



Hopelands Preparatory School

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Newsletter 20th May

Dates for your Diary

May 21st Science & Engineering Challenge – 4 pupils

May 25th Cricket at Wycliffe – Y3 & 4

May 25th Summer music showcase

May 27th Jubilee Day & Visit from Siobhan Baillie

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School Meals

Please note after half term the school lunch menu will start on week 3. All lunch order will be carried forward.

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

PE Tracksuit bottoms & top – Emi Huertas-Mason

School Jumper – Sebby Tangye



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Message from Mrs Bradburn

Over half term, we will be celebrating the queen's jubilee. We, at Hopelands, would like to join in the celebrations in anticipation of the event. Next Friday, the children can come to school in clothes of, white, and blue. There will be a special assembly that day to explain to the children the significance of the occasion. We will also be holding classroom quizzes. Siobhan Baillie, the MP for Stroud, is also coming to visit the children. We should all have a wonderful day.



Independent School of the Year

At the beginning of the summer term, we received the fantastic news that Hopelands had been shortlisted in the **So Glos Awards for Independent School of the Year**. For a small school this is a great achievement, and we are incredibly proud to have made it through to the final.

Winners are determined through public votes, and we would love you to vote for us, we are up against large schools, so every vote really does count. The voting is open until the 31st May:

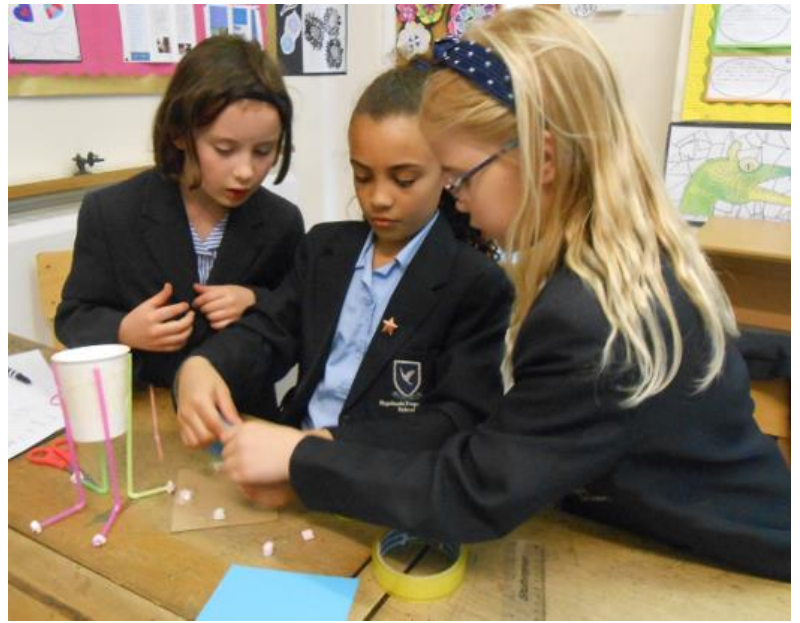
<https://www.soglos.com/awards-lifestyle>

Thank you for your support with this.

The poster is a promotional graphic for the 'Vote FOR US!' campaign. It features a blue and yellow color scheme. On the left, there is a logo for 'visit gloucestershire' and the 'So Glos' logo. Below these is the 'GLA 2022' logo, with 'GLOUCESTERSHIRE LIFESTYLE AWARDS 2022' written underneath. The central text reads 'Vote FOR US!' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'We've been shortlisted for Independent School of the Year 2022'. On the right, it mentions 'Category sponsor Brave' with the Brave logo. At the bottom, it asks to 'Please vote for us at soglos.com/awards-lifestyle by Tuesday 31 May 2022' and includes the hashtag '#SGGLA'.

Science by Mrs Trebble

Teamwork was order of the day on the Open Day morning as year 3 and 4 were set the task of planning, designing, building, testing, modifying, and making improvements to their very own lunar landers. Everyone showed great creativity, determination and they discussed their ideas fantastically with each other although some did have to 'sell' their ideas more than others! The pupils took careful measurements to ensure a fair test, and we finished off the lesson with a competition to see which group's lunar landers and astronauts (marshmallows) would survive.



Science by Mrs Trebble



Design & Technology by Mrs Jobanputra

As part of Design and Technology learning on 'Sensational Salads', Year 1 have been doing some salad tasting. We evaluated salads containing root vegetables and wrote down how manufacturers can make improvements to them. This will help us design our own salads going forward in our topic.



Match Report by Mr Kirby

Thankfully, the sun came out on Monday afternoon following weather reports of rain, thunder, and lightening, meaning our U10 girls and U11 girls could travel to Berkhamstead to play three cricket matches. I know some of the pupils were nervous, having not played much cricket this term, but everyone had a great time, and their cricket will have certainly improved for the experience.

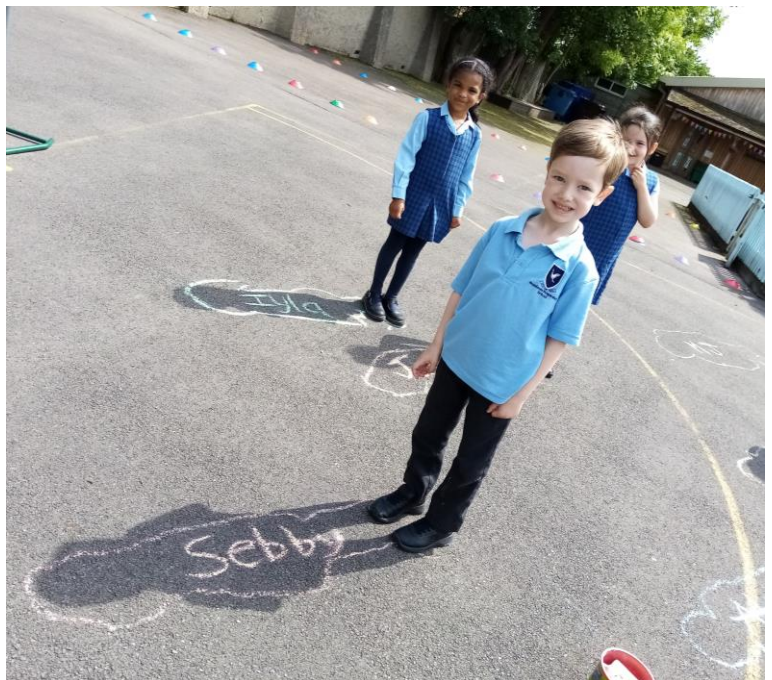
As in so many sports, it was the little things that made the difference. Berkhamstead's wicket keepers were quick with the stumpings and anything down their leg side was going for a boundary. We will be working on fielding after half term to help avoid the overthrows and will continue to improve our bowling and batting. Cricket is a funny game as, in the 'A' team, Berkhamstead commented on the quality of our bowling, meaning they had a chance to hit the ball when in bat! However, this is a complement to the girls who have not had many lessons and have worked hard to get to where they are.

We didn't manage to get a win, but a few girls deserve a mention: Ava for a wonderful catch on the boundary; Matilda for hitting three fours from three balls; Imogen for her perseverance and maturity and Eva for being the standout member of the 'B' team as mentioned from our opposition's teacher. Well done to everyone.

The girls will travel to Rendcomb after half-term (with the boys) for their next cricket fixture.

Science by Mrs Jobanputra

As part of our weather topic in science, year 1 have been exploring shadows. We have been learning about why we get shadows and what happens to our shadow at different points during the day.



Fimo mini-modelling Club by Mrs Stevenson

As a treat for focusing so hard during their SATs last week and being outstanding during our Open Day, Year 6 had a taste of the ever-popular Fimo mini-modelling club.

They made 'Leavers' keyrings to remind them of their time at Hopelands when they have moved on to the next chapter in their education. They made a huge variety of lovely designs. Here are just a few of them.



Young Voices by Mrs Powell

Year 5 and 6 have been working hard since September learning all the different songs and medleys for the Young Voices concert and some of them in different languages. We were all very excited to eventually visit the World Resorts arena for our concert this week, after the concerts were postponed in January. All the children were impeccably behaved and were a credit to Hopelands. We had a very busy and tiring day and evening singing but it was so worth it - an experience to remember for a lifetime!



Maths by Mrs Elmore

On Wednesday 18th May, KS2 children participated in the setting of a new Guinness World Record! As part of National Numeracy Day, schools across the country were invited to take part in the UK's biggest ever live number roll. Number rolling is a catchy call-and-response chant with accompanying actions that help children feel good about numbers. Via the magic of live streaming, National Numeracy ambassadors Katya Jones and Bobby Seagull guided us through a brand new 5 times table number roll to celebrate National Numeracy Day's 5th birthday. With that, a Guinness World record attempt was more than met; the organisers were aiming for 1500 live streamers; the total was more than 5,000! Promoting maths that day was all about building positivity and number confidence for children across the nation, at home and at school.

There are plenty more activities and videos to share with your children. For more information, head: <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/numeracyday/children>



Music Showcase by Mrs Powell

Mrs Powell has emailed a letter with details about our Music Showcase on Wednesday 24th May for all children who have instrumental lessons in or outside of school. If your child has lessons outside school and they would like to be involved please contact Mrs Powell for details ASAP, thank you.

Space Open Day

Last Friday the whole school ventured into space. The classrooms were changed into planets and there was a host of activities including: launching rockets, baking space biscuits, creating moon mice, playing space music, painting shooting stars, exercising at an Astronauts fitness camp, and moulding planets out of plasticine.

All the children were fantastic, and their smiles were evident at how much fun they had. A special thank you must go to every member of Year 6 who showed the families around with enthusiasm and politeness, many people commented at how kind, positive and lovely they were, well done Year 6!

The families who visited all remarked at what a happy school Hopelands is. They were especially impressed by the level of teaching, the nurturing environment and the incredible displays of art. Here is a link to our website to see a short video capturing some of the moments: [Open Days | Hopelands Preparatory School](#)



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