



Newsletter 29th April

Dates for your Diary

May 3rd Year 5 parent meeting at 3.45pm

May 9th Head's Tea Party

May 17th Young Voices

June 27th Sport's Day, venue Westonbirt

July 13th Summer Show, venue Westonbirt

During the Easter holidays, Alex went to the Science Museum and was super excited to discover Amy Johnson's first plane. The children in Year 1 have been learning about people in history and all the children were fascinated to discover that Amy Johnson named her plane Jason! Well done Alex, it must be great to see such a wonderful momentum of history.



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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



Message from Mrs Bradburn

Welcome back

Welcome back to our final term before the summer break. It will be a busy term with numerous events taking place. I am delighted to confirm that we will be holding both the summer concert and sport's day at Westonbirt. The dates are for these are:

Summer Concert – 13th July, venue Westonbirt School

Sport's Day – 27th June, venue Westonbirt School

Welcome also to Ben Bassett who has joined us in Year 1.

Compliance

Sonja Jones, Richard James, and myself undertook ISA compliance training on Monday which proved extremely useful as, at 8:00 on Wednesday morning, I had a phone call announcing an ISI compliance inspector would be with us that day. I am unable to announce the outcome of the visit but will do so when the final report has been accepted by the DFE. I can, however, say that I am delighted with the outcome.

Uniform

Many of the girls have come back in the new summer dress. All we need now is for the good weather to return.

Assembly

Our theme for assembly this term is honesty. Honesty is taking responsibility for your actions and owning them. Honesty is always encouraged in school as the best way to start fixing a problem.

Garden at the back of the school

Some of the parents will remember Mrs Jane Barrett who used to teach art at Hopelands and who sadly passed away three years ago quite unexpectedly. It was one of Jane's last wishes to convert the area behind the hall into a garden full of colour and a place where the children and staff would enjoy sitting. Jane was an avid gardener. Over the Easter holidays, Jane's husband made contact. He was ready to transform the area into the garden Jane had envisaged. Keith has made a wonderful job. If you have not already been to see it, please take a few minutes to admire the work which has been done. There will be a bench added with a plaque remembering Jane's time at Hopelands. I know Jane would have been very happy with the result. A special thanks also goes to Mrs Charles who together with Keith, has been instrumental in ensuring one of Jane's last wishes has been honoured.



Hopelands Space Open Day & Incentive Scheme

We are very excited to be holding an open day – after the last few years it's great that we can once again open our doors and invite families to meet our children and look round the school. To celebrate we will be venturing into space on the 13th May. Your children will be taking part in plenty of fun activities as we push back the final frontier across the curriculum! Launching rockets, exploring space music, creating shooting stars, and preparing for lift off in our astronaut fitness programme.

Many children join Hopelands through personal recommendation, and with this in mind we would like to remind you of our **£500 Friends and Family Incentive Scheme**. This works by the following:

1. Invite your family or friends to register at Hopelands
2. Family or friends successfully enrolls (after payment of the first term's fee has been received)
3. The referring family to receive a one off £500 educational fees credit

If you do have any friends who are looking at primary school places, please feel free to let them know, we also have flyers in the office which you are welcome to take and pass them on – if someone does book a space at the open day please just ask them to also give your name at the time of booking.

Many thanks for your support, we really appreciate this. We will make sure there are lots of photos taken from the morning so you can see how the children completed their space mission! If you would also like to attend, please let me know and, depending on numbers, we will look to work out some timings, it will be lovely to see some of you there.



SPACE OPEN DAY
Friday 13 May 9.30-12.00

Book your place online at hopelands.org.uk/open-day

If you can't make our Open Day, we warmly invite you to visit for a private tour.

Call Sam Compton on 01453 822164 or email scompton@hopelands.org.uk

Hopelands Prep is a prep school for children aged 3-11 years.

Discover the difference imagination and creativity could make to your child's education. Join us as we push back the final frontier across the curriculum for our space-themed Open Day.

- ★ Use maths to calculate the distance between planets
- ★ Prepare your body for lift off in our astronaut fitness programme
- ★ Discover the physics behind launching a rocket and experience the life cycle of stars
- ★ Explore space through literature, language, and music
- ★ Create shooting stars in an astronomical art lesson

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**Hopelands
Prep School**

Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 5 and 6 both spent a fun science lesson investigating chemical reactions and physical changes.

They looked out for signs of reactions such as bubbles of gas, colour changes, changes in smell, and formation of new substances including some very unpleasant looking plastic from milk!

The children recorded their observations and explained whether they thought a chemical reaction had occurred.

A great afternoon of chemistry - Well done!



Tuesday 26th April 2022

Physical changes and chemical reactions

LO: To identify physical and chemical reactions.

Reagents	Observations	Physical change or chemical reaction	Reason for choice
Ice & heat	The solid (ice-cube) melts over the flame into liquid.	Physical change.	There are no signs of reactions or new substances.
Lemon juice & sodium carb. sol	The two liquid fizzed together.	Chemical reaction.	We could see it reacting / fizzing.
Chocolate & gentle heat	The chocolate melted over the candle. We can smell marshmallows.	Physical change. Chemical reaction.	Different colours. New scents.
Vinegar (ethanoic acid) + salt (sodium chloride)	The salt dissolved in vinegar.	The salt dissolved. physical change.	No new scents or colours.
Vinegar + baking powder.	The baking powder and vinegar fizzed together.	Chemical reaction.	New scents, fizzed Bubbles.
Cheese + heat	The cheese started to spit, sizzled and crackled + melted.	Physical & chemical.	New colours and scents.
Vitamin C & water.	Vit C & water fizzed together.	Chemical reaction.	New scents (orange) new colours.



Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

As part of our English non-fiction learning on "instructions", Year 1 children have been following instructions to make jam sandwiches. They were enjoyed by everyone.



Sensational Skulls by Mrs Trebble

A massive thank you to Mr Huertas-Mason who enthused the Year 3 and 4 class by bringing in an extensive collection of skulls and leading a fascinating Science session. The pupils had the opportunity to explore the skulls close-up and were allowed to handle all of the skulls. Well done for being so careful with them year 3 and 4.

Pupils used their knowledge of how to classify and identify animals to answer questions and help them to match up the photos of the animals with their skulls. The teams did wonderfully well, and one team even managed to correctly identify 38 out of 40 skulls. Well done scientists!

Emi certainly took on the role of fabulous assistant as she helped her father with the session and did a fantastic job of guiding the other members of the class by asking questions and giving them little hints to help them along the way.

A truly unforgettable experience!



U10 Cricket match report vs Hatherop Castle 27th April 2022

by Mr Kirby

Hatherop Castle 311 runs

Hopelands 302 runs

Hatherop Castle win by 9 runs

Layla won the toss and put Hatherop in to bat first.

On a chilly April afternoon, the U10 girls had their first experience of a cricket match this year. It was a slow steady start before Imogen took two wickets in two balls at the end of her over – it was lovely to see the delight on her face. We carried on bowling steadily with Harriet taking a wicket with a solid catch from her own bowling as the hosts were 209 after the third over (starting on 200 runs). We managed to restrict Hatherop to mostly singles before Lilly took a wicket and Layla ran out their batter with the final ball of the innings as we were left to chase 248.

Our first innings in bat started slowly as we only managed to score 207 after the 4th over. However, Harriet and Ava put on a great partnership that included two boundaries and Rowan hit an enormous six with the penultimate ball of the innings as we finished on 240.

Hatherop came out more aggressively in the second innings and started to clock up the runs before Hannah took a wicket in the 6th over with a fantastic bowl. It was always looking like it was going to be close as we restricted the singles, but Hatherop took risks with some big hits which found the boundary. Eva nearly got a maiden over with her final over as the hosts set us a target of 311 going into our second innings.

After listening to advice in the interval, Martha and Ava took no time in chasing down the target as they both managed to score a four in their partnership, as did Harriet, as we were 273 after the 4th over. Rowan cleared the rope for six, Layla neatly struck a four as we were 299 with two overs to go. It was going to be an extremely close finish! With four balls left we were on 307, needing five to win. Unfortunately, a fantastic bowl taking out middle stump, meant we finished the match on 302, losing by nine runs. However, the girls learned a great deal about how cricket is played and will certainly be ready for their next match as we travel to Berkhamstead for what should be another close encounter.

Well done to Ava who was selected player of the match.

U10 Cricket match report by Mr Kirby



EYFS by Miss Hurley

On the last day of term the children in EYFS released their butterflies into the wild. The children have had a fantastic time observing the caterpillar/butterfly life cycle, they have expanded their vocabulary to include words such as metamorphosis, helped understand changes in nature and enjoyed watching them fly gracefully out of the net. What a fantastic learning experience for them all! A big hank you to Mrs Stevenson for helping us to release the butterflies when Miss Hurley felt too squeamish!

