



Newsletter 4th March

Dates for your Diary

- March 7th** Head's Tea Party
- March 9th** Book Sale for the Pied Piper Appeal
- March 11th** Football at Berkhamstead – Year 3 & 4
- March 15th** Wildlife Quiz at Chalford Hill

In this week:

- Fire Service Visit
- Creative Club
- Science
- Year 1
- Book sale
- Safer Internet Day
- Rocket Competition
- Yoga
- World Book Day
- Spiritual Arts Competition

Weather

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

[Our Key Policies | Hopelands Independent School Gloucester | Hopelands Preparatory School](#)



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

For all the latest pictures and weekly activities please follow us on social media:



Fire Service Visit – by Miss Hurley

EYFS and Year 2 were incredibly lucky to have a visit from Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service. EYFS have been learning about people who help us, and Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London. The firefighting education team were great at testing the children's Great Fire of London knowledge and even taught them some new and interesting facts.

The firefighters taught us to 'Get **Out**, Stay **Out** and Call the fire service **Out**' in response to fire. The children loved shouting the phrase at the top of their lungs! This really helped them to remember. Miss Hurley even tried on a firefighter's uniform, and we learned all about how important it is for firefighters to wear the correct materials and carry the right equipment to help keep them safe.

After a talk in the hall, we went outside to explore the fire engine! We sat where the firefighters sit when they go out on call, tried on their hats, and even got the opportunity to soak a few cars using the special powerful hose! They also blasted their sirens and shone the lights to see how they get attention of other drivers in an emergency. It was incredibly loud! Lots of EYFS had to cover their ears!

It really was an amazing visit! Thank you so much Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue and a huge thank you to Miss Cook for organising!



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Creative Club by Miss Cook

To celebrate pancake day, in creative club we made salt dough pancakes. The children enjoyed adding different colours, sprinkles, and rice to make some exciting creations.



Science by Mrs Jobanputra

As part of our Science learning about Materials, we listened to “The Three Little Pigs” story and made the piggies’ houses from the Materials in the story. We discussed their properties and why some of them are not good for houses and thought of alternative materials that make good houses. The children loved “blowing the houses down” at the end!



Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

Year 1 children kickstarted our English learning on Traditional tales with some role-play! We loved enacting the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.



Book Sale by Miss Cook

In celebration of World Book Day, the school council would like to hold a used book sale where children can purchase preloved books with the money collected going to charity. The school councillors chosen charity this term is The Pied Piper Appeal. More information about the charity can be found here:

<https://piedpiperappeal.co.uk/>

The book sale will take place on Wednesday 9th March at break times and after school. The school councillors will be helping to run the stands during breaktimes. Please can children bring in a small amount of money if they would like to purchase a few books!

We are asking for your help - please can you bring any preloved books that would be suitable for reselling to the school by next Tuesday (8th March). Your help is much appreciated and on behalf of all of the school councillors I would like to say a massive thank you for your continued support.



Safer Internet Day by Mrs Jobanputra



At the end of last term, we had two visits from our local PCSO officer Jordan Perry. He gave an assembly to the children about the importance of Internet Safety and how they can protect themselves online.

The sessions were very interactive with excellent questions asked by the children. This was further enhanced by our whole school learning on safer internet day.



LogoLiftOff Rocket Competition by Mrs Stevenson

Thank you for all the entries that have come in, they are fantastic! If anyone would still like to enter, please note this is the last week to do so, as the closing date is next Friday.

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.



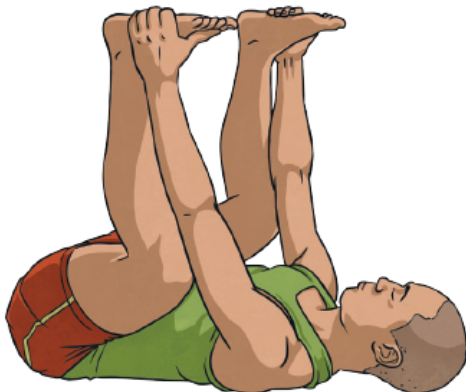
Mrs J's Yoga challenge for all!

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.

Happy Baby Pose

Ananda Balasana



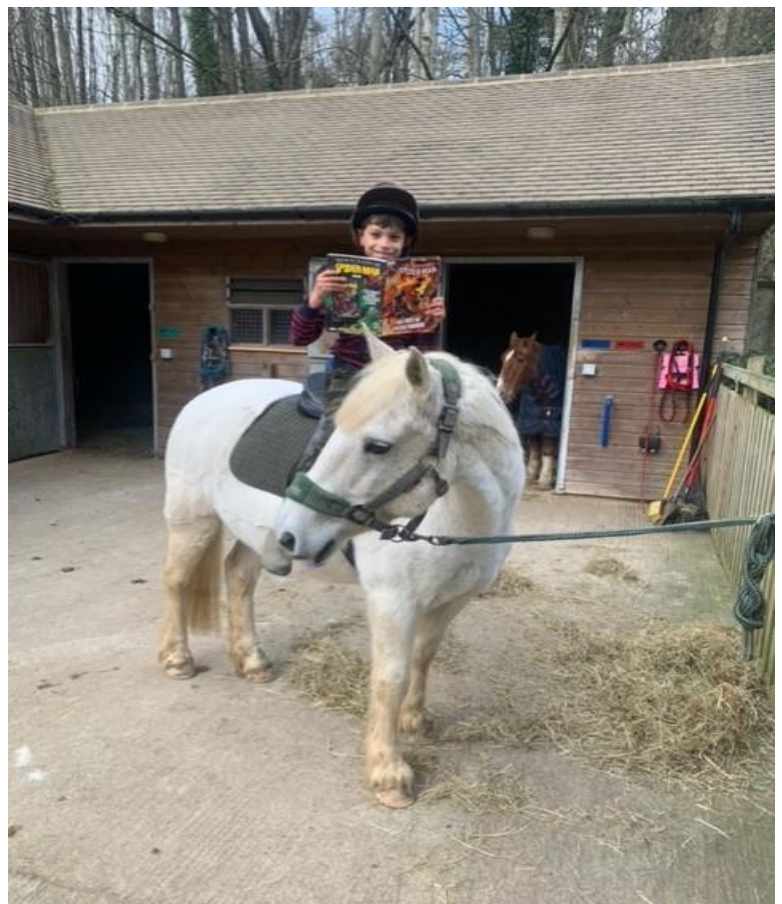
Benefits

Gently stretches inner groin and spine, calms the mind and helps relieve stress and fatigue.

- 1 Lie down on your back.
- 2 Exhale, bend your knees into your belly and hold onto your feet.
- 3 Allow your body to gently rock side to side.

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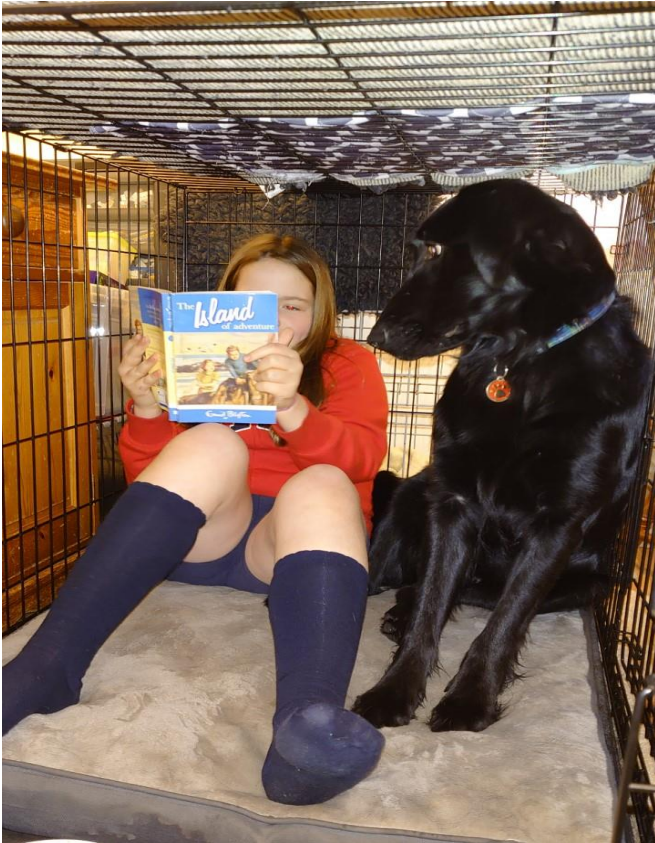
This year Miss Porter ran a competition for World Book Day where the challenge was to take a picture of themselves reading in an unusual place. All the entries were fantastic, well done everyone!



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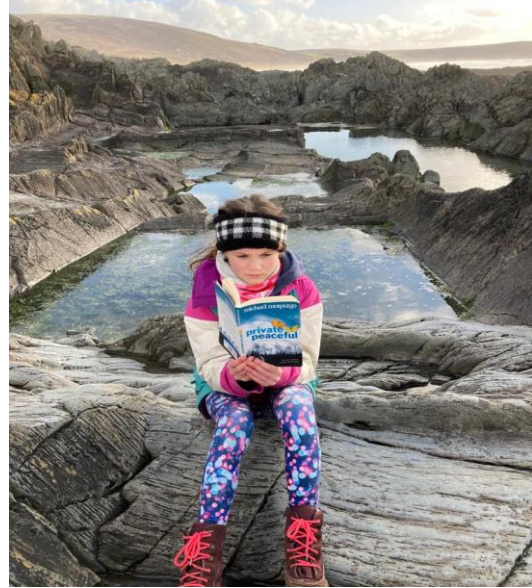
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Spiritual Arts Competition 2022 by Miss White

Confucius said: Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.....



Look around you, what unexpected beauty can you see?

This term, you are ALL invited to enter your drawings, photographs or paintings (in fact, all 2D or 3D responses welcome!) to the Hopelands Spiritual Arts Competition 2022. Your creative focus should reflect the Confucius quote above, and we will be looking for images that capture a sense of 'unexpected' or surprising beauty.

Any questions to Miss White and entries to the School Office by the 25th March 2022

Have fun looking for inspiration 😊 Good Luck!