



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> November

November			
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>		UK Parliament Week	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Year 1 visit to Stonehouse Vets	
16 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 – 5pm	Rugby Match at Rendcomb	Year 5
16 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, Y2 and Y3
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day		
18 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs – Individuals & Siblings		
18 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 4pm	Rugby Match at King’s	Year 5 boys
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, Y2 and Y3
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.45 – 3pm	Singing at the Community Centre	Y4, 5 & 6
25 <sup>th</sup>		Masterclass with Olympic athlete	
30 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, Y2 and Y3
30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 – 9pm	Wreath Making with Friends of Hopelands	
December			
7 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, Y2 and Y3
12 <sup>th</sup>	4.15pm	Key Stage 2 Christmas Show – Parents Welcome	
13 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Nativity – Parents Welcome	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Activity Day & Christmas Lunch!		

### In this week's newsletter:

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Congratulations  
Notices

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

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

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## Message from the Headteachers

Dear Parents,

There are many highlights again this week at Hopelands which we cannot wait to tell you about and are confident you will enjoy reading.

We wanted to start by thanking Friends of Hopelands for the amazing effort they make to add a pinch of extra excitement to the children's school life, and the funds they raise along the way to support some wonderful initiatives for all our pupils. The children had a fabulous time with many of their friends at the Halloween Disco last Friday and we know FOH are already busy planning the next sprinkle of fun!

This week, once again, our pupils have had the opportunity to learn outside the classroom on the grounds of Westonbirt School. Our youngest year groups enormously enjoyed their Forest School Day at Westonbirt's Spinney. You will love the pictures in this newsletter but please also look out for the video on our social media channels. On the same day our Year 5 took part in an engaging and fun space immersion day – the Westonbirt Earth and Space Day! A very hands-on experience, exploring, experimenting, and getting stuck into the topic. This feels like a good moment to tell you how very proud we are of our pupils for their exemplary behaviour and excellent contributions.

For many weeks we have now run our Individualised Learning (IL) Programme, which we introduced this academic year, and it is time to share with you our views on its success. The initiative was conceived to recognise the fact that everybody is great at something and offer our pupils the opportunity to further develop some of their interests, gain support in areas where a need is recognised and extend our pupils' thinking and skills, and social, personal and emotional development. We are enormously happy to tell you that we are successfully achieving the personal development aims and educational goals we set out to accomplish. Not only that, but the children are also loving their daily IL slots! In conversation with the children, we hear so often from them how much they look forward to their ILs. A brilliant outcome so far and, of course, we continue to think of ways to make the offer as exciting as we possibly can whilst ensuring our aims continue to be achieved. We trust you will enjoy learning more about the IL Programme in this newsletter, as well as next week's edition.

Today, of course, is Remembrance Day which we honoured in assembly as well as by holding a 2 mins silence at 11am outside the school to remember those who have died in the World Wars. We followed the silence by listening to The Last Post together. Once again, we were impressed how respectful the children were, even the youngest ones managed to stay silent throughout.

Next week is Parliament Week and Anti-Bullying Week and we already look forward to reporting back on those topics. We are also just one week away from welcoming the Olympic athlete Jordan Hart who will be visiting us and we will, together, strenuously climb Mt Everest!! We very much look forward to the ascent and will, during the week leading to the event, share our enthusiasm and work with the children in pursuit of our common goal of reaching the summit!

This week the time has also come to say a temporary farewell – luckily only temporarily – to Miss Cook, our Year 2 teacher who has now gone on maternity leave. We wish her very well and of course a safe and speedy arrival of her second child. I know we will be on the edge of our seats nearer the expected time of his/her arrival.

Have a wonderful weekend.





## Reception by Mrs Jones

This week the EYFS children have been learning about Remembrance Day and why people wear poppies. We then created our own poppies to make a beautiful window display.





## Reception Art by Miss White

EYFS Falling Leaves and Autumn Fun! Our gorgeous Reception class had the most wonderful time in Art, playing with printmaking and getting thoroughly messy! Using lino cut leaves, pupils learned how to roll ink over them and to print as a large group to create a wonderful Autumn image that is now taking pride of place in their classroom. Top marks for enthusiasm and huge happy smiles!





## Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

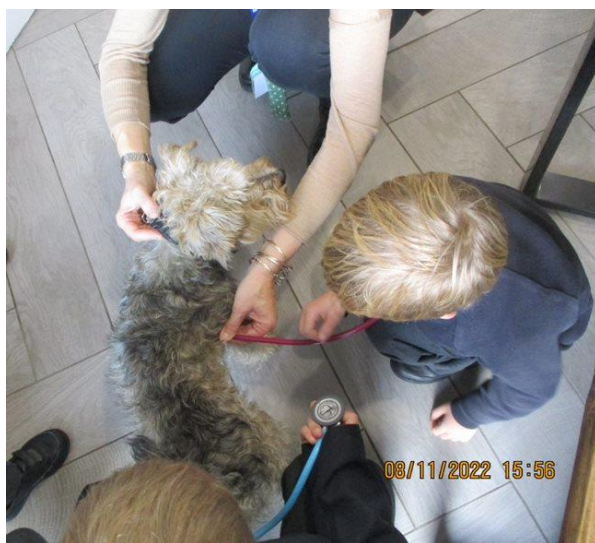
In history the Year 1 children are learning about Remembrance Day. As part of their home learning, the children had to conduct some research on Remembrance Day and design a creative Poppy. The children have taken so much care and shown amazing creativity in designing their Poppies and they all look beautiful. Well done Year 1!





## Year 2 by Miss Cook

This week we had a wonderful visit to Stonehouse Vets. We enjoyed listening through stethoscopes, finding out how to take a dog's temperature and even discovering how to separate blood and plasma. Thank you to Mr Garrido for providing such a fascinating and fun insight and to Pili, his ever patient and gorgeous dog!



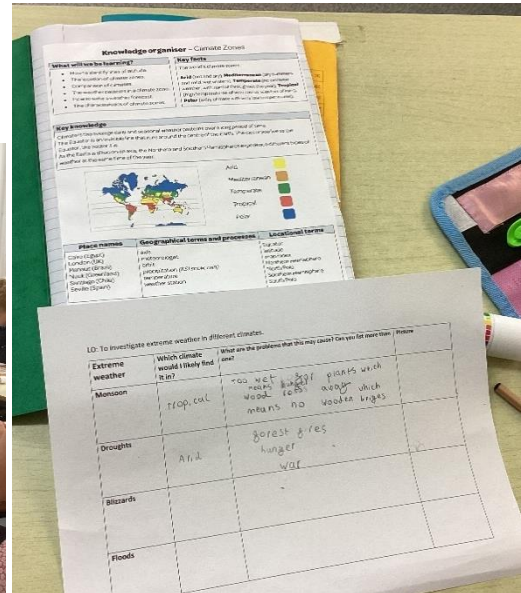
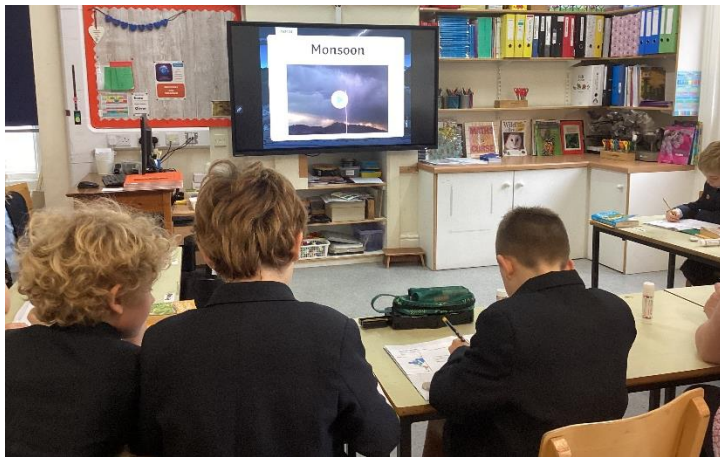






## Year 3 by Mrs Best

In Geography Year 3 are learning about the climate and the extreme weather conditions caused by the different climates. Through discussion and studying several references, they are understanding and realising the problems this can cause people and the wider communities.



## Year 4 and 5 by Mr Kirby

On Friday Years 4 and 5 had a fun PE lesson testing their fitness levels by playing noughts & crosses! Working in their teams they raced to the hoops to see if they could beat their opponents. The children really enjoyed using both their physical and mental skills and it was a highly competitive lesson!





## Year 5 by Mrs Stevenson

On Thursday, Year 5 had a fantastic day out at Westonbirt Earth and Space Day. The children learned about meteors and did an experiment looking at what affects the size of an impact crater. We also tried to make a human model of the solar system to visualise the distances involved which was a bit of a challenge!

The highlight of the trip was getting inside the 'Explorer Dome' - a mobile planetarium and space show. The children learned about the stars that are easily visible in the night sky and how to spot various well-known constellations such as The Summer Triangle (best seen in autumn!), The Plough, Cygnus The Swan and Orion's belt. It's forecast clear this Saturday so if you get a chance to get out stargazing, Year 5 might be able to teach you something.

A super day out and excellent contributions from the Hopelands' children - Well done.









## Year 6 PE by Mr Kirby

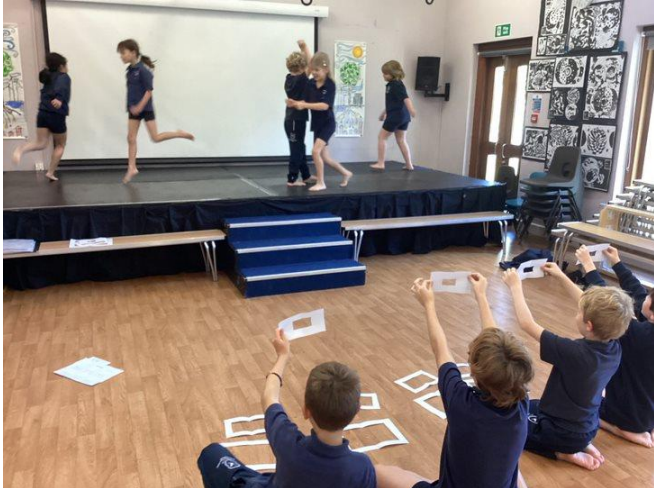
Year 6 have started their rugby campaign during PE lessons which will run until the end of term. They remembered the rules for passing and put this into practice with a passing drill before using their skills in a match. They showed a good understanding of an attacking arrow when starting in possession of the ball and had a solid flat line when defending, making it difficult for the opposition to break through. A great start, well done girls!





## Dance by Mrs Holloway

In dance we have continued planning the dance videos we are creating this term. We used different sized 'lenses' to see what is seen when zooming in on different parts of the dance. This will help us highlight specific elements of the dances when filming and editing them.





## Forest School by Mrs Trebble

The children had a wonderful time exploring the surroundings and enjoying the great outdoors at Forest School. They loved toasting marshmallows over the fire and eating the delicious S'mores. They were very busy as they used their imagination to make bug hotels, build dens and some also gathered leaves and twigs to play tic tac toe.









## Individualised Learning by Mrs Jobanputra

### Online Safety

The objective for this IL slot is to enhance the children's knowledge on online safety. Through a series of videos and quizzes we started by understanding the impact that sharing digital content can have, and the importance of children's responsibility for their online behaviour. We then looked at using SMART rules as a source of guidance when online, and the children created comic strips using the iPads to demonstrate this, here is Daniel's:

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S is for safe. Never give out personal info to strangers online.



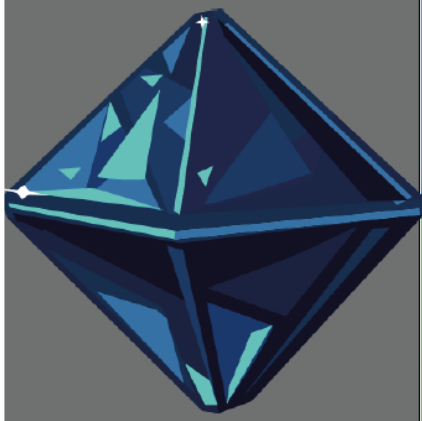
**M**

M is for meet. Never meet up with anyone you find online.



**A**

A is for accepting. Don't open emails from people who you don't know



**R**

R is for reliable, don't believe anything anything you see online.



**T**

T is for tell, if you get an online safety problem, tell a guardian or a trusted adult.



For the remainder of the term our focus will be on the following:

**Protecting Privacy:** Learning the importance of secure passwords and the impact of sharing appropriate and inappropriate texts, photographs and videos

**Citing Sources:** The importance to search the Internet with a consideration for the reliability of the results of sources to check validity and understand the impact of incorrect information.

**Reliability:** Understand the advantages and disadvantages of different forms of communication and when it is appropriate to use each











## Individualised Learning by Mrs Holloway

### Dice Games

We have been playing dice games - Yahtzee and Farkle. Both require the player to spot patterns in the dice thrown. They then need to make decisions on how to progress with their subsequent throws, taking into consideration the odds of rolling certain numbers, what they need to get the most points in a game and how much risk they want to take. There are also tactics involved, alongside mental mathematics and taking turns.

#### HOW TO SCORE FARKLE

	= 100 pts		= 50 pts
	= 300 pts	<b>Four of a kind</b>	= 1000 pts
	= 200 pts	<b>Five of a kind</b>	= 2000 pts
	= 300 pts	<b>Six of a kind</b>	= 3000 pts
	= 400 pts	<b>1 - 6 Straight</b>	= 1500 pts
	= 500 pts	<b>3 pairs</b>	= 1500 pts
	= 600 pts	<b>4 of a kind + 1 pair</b>	= 1500 pts
		<b>2 triplets</b>	= 2500 pts

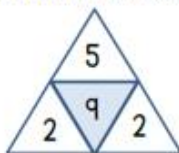
## Individualised Learning by Mrs Jobanputra

### Mathematical Problem Solving and Reasoning (KS1)

Problem solving in maths is finding a way to apply knowledge and skills when you must answer unfamiliar types of problems. In these sessions the children engage in a variety of Maths problems and puzzles. See below some examples of the kind of problems or puzzles we are working on.

#### Number Puzzles

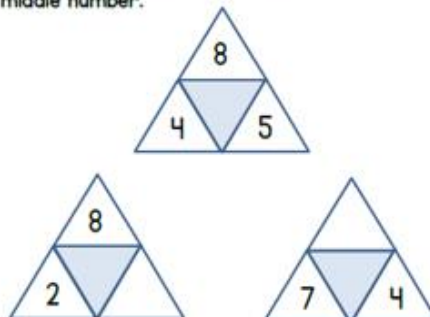
1 Here is a number puzzle.



The number in the middle is found by

- Multiplying the two bottom corner numbers together
- Then add on the top number

These three diagrams all have the same middle number.



Work out the missing numbers.

Here is part of a number square.

5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17		
25				

Add together the two numbers that would be in the shaded squares.



## Individualised Learning by Miss White

### Charity and Art in the Community

Our gorgeous Year 3's had lots of fun painting a super huge Everest image to help Mr Kirby's 'Champions' fundraising after half term. Lots of lovely acrylic paint and big brush strokes helped the pupils recycle a marketing banner into something special. Fabulous team effort each step of the way!



## Individualised Learning by Mrs Boix

### Logical Puzzles



Some children from Years 1 and 2 have been working on problems with interesting contexts. This helps to practise their arithmetic skills and start developing some mathematical skills such as thinking systematically. It also helps them develop strategies that ensure the finding of all possibilities.

They have been working in pairs, using manipulatives and concrete resources to support their thinking and presenting and discussing their results.

It is a true joy to see their thinking and how they self-correct in the process. Well done!

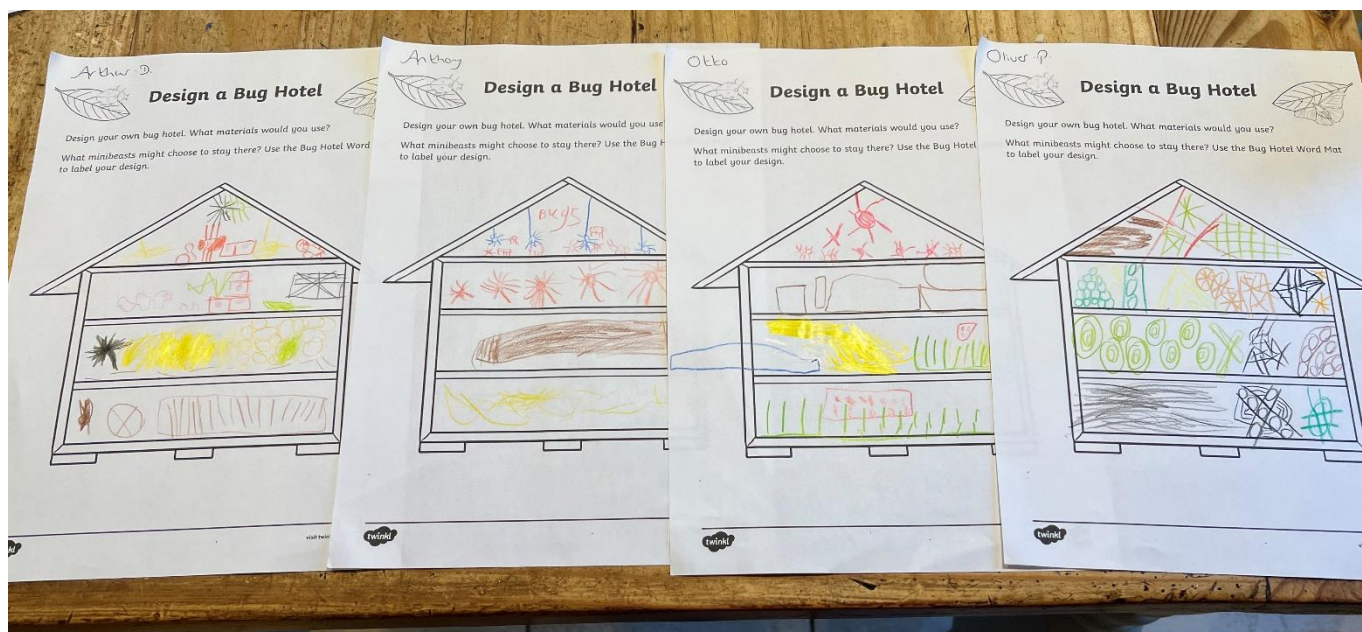


## Individualised Learning by Mrs Charles

### Gardening

This week in Mrs Charles' IL gardening group the children have been designing the school Bug Hotel!

We have looked at the different materials we will use and discussed which mini beasts might choose to come and live in our hotel. By using the bug hotel word map, the children created fantastic designs ensuring that every part of the bug hotel would be enticing for the many bugs out there.





## School Council

Our pupils' experiences matter to us, and we want to know their opinions and suggestions to make their school days as enjoyable as possible. This week the School Council met to discuss ideas for Christmas and the forthcoming Children in Need Day. Having a School Council provides opportunities for pupils to communicate their feelings as well as influence decisions that are made within school. This helps develop their confidence, communication, problem solving and negotiation skills.



### School Council Autumn 2022:

YR Brendan Morrison

Y1 Oliver Pendrell-Warren

Y2 Alexandra Keith

Y3 Joshua Wratten

Y4 Arthur Crane

Y5 Florence Hasinski

Y6 Lilly Ransley-Hayes

## Remembrance Service by Miss White

Remembrance Sunday is this Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Miss White will be meeting the Head pupils (and any other member of the school who wish to join us, everyone is very welcome) outside the Woolpack in Stonehouse at 11.40am. School uniform is to be worn, and we will join the British Legion Parade to the Stonehouse War Memorial to lay a poppy wreath. This annual event is very special and helps us to remember those who gave their lives to protect us.





## Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of term, we will be holding a Christmas activity day including a festive lunch with delicious food, music and crackers.

Please see the below menu, if your child/children would like a Christmas lunch can you please let the office know by the 18<sup>th</sup> November. For everyone who has already pre ordered their lunches I would be grateful if you could also confirm your choices, thank you.

The cost of this meal will be £3.50 and will be added to your extras invoice which will be sent out at the end of term.



## Everest Challenge by Mr Kirby

1 week to go!! By the time the next newsletter goes out, the deadline will have passed for any fundraising forms to be returned to school (to the office or Mr Kirby). Thank you to those who have already returned theirs and I am sure we'll get many more next week. Our Mount Everest is up in the hall (thanks Miss White) ready for us to start climbing on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November and more details will be sent out next week regarding how you can start 'to climb our way to success.'

For those who have donated online, can you please make this clear on the forms so I can link the donations to the right person when it comes to awarding the prizes. Many thanks and good luck with one final push.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hopelands>



## Congratulations!

Well done to Rowan who was a runner up in the recent STEM competition, which Renishaw ran in conjunction with the Stroud book festival.

Rowan completed a worksheet where she filled in each letter with pictures that show what each of the STEM letters means to her, she also wrote what her favourite things about STEM were.

The prize was tickets to see Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the author of 'Am I made of Stardust'. Congratulations Rowan!



## Notices

### Online Safety Questionnaire – message from Mrs Jobanputra

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed our Online Safety Survey. I understand that there have been a few problems where once you have answered “no” to a question, subsequent questions haven’t been skipped, so my apologies for this.

If you haven’t completed this, please can you take out some time to submit this. The deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

[Online Safety Questionnaire Hopelands Parents](#)

Please be assured that this is an anonymous survey. Once I have received all the responses, I will look to share the findings with you in our computing newsletter.

Thank you for your support.



### **Christmas Performance at the Community Centre**

Mrs Powell recently sent out a letter to all Key Stage 2 parents about the choir singing at the Teckels Animal Sanctuary Fun Day and Dog Show. This is taking place at Stonehouse Community Centre on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. If any more Key Stage 2 children would like to go along, can you please let Mrs Powell know, of course everyone is welcome to so the younger children can watch them and have some fun at the dog show.

### **School Photographs**

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure your child/children come into school wear their full school uniform.



### **Families Magazine**

Here is the link to the Christmas issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#)

Included in this issue is:

- Westonbirt's Christmas light trail
- Santa's Lapland Word Search
- Free Weebles toy
- Top Advent Calendar picks
- Get greener this Christmas
- Eco Christmas gift guide