

Hopelands Preparatory School

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Newsletter 25th March

Dates for your Diary

March 28th Head's Tea Party

March 30th Parent Phonics Meeting, Year 1

March 30th Football and Netball at Wycliffe, Year 3 & 4

March 31st Trip to Stratford on Avon, Year 1-6

April 1st Mock Trials, Year 6 and some of Year 5

Dance

The children are enjoying incorporating the Chinese dragon into their dance lessons this week.



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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

PE Tracksuit bottoms & top – Emi Huertas-Mason

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LogoLiftOff Competition by Mrs Stevenson

Congratulations to Rupert and Freddie in KS1 and Rowan in KS2 who won the Hopelands' version of the LogoLiftOff competition. They received an exciting 'Science Lab' prize with experiments to do at home.

We had lots of great entries for the competition and some children have also entered in the national competition, so we look forward to hearing how they get on. Maybe a design from Hopelands children will be heading into orbit this summer. What an amazing thought!





Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about Volume and Capacity through lots of water fun. We explored various sized bottles and containers and compared capacity by using words like empty, full, almost full, half full, most, least and so on. We will now be moving onto measuring capacity and volume.



Year 3 by Miss Cook

Inspired by the Great Fire of London which was Class 3's topic last term, as well as meeting a real fire engine, the children have been busy creating their very own fire engines in their DT lessons. They have loved the design process and have come up with some fabulous designs which were great to test out on a sunny day.



Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 6 continued their Chemistry topic by investigating the 'properties' of materials including magnetism, solubility, and electrical conductivity.

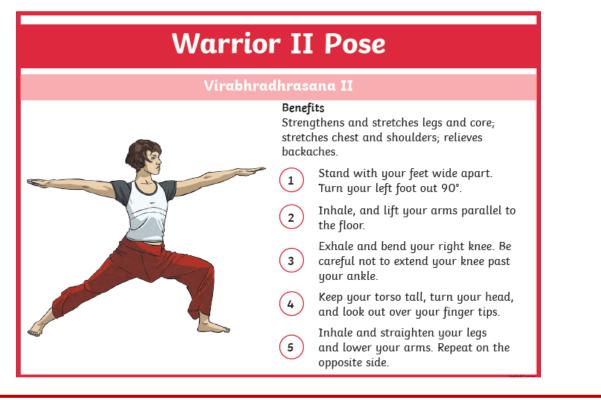
They tested a wide variety of metals and non-metals such as copper, silver, gold, carbon, wood, and plastic. They worked safely and efficiently and recorded their observations in a table. Well done Year 6.



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.



Cater Cater





Further to the email which Mrs Jones sent, we are delighted to have secured a new contract with a local catering company who will be supplying our school meals from the summer term onwards.

Members of the School Council and staff were treated to delicious samples when 'Cater Cater' came in to visit us. Everyone gave the food a big thumbs up with the chocolate brownie being declared as the most scrumptious ever!

The company's aim is to supply children in schools with healthy, nutritious hot meals and we were all impressed with the range of healthy food on offer. The order form for next term has been sent with this newsletter so if you do wish to book your child/children in, please complete and return it to the office by **Wednesday 30**th **March**, thank you.

PE by Mr Kirby

As the Six Nations played out their final round of matches, Y1 and Y2 benefited from Gloucester Rugby coming in to deliver a tag rugby session. The children loved 'being down the field' as they practised their tagging, throwing, catching, passing and try scoring - I was exhausted just watching!

The children began with a tag game before practising their passing through the gates and even found time for a small competition. This definitely brought out the competitive side in some! The children finished with a small round of team games where they had to score tries and move the ball through their legs without dropping it - very challenging indeed!

Y1 and Y2 had a wonderful time, and we are extremely grateful to Sam and Gloucester Rugby for delivering such an enjoyable lesson.





PE by Mr Kirby



Match Report by Mr Kirby

U9 netball vs St Edward's drew 1 and lost 1

The Year 3 and Year 4 pupils were superb in two very evenly matched fixtures against St Edward's. As always seems to be the way, they took their time to grow into the games but performed well against tough opposition. It was also nice for the boys to have an opportunity to play in a competitive fixture and the cheers were loud and vocal when each time we scored; the pupils were so delighted their hard work during the PE lessons paid off. Our passing continues to improve and there is a definite improvement with moving into space and marking. Ava, Arthur, and Gabriel manged to score for their respective teams and the girls have one more opportunity on Wednesday 30th when they play Wycliffe. The boys have a final game on the same day as they will take on the same school at football.









Match Report by Mr Kirby

U11 sport vs St Edward's

Netball. Our Y6 girls played their final match of the term against St Edward's as we rotated the teams and played a variety of small-sided games. Miss Porter and Mrs Jones thought their attitude, enthusiasm and desire was very good in some extremely tough matches. We scored plenty of goals (too many to name all the scorers) and continued to work on defending and marking against girls who were skilled in the sport. Both coaches commented on the passing and how the GS and GA linked up well to create opportunities. Well done, girls, a very good term.

Football. On a hot afternoon, on a large pitch with big goals, we were extremely unfortunate to go down 2-1 against a strong St Edward's team. The red cheeks, sweat and tears from the football team showed they gave absolutely everything. The passing was crisp and we created more opportunities than our opponents but, ultimately, they took their chances and we didn't. Eoghan must have covered every blade of grass and Vandamai battled extremely hard in defence against two quick forwards. William and Harry both had a stint in goal but we cannot blame the goalkeepers for either goal. Noah looked most dangerous for us as he glided forward from the back, often picking out the right pass at the right time. Many of these passes found Toby who then happily spread the play as we created ample opportunities. Matilda worked tirelessly up front and got her reward with our goal as she slotted home following some good work from Eoghan. We finished the season with a 50% win record which is certainly something to be proud of. Well done to all of the squad.



Mandalas by Miss White

Amazing mandalas made at home! Fantastic designs and great creative thinking of different items to use, well done girls!

Daisy & Millie Etherington:



Isla Jennings:





Head Pupils

Congratulations to Zoe and Noah who are the Head Pupils for this half term. Each half term the teaching staff select the pupils and when prospective pupils and their parents come to visit Hopelands the Head Pupils taken them on a tour of the school.

Well done to you both, we know you will be fantastic!

Friends of Hopelands Easter Egg Decorating Competition

The competition will take place over the Easter Holidays.

Pay £1 for your egg, take it home to decorate and bring it in to be judged after the holidays. Eggs are available to buy from Mrs Bingham who will be in the playground after school on Thursday and before school on Friday. Please have the correct cash (£1 per egg)

The Best Egg wins chocolate - 1 prize per class!

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!