowledge, the children digitally made Superhero Comic books: How heroes stay safe online.

Year 5 reminded themselves of the SMART rules and applied them to different scenarios. Also, the class looked at terminology such as digital footprint, ransomware, and phishing, and talked about the meaning of each.

Year 6 analysed the class's screen time data over the course of a week and created a guide on how to keep a balanced and healthy lifestyle of time spent on our electronic devices. During Enrichment, in our lesson about the metaverse, we read and discussed stories in groups about good and bad experiences online. The groups shared a summary of these discussions with the rest of the class, as well as suggesting solutions to avoid the negative experiences and how to stay safe online.

LogoLiftOff Rocket Competition by Mrs Stevenson

Last Friday, the children had an assembly to launch the LogoLiftOff competition which links to the UK's first ever satellite launches from UK spaceports happening later this year!

Alongside the national competition to design a logo for the first rockets heading into space, we will be running a Hopelands' version of the competition at the same time and will have winners in KS1 and KS2.

All the information that you need for your child to enter the national competition is on the website: <https://www.logoliftoff.org.uk/>

Parents need to fill in an entry form and a permission form.

To enter the school competition please make sure that you email your child's entry to me (either a scan or a good photo) at jstevenson@hopelands.org.uk or bring in the original design once you have uploaded it to the national competition.

If your child is not entering the national competition but just wants to do the Hopelands competition, entries for that can also be on paper direct to me in Year 5.

The closing date for both competitions is Friday 11th March so half-term is the perfect time to get creative!



Reception by Miss Hurley



Last week Simon, Stonehouse's neighbourhood warden from Stroud District Council came to visit reception as part of their topic 'People Who Help Us'. The role of a neighbourhood warden is to provide a visible presence whilst acting as the eyes and the ears of the community. They create a safer, cleaner, and greener district by engaging within the local parishes and respond to community issues.

Simon talked to the children about how he helps people in his role, he showed the children how the careline system works which helps vulnerable people and/or older people to live independently and safely in their own homes. He spoke to the children about how he sometimes helps lost animals reunite with their owners and gave each child a flashing bone pendant to pop on their pet's collar so they can be clearly seen in the dark. He also spoke to the children about road safety and gave the children reflective wristbands and stickers so cars can see them clearly when they are out walking in the dark. The children loved hearing about all the different ways the neighbourhood wardens help to keep people in their community safe.

You can find out your local neighbourhood warden here <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/community-and-living/community-safety-and-neighbourhood-wardens/neighbourhood-wardens>

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Orla Scott in Year 6 who achieved a merit in her recent piano exam

Well done Orla, we are all very proud of you!



Match Report by Mr Kirby – Football at Wycliffe

U11 won 9-1

What a way to finish the half-term! An outstanding performance from our U11 football team as they ran out deserving winners on a wet, windy afternoon at Wycliffe. Having won one and lost one since Christmas, we must have feared the worst as Wycliffe started brightly, forcing William in goal to three point blank saves in the opening stages. However, we soon found our way into the match and put our opponents on the back foot. In a very open first ten minutes, it was anyone's guess as to who would come out on top before Noah gave us a lead with a beautiful left footed lob into the far corner. Vandamai was increasingly dangerous as the pinpoint in our attack and her excellent dribbling paid off as she slotted the second. Noah, Daniel, and Matilda also managed to get on the score sheet before half time. Our half-time team talk was based around the weather and the pitch! We had the slope and wind going for us in the first half, so we had to be prepared for the second... Eoghan ignored this and clinically scored four more goals in what was a fantastic display. He had Matilda and Vandamai to thank for their selfless, accurate through balls, which allowed for the opportunities; to which he obliged. We kept mixing the positions and Toby deserves a special mention for his role in midfield and defence as he never gave up and always looked for the sensible pass when in possession.

A great win to finish a solid half-term on the football field

U9 lost 4-0

A much better performance from our U9 team as they are beginning to come to their own in matches. Ethan and Arthur did incredibly well in goal, pulling off a string of fine saves. Toby, Jayden and Alan all linked up well as they looked to use their passing skills we have worked on during games lessons. We tried to get the ball forward at every opportunity and looked more dangerous than we did against Rendcomb, with Auden and Finley both tackling hard and searching for that crucial ball to help us unlock the deadlock. Dylan was able to tackle well and dispossess Wycliffe on many occasions, but it was Gabriel who produced the moment of the match. A dazzling run down the wing, beating three or four of the opposition before getting to the by-line and being extremely unlucky it didn't produce a goal. Well done, boys a great effort.

I know there were many 'red' smiles in the dining hall afterwards as the boys enjoyed their first proper match tea of the season with the obligatory ketchup capping off a super afternoon of football. Thank you Wycliffe for your hospitality.



Match Report by Mr Kirby – Netball at Berkhamstead

On Valentine's Day, we took all the girls in Year 5 and Year 6 to play netball against Berkhamstead and the pupils loved it. To allow all the children maximum playing time, we were creative with the teams as we played their 'A' team and 'B' team.

The 'A' team started extremely well and, whilst not getting the win, they played some excellent netball and won one of the quarters 2-0. In total we managed 3 goals with Eva (twice) and Rose shooting accurately for us. The girls rotated positions, and all had their first taste of the traditional 7-a-side version of the game to which they adapted well. The passing was short, sharp, and accurate as we created as many opportunities as our opponents. However, they were slightly more clinical when shooting and managed to run out 10-3 winners. Our target for the next match is to work on defending and ensuring we stay with our designated opponent, limiting the space and the passing lanes accordingly.

The 'B' team also had a wonderful experience of 7-a-side netball and can be pleased with their performance. Millie and Ava scored our goals as they also won one quarter of the match but, overall, didn't quite manage to hold off Berkhamstead - losing 8-2. The girls grew into the match and began to pick up on technical details to help their own games, but it was the passing that let them down. When they passed quickly and over shorter distances, they were able to make good progress up the court. However, there were often too many high, hopeful lobs which became a duel of 'who is the tallest.' We will continue to work on this during PE/Games lessons, but the girls should take heart of what they are achieving and how their own individual game is definitely better than at the turn of the year.

I think the girls enjoyed their match afterwards too!



Match Report by Mr Kirby – Netball at Berkhamstead



Circus Club

The children have been busy in circus club practicing their juggling, tight rope walking, plate spinning, stilt walking and hula hooping skills!



EYFS

Love was in the air on Monday! The children in EYFS had great fun with the heart shaped balloon which was brought in by one of the children (with chocolates!) for Miss Hurley.



Thank you from Holly & Orla



Thank you to everyone that made cakes for our sale this week. We had SO many it was amazing!

Also, a massive thank you to everyone that bought them. We managed to sell them all during break times and every single one of them was extremely delicious. Yummy!

We raised an incredible

£135.50

This money will be going to the Medecins Sans Frontieres charity, which provide medical assistance to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from healthcare.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us and making it a huge success.

Love Holly & Orla (Year 6). XXX

World Book Day by Miss Porter

This year, World Book Day will be held on Thursday 3rd March! The theme is: **to dress as a character who you are most like or aspire to be** (fear not - the teachers are already dusting off their Trunchbull costumes!) As part of the day this year, there will be a competition for the best character impersonations where children can show off their drama skills and do their best impersonation of their characters for prizes. Competing is optional and we will of course not force anyone to stand up and act if they do not wish to participate. There will be many more World Book Day fun activities throughout the day as well.

As always, I am also running another competition alongside which the children (and staff!) can choose to enter. You will remember that last year, it was to decorate a door. This year, the theme is: **Who can read a book in the most unusual place**. The rules:

- Send a photo of yourself reading a book in your chosen place.
- The front cover of the book must be clearly visible.
- You could choose to link the book's theme to the place in which you read it.
- You could dress up.
- You must not put yourself in any danger/ take a picture in a place that could cause harm to yourself or your photographer.

There will be 3 prizes up for grabs and the winners' photos will be judged by the staff. The deadline for the photo competition is Tuesday 5th March

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.

Frog Pose

Ardha Bhekasana



Benefits

Tones legs and increases hamstring flexibility.

1

Squat on the floor, balancing on your toes, knees spread wide, hands on the floor or out in front of you. Wherever makes you feel most balanced.

2

Look up and inhale. As you exhale, straighten your legs so you are in a standing position, lower your head towards your knees.

3

Return to the first position, then repeat.

Congratulations!

This week we received the amazing news that Miss Hill has given birth to a beautiful baby boy- Arlo Finn McKeown.

They are all doing really well, and we are delighted to have a new addition to Hopelands!

