



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> October

October			
17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30-11.30	Flu Immunisation – All Years	
17 <sup>th</sup>	3.45	Bake & Book Sale after school	
18 <sup>th</sup>		Author Visit – C.C.Brampton	
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 9.20	Year 2 Assembly – Year 2 parents welcome	
19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
19 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	STEM Day at Wycliffe	Y4, 5 and 6
Half Term			
31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Day		
November			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30 – 4.30pm	Hockey at St Edwards	Y5 & 6 Girls
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3pm	Tea with the Head Teachers – all parents welcome	
4 <sup>th</sup>		Halloween Disco	

### In this week's newsletter:

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### Please keep an eye out for the following lost Property:

Book Bag – Anthony Tiptaft  
School Coat, school jumper, water bottle &  
football boots – Joshua Wratten

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## Message from the Headteachers

Dear Parents,

The last few weeks have just flown by, and it is hard to believe that this is already the last edition of our newsletter for this half term. Autumn has truly descended on us all. It is a time to admire beautiful colours, a time of transformation and a chance to take a minute to pause and reflect.

Harvest is always the first whole school celebration of the year, and it was lovely to welcome so many of you today to our wonderful school for our harvest assembly. We thoroughly enjoyed some cheerful music being played by our talented pianists, autumnal poems being recited and our youngest children performing *Scarecrow, Scarecrow*. Being on stage can be truly daunting, especially for our younger children and we are immensely proud of their good spirits, resilience, and hard work. It all culminated in a very happy whole school choir performance of 'The Harvest Song'. All this on our harvest themed decorated stage in our school hall showcasing the beautiful Cups of Kindness Ms White has created with the children over the last few weeks. Having parents and family attend occasions like these is just wonderful as it turns these events into true occasions and much more meaningful experiences for our children. They cherish these for a long time to come as it is extra special when they know their families have come to watch them.

Everything we do at Hopelands is based on that triangle of children – families – staff. We know that joining these three elements together well, allows us all to create a truly special education for our pupils. Our harvest celebration today was a fine example of this. Please can we thank you for your kind and generous donations which we know will be very welcome indeed by the Foodbank and the people in crisis they serve.

We are pleased to announce that the hard work of our pupils, who during the summer term planted planters on the village green and painted butterfly paintings has had the desired impact. Last week the Stonehouse in Bloom team won the silver gilt at the final of the 'National Britain in Bloom 2022' competition. The butterfly paintings are on display on the High Street, please take a look when you have a moment. Thank you to Mrs Compton, Imogen & Layla who met with the judges during the summer holidays, it clearly paid off!

Earlier this week, World Mental Health Day took place. The theme was to '**Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority**'. The Hopelands' ethos is founded on the key principle of having happy, confident, and independent young learners. We strive to ensure happiness and resilience for all our children, and positive mental health is integral to this. It comes as no surprise that we supported this important day throughout the school. Our pupils took part in several activities including designing worry dolls, drawing a helter-skelter of their emotions and the positive ways of dealing with stress, and investigating ways to keep our minds healthy. In response to this year's campaign, we have set up a Positivity Postbox that we hope brings moments of happiness and positivity to all in our community.

On this note we wish you a very happy autumnal half term break. We are already looking forward to seeing all our pupils in costumes on Halloween Day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October when we return to school.

Mrs Sonja Jones & Mrs Maria Boix

Joint Headteachers





## Reception by Mrs L Jones

The EYFS children have been out on an adventure looking for signs of Autumn. They went on a walk around the school grounds to see all the exciting things they could discover.

The children then studied photographs of sculptures created by the artist Andy Goldsworthy and made comments on what they could see and what natural materials he used to create his artwork. They created their own Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork using autumn leaves, conkers and other natural materials. Well done Reception!







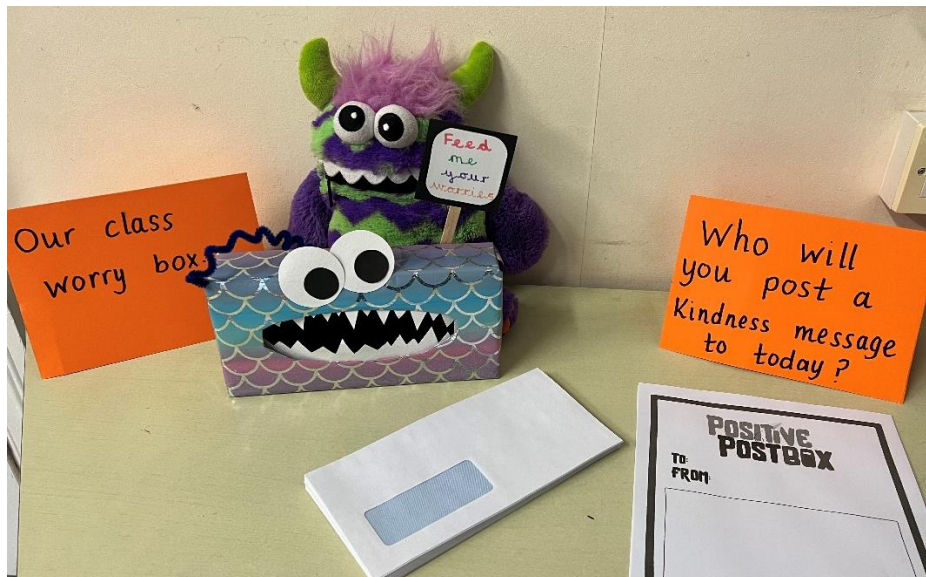


## Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

As part of World Mental Health Day, the children took part in a discussion on how they can look after themselves. This was linked to their current topic "All About Me". We looked at different ways you can have a happy and healthy mind, body, and heart.



Year 1 also have a station where they can feed any concerns they may have to their worry monster, and also write messages of kindness for the Positive Postbox.



## Year 2 by Miss Cook

Year 2 enjoyed watching 'The Huge Bag of Worries' on World Mental Health Day. This is a fantastic story which explores emotions and wellbeing. Afterwards we talked about why it is important to share our worries, and how this can help.



We then talked about how worry dolls can help, and everyone had fun creating their own colourful dolls, we think they look fab!





## Year 3 by Mrs Boix

### Harvest Live Session with Y3

Last week, Year 3 joined hundreds of other children from other schools in the Harvest LIVE lesson run by NFU: carbon crunching carrots. They learned about how carrots are grown and industrially processed until they get to our hands. They took part in a discussion on the effect of different types of soil on carrot growth, which very fortunately linked to their current topic in science, Rocks. They enjoyed learning and thinking about how a zero-waste process can be created. Daisy liked spotting a shout out to Hopelands!





## Year 3 by Mrs Stevenson

Year 3 continued their learning about rocks and soils. Last week, we set up an experiment to separate our soil samples into different components and this week we investigated the types of soil.

Depending on whether our samples were sandy, loam or clay soil, the children could make different shapes out of the soil samples. Sandy soil just made a crumbly pile, loam could be formed into a sausage but not a circle and clay could be made into a smooth doughnut shape. Our samples varied from fairly sandy to a lovely gooey clay soil!

Many thanks to the staff for providing our samples and well done to Year 3 for working so sensibly on such a fun experiment.





## Year 4 & 5 by Mrs Trebble

### First Aid Champions

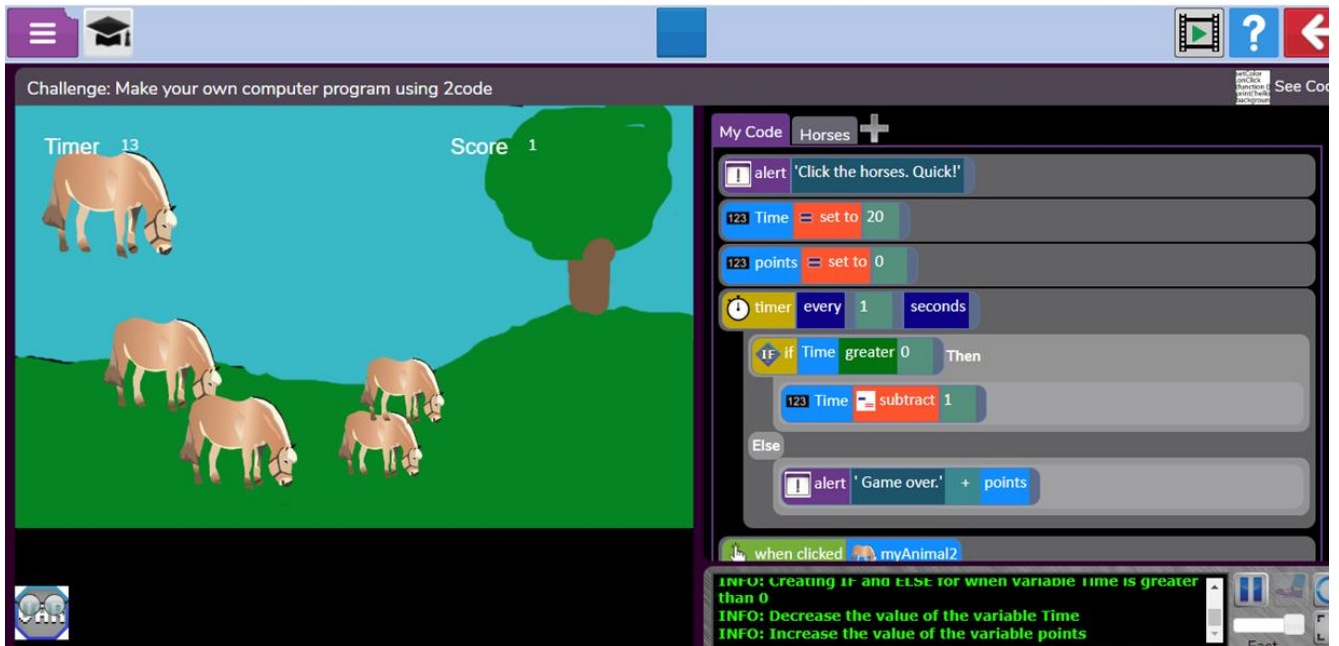
Year 4 and 5 learned what to do in the case of bleeding. They thought about how to distinguish between a small and a large bleed and the treatment for both. They then worked in pairs to practise coming to each other's aid by putting bandages on one another.



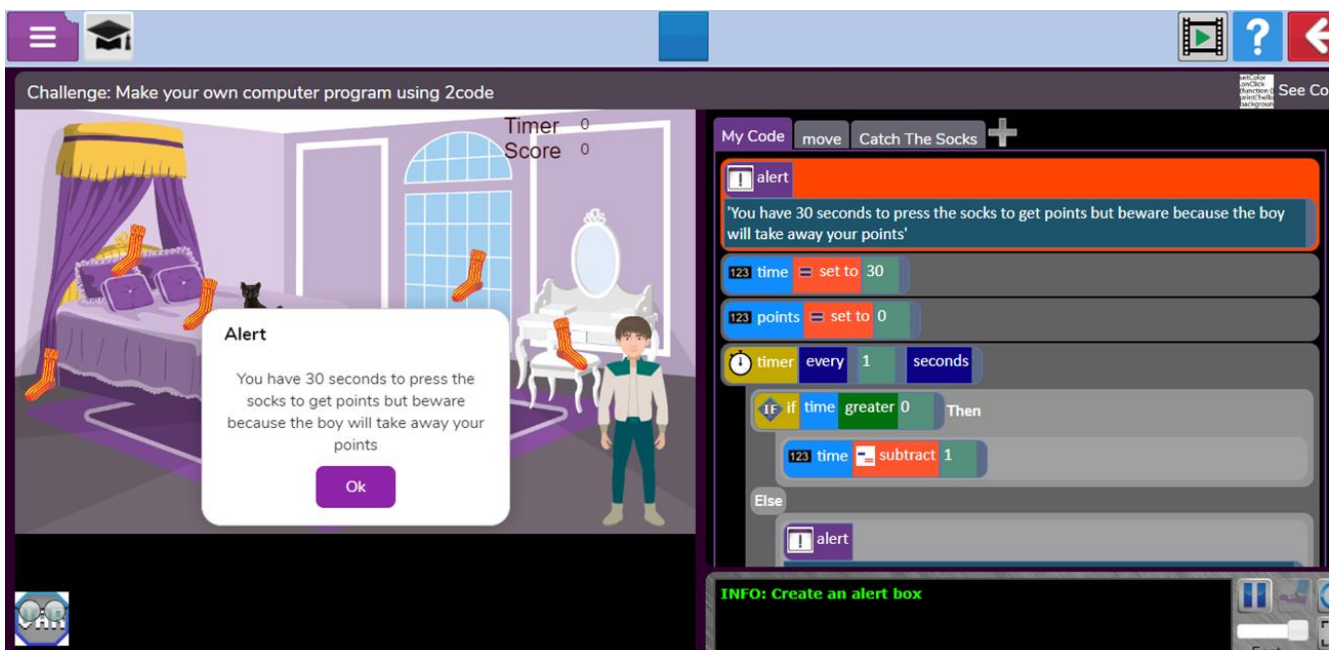
## Year 6 by Miss Porter

This term, Year 6 have been learning how to use computer code to code their own interactive games. They have learned how to include timers, score pads and moving variables to create an interactive point-based game. They also learned how to problem solve through 'debugging'. Each finished game is unique but challenging and most importantly, enjoyable to play! Well done Year 6!

### Rowan's horse race game:



### Ava's Collect the Socks Game:





## Art by Miss White

Every pupil, from Reception to Year 6, had a wonderful time expressing themselves with acrylic paint. Using recycled materials as the 'canvas', our talented pupils transformed two empty spaces into something very special, using Daisy's fab idea of trees being our true heroes. This idea developed into an amazing painting that captures the strength of trees and the superpowers they have, including the bold colours and joyful images of flowers and a cape wearing tree. An incredible team effort and lots of happy smiles - well done everyone!

















## Forest School by Mrs Trebble

It was a delight to see the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoying the great outdoors at Westonbirt and sporting healthy rosy cheeks! They had a wonderful time in the fresh air, playing a special hide and seek game and hunted around the area to search for natural materials to attach to their pinecones or toilet rolls to create 'aliens'.









## Match Report by Mr Kirby

What a Friday afternoon we had at Berkhamstead with end-to-end tag rugby in two extremely close games! Our pupils from Y3 and Y4 can all be extremely proud of themselves as they were a credit to the school. Their behaviour, manners and rugby skills were very impressive and neither I, nor Mrs Lord could have asked for more.

The two matches finished 21-19 and 15-12, both in the favour of Berkhamstead but scoring 31 tries is exceptional - very well done! The support play had improved from the festival at Hatherop Castle and the desire to 'tag' our opponents was there for us all to see. If we could look to keep a 'flat wall' when defending, it will prove even tougher for our opponents to break through. I am pleased to say there were very few errors from either team, which is extremely encouraging for pupils of this age. It is unfair to name individuals as they all contributed to what was a lovely afternoon, especially as we just missed the rain!



## Gardening by Mrs Charles

After half term, with the children in my Individualised Learning session, we will be attempting to build a bug hotel! This will be a great experience for the children, they will learn about the natural environment, whilst also building physical and team skills. Once constructed, everyone will be able to watch our new 'Hopelands Hotel' residents! Insects need safe places all year round, but particularly in winter when they are at their most vulnerable

I have sourced a few wooden pallets which will form the main structure, but I would be grateful if any families could see if they had any of the following which they would be happy to donate. Thank you for your support with this.

- Small terracotta pots & broken terracotta pots
- Bits of pipes i.e., drainpipe off cuts
- Smaller plastic piping
- Straw (a shopping bag full)
- Old roof tiles
- Logs
- Bamboo canes
- Assortment of twigs & winter off cuts
- Bricks (the type with holes in them)





## Individualised Learning - Gardening by Mrs Charles

This week in IL gardening sessions we have carved pumpkins and the children had great fun hollowing out the slimy pumpkins 🥰

The children then gathered the seeds which we intend to dry and store away ready to plant up next spring in the hope that this time next year Hopelands will have their own pumpkins to pick & carve. How exciting would that be!



Earlier on in the term in one of our IL gardening sessions, the children had great fun tasting a variety of apples and then collecting all their seeds. They took great care planting these into their own little plant pots and tended to them carefully over the next few weeks. When the seeds started to germinate, they were so excited to see the tiny little seedlings which they had grown.

The children have now taken their pots home with their very own tiny apple trees in them! They will all continue to care for them on their kitchen windowsill where they will hopefully continue to grow in the sun light & warmth. Please do let me know how they get on!





## Notices

**Message from Miss Porter:** A reminder that on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, we are holding a Halloween Day for the pupils. The day will have a literacy focus and centre around creative writing, poetry sessions and other ghoulish lessons! In the afternoon, we will all come together and share our work for the day and celebrate our spooktacular creations and writing in an assembly of the whole school.

As well as this, we would love for the children to come dressed up (in Halloween or any other costume if Halloween is not something you would like to celebrate) in their scariest costumes to get their imaginations going! There will also be a Halloween short story competition which will be launched by our Rowling house captain, Imogen Hunter. The deadline to enter will be on 31<sup>st</sup> October, giving the children time to write their short stories in half term if they wish. The stories should be no longer than an A4 page and can be emailed to me or handed in.

**Message from the NHS:** COVID vaccines - how to access first or second doses for children aged 5-17

It isn't too late for children to access a COVID vaccination if they haven't already completed their course.

Children are eligible for:

- First or second dose – Children aged 5 to 11 (paediatric dose Pfizer)
- First or second doses – Children aged 12-17 (Pfizer)
- Third primary dose – Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose), anyone aged 12+ who is severely immunocompromised (Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose)
- Autumn booster - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose), anyone aged 12-17 who is severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose)

\*Children aged 5-15 inclusive must wait 12 weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

\*\*people aged 16 or over must wait four weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

To access a vaccination, contact your GP Practice for advice on how to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre, use the national booking system to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or the JabVan at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital ([www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination) or call 119), or look out for drop-in clinics on the local COVID information portal.

Please make sure to carefully check eligibility before taking your child to a drop-in clinic; depending on their age they may only have specific vaccines which will not always be available at every clinic.

More information about the COVID vaccines for children and young people is available [here](#).



## Notices

### From Friends of Hopelands:

Bale & Book Sale Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3.45pm. No Nut products please!

Please help us to raise money for the school by baking your favourite treats and bringing in the books (children and adults), you no longer need. Grab something sweet and find yourself something new and exciting to read. Any books we don't sell will be used to raise funds at a later date, so you don't need to worry about taking them home again. As for the cakes – we don't think there will be any left at the end of the day!

Halloween Disco - Please note the deadline for payment for the Halloween tickets is 31st October, thank you.

