

Hopelands Preparatory School 38/40 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AD

Newsletter 1st April

Dates for your Diary

April 25th Return to School

April 27th Cricket match at Hatherop – Year 5

May 9th Head's Tea Party

Hopelands in the Press!

Well done to Rowan, Rupert & Freddie who appeared in the Stroud News and Journal 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

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





Message from Mrs Bradburn

Appeal for Ukraine

A huge congratulations to Josie and Mattie from Year 6 on raising the amazing total of £362.80. There was also a further £111 raised from World Book Day which gives a grand total of £473.80. A fantastic achievement.

I am delighted to announce the winners of the pamper hamper, congratulations to Alice and Rose who made a very generous donation with their own money, well done girls.



Both Mattie and Josie put on this fund-raising event because of the news of Ukraine. They were moved by the plight of the refugees fleeing their homes and leaving everything behind. They organised two hampers and sold tickets before and after school. The total amount raised surpasses their expectations. You have made us all very proud of you Josie and Mattie.

Summer uniform

A new girls' summer dress was introduced last term. It is not compulsory but if you wish to purchase one, it is now available to buy both online and in the uniform shop. The dress can be worn during the summer term. Hopefully, we will get sunny weather when we return after Easter.

It remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Easter. Safe journey for all those going away. I look forward to the children's return on Monday 25th of April.

Shakespeare Week - French by Mrs Trebble

Year 6 were set the task of researching some Shakespearean quotes in French. They were asked to choose one and to illustrate the meaning. Some pupils also created a French interview with Shakespeare.

Josie Herbert:



Shakespeare Week - Maths by Mrs Elmore

Although Shakespeare is well-known for his expertise in Literacy, KS2 had a go at incorporating Maths into Shakespeare week. After finding lines of symmetry as well as rotational symmetry in the word SHAKESPEARE, because we LOVE maths, we looked at writing maths sonnets using the Shakespearean structure - 14 lines, 10 syllables in each line and every other line rhyming. A challenge for all with very successful results. Fantastic job everyone!

Lavinia Mundy:

MATHS SONNET

MEAN, MODE, RANGE AND MEDIAN, THEY ALL FIT, ADD THEM UP THEN DIVIDE THEM FOR THE MEAN, REMEMBER ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS DON'T QUIT. BUT THE RANGE IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN, THE MOST COMMON ONE YOU SEE IS THE MODE, THE MEDIAN IS THE MIDDLE NUMBER. REMEMBER ALL THE SONGS MRS ELMORE PLAYS! DON'T FORGET TO WORK HARD AND DON'T SLUMBER, REMEMBER IF YOU GET STUCK, TRY MORE WAYS. MULTIPLY AND DIVIDE ARE ANTONYMS, BUT SUBTRACT AND TAKE AWAY ARE THE SAME. TO TIMES AND MULTIPLY ARE SYNONYMS! DON'T FORGET BODMAS, IT ISN'T LAME. IF YOU DON'T USE IT, LIGHT IN YOUR BRAIN DIMS.

Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

Year 1 children have been busy planning and designing their castle structures this term. We started by studying the features of existing castles and then we planned our own. The children have worked so hard and we are incredibly proud of their final designs.



Match Report by Mr Kirby

The U9 netball and football teams signed off for the term with two impressive performances against Wycliffe.

The girls had a lovely game of netball with Megan managing to get on the score sheet following some crisp passing from her teammates. Miss Porter explained how the girls' movement off the ball was impressive and Flo, Emi and Ava all looked to counter quickly when regaining possession. Beatrix and Megan continue to improve their netball skills as they showed composure, often looking for the correct pass. A solid term for these five who have more than held their own against other schools with far greater numbers - very well done.

The boys had a memorable experience as we mixed the teams around with the players from Wycliffe and what a match it was! We had point blank saves from Alan, Ethan and Dylan; we had Gabriel and Toby going on mesmerising runs down the flanks; we had shots smashing the post; we had goalkeepers tangled in the net - we had everything! The boys played very well with Jayden coming extremely close to slotting in and Auden nearly grabbing an assist. I would like to congratulate Arthur for his brace and Toby for his calm finish when through on goal in what was their final match of the term. They have come a long way since that freezing afternoon in Rendcomb shortly after Christmas and should take heart from the progress they have made. The boys now hold their positions better, look to pass wide to move up the pitch and have a better understanding as to when to pass and when to dribble.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped and supported all of the teams this term, the children love it, and we really appreciate it. We look forward to seeing you on the boundary for our cricket fixtures after Easter.



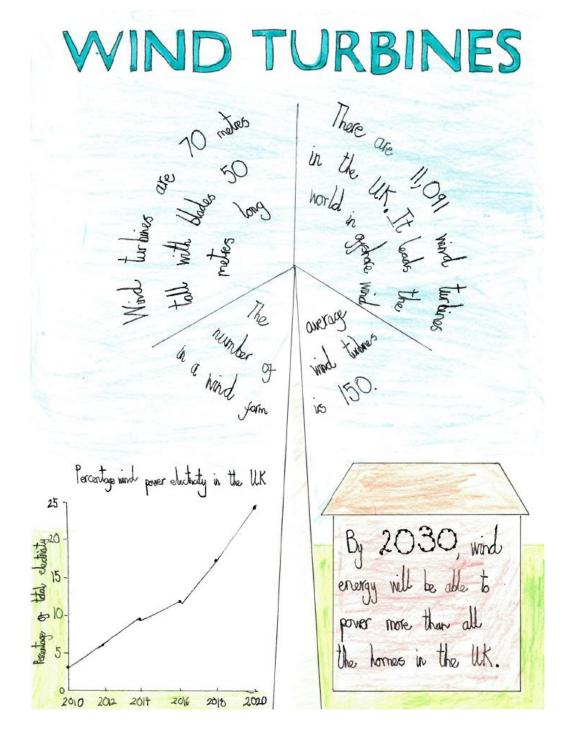
Science by Mrs Stevenson

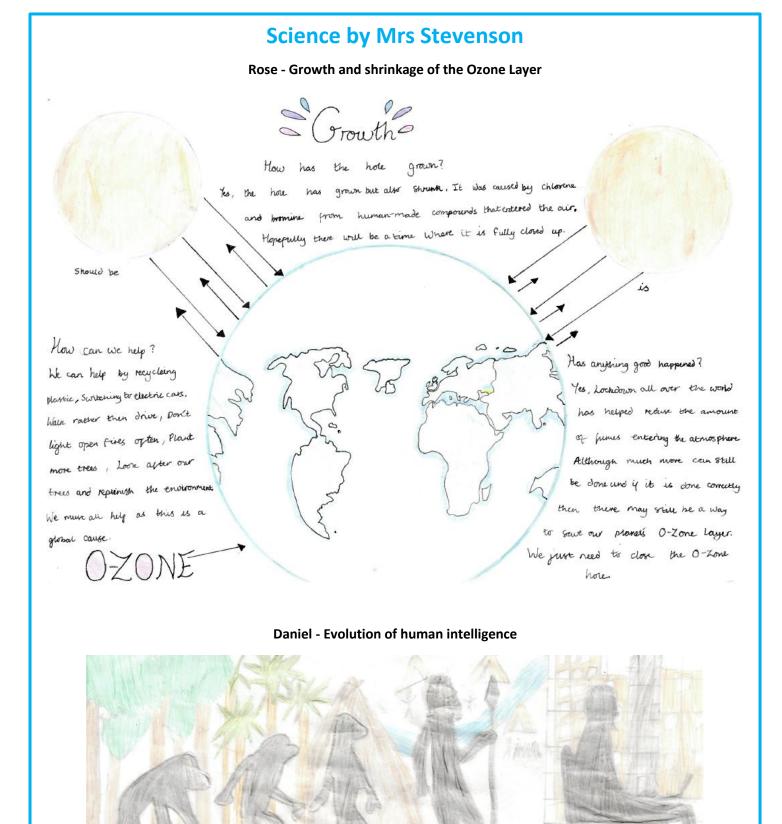
As part of British Science Week, Year 5 and 6 prepared informative posters for the annual competition. This year's theme was 'Growth', and this could be interpreted however the children wished.

Each school is only allowed 5 entries so we had to whittle down our amazing selection to a final five.

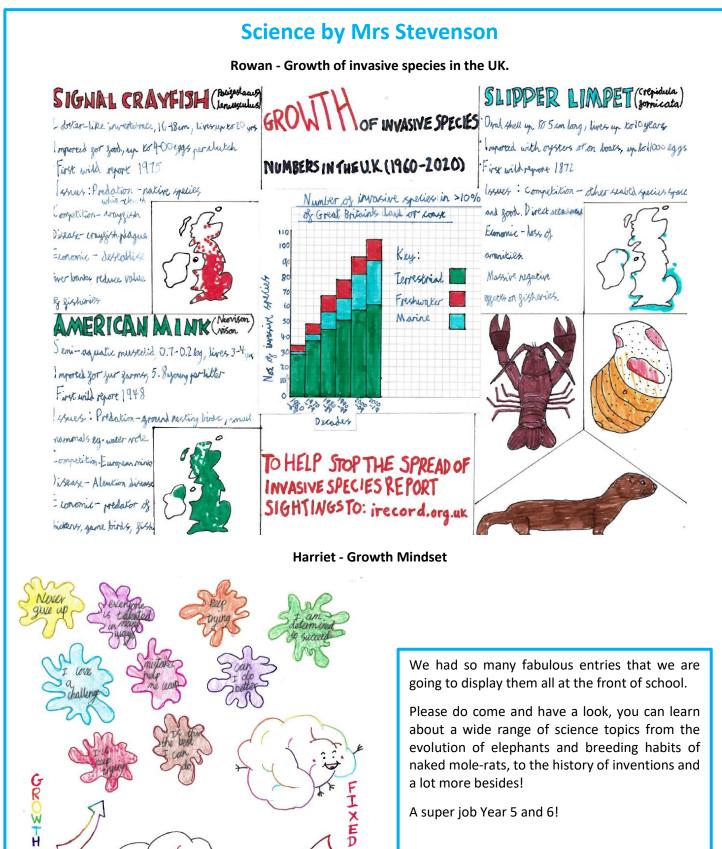
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What a fantastic day we had at Stratford upon Avon! Despite the eventualities of traffic jams, we managed to enjoy a day full of learning out of the classroom. The children enjoyed admiring and experiencing the wonder of artful mechanisms, full of intricate designs, that make things light up, sound, move and happen. Children and adults loved getting hands on at the MAD museum.

Our youngest children followed with a visit to the Butterfly Farm, where they could enjoy seeing hundreds of the world's most beautiful butterflies in a magical environment.

KS2 were also fortunate to visit the Shakespeare's Schoolroom and experienced what a school day back in the 16th century was like. We enjoyed witnessing how Mrs B was nominated as the 'clever 11 year old pupil' as she could conjugate the verb amare in Latin for Headmaster Mr Jenkins on the spot! We had an amazing display of typical changeable weather, including snow, and none of this made any of our pupils bat an eyelid, embracing the experience as it came.

We would like to thank all parents for the support of this trip, and double thank those parents who volunteered their time to accompany us. The children were very well behaved, making us all proud of them and the way they represent our school when outside school boundaries.





















House Netball by Mr Kirby



Following the success of house dodgeball, all the pupils have been competing in house netball. Y3-6 played a more traditional version of the sport with Reception to Year 2 playing a modified version. However, all pupils took part and earned points for their house. The overall results were:

1st- Fine

2nd- Dahl

3rd-Rowling

Well done to everyone!

Message from Friends of Hopelands

For parents new to the school since 2020, we wanted to make you aware of an all-parents WhatsApp that is a handy way to hear about FoH events and share other school news and local info with the whole parent community.

If you would like to be added to this WhatsApp, please email Jess Middlemiss on <u>ilbmiddlemiss@gmail.com</u> with your phone number and she will add you.

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.

