



Hopelands Preparatory School

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Newsletter 25th November

November			
28 th	9.30 – 10.10	Learning with the Lords	Key Stage 2
30 th	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, Y2 and Y3
30 th	7.00 – 9pm	Wreath Making with Friends of Hopelands	
December			
7 th	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, Y2 and Y3
12 th	2pm	Key Stage 2 Christmas Show – Grand Parents Welcome	
12 th	4.15pm	Key Stage 2 Christmas Show – Parents Welcome	
13 th	4pm	Nativity – Parents Welcome	
14 th	Christmas Activity Day & Christmas Lunch!		

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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,

Wow - we did it! We actually did it. In just a week, as a school community, we climbed a staggering **349,171** steps to reach the dizzying heights of Mount Everest. Everyone at Hopelands participated - the children did their steps in morning school care, during PE lessons, on the playground and again during after school care. But that's not all; several families even used the weekend and dark evenings to boost our school step tally. As staff we contributed by going on extra-long weekend runs, lunchtime jogs and dog walks in the cold and wet.

What a fine example of extraordinary school community spirit and outstanding teamwork!

Sport in school is such an important and integral part of our children's education and experience. Through PE lessons and the many fixtures played throughout the term our pupils develop physical stamina, strength, and agility. But aside from the obvious health benefits of exercise, sport and games play a key role in the development of the many soft skills we all need throughout our lives. To name but a few, sport supports the development of our communication skills, teamwork, respect, resilience, sportsmanship, humility, discipline and of course leadership. Good things come to those who congratulate others on their efforts and victory - sportsmanship makes the children better and more decent people. Through teamwork we create a feeling of belonging and a sense of identity. Respect, not a new one but it's important in life, as it is in sports. We learn to treat people the way we would like to be treated, be it our opponents, the referee, or ourselves. Humility, a trait often overlooked but one that is critical.

No individual is bigger than the team itself.

We could go on and on, for us it is clear, that sport plays an integral role in supporting our children's physical, mental and personal development and this week's Mount Everest Challenge has brought this to the forefront of our communication with you.

Starting the mornings with a few hundred steps was certainly a new way to start the day for many of us but it was absolutely worth it, as reaching our goal step count today has been a very special highpoint indeed.

Another highlight was today's visit of the international badminton champion – Jordan Hart – a professional sportswomen from Pembroke Dock in Wales. The children had a great time with her during a whole school assembly where they could ask many burning questions, followed by a series of fitness activities in the afternoon – all led by Jordan. Please look out for the photographs in next week's newsletter.

And a big thank you to all for the outstanding fundraising efforts. In total we raised £1,143.60 allowing us to keep £408 to invest in additional equipment for our school. Mr Kirby is super pleased with the outcome and we thank him for his sterling efforts in organising the event. We will announce the winners of the various competitions as soon as possible. Watch this space!

Time for a rest 😊

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Sonja Jones & Mrs Maria Boix
Joint Headteachers

Reception by Mrs Jones

In maths this week, the children have been learning about prepositions and have been using positional language. We read the story of Rosie's walk and talked about how Rosie travelled around the farm. We created our own farm scene and used a hen puppet to travel around it. We have explored programming Beebots to travel forwards, backwards, left and right. The children also enjoyed chalking houses, shops and their local community on the playground with Miss Frankie and had fun travelling around their maps on scooters and bikes.



Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

Our science topic this term is “the animal kingdom”. To enhance our learning, year 1 children visited our local vets in Stonehouse. We learned how Veterinarians care for the health of animals and work to protect them. We were so fascinated to learn how they use the various tools and instruments to diagnose and treat the medical conditions and diseases of pets.

It was great to see all the year 1 children fully engaged with lots of questions being asked:

“How do you help animals?” ~ Mila

“Do you like being a vet?” ~ Anthony

“How did you become a Vet?” - Oliver

The visit was so much fun and very hands on. A special thanks to Mr Garrido. Here are some of our highlights:

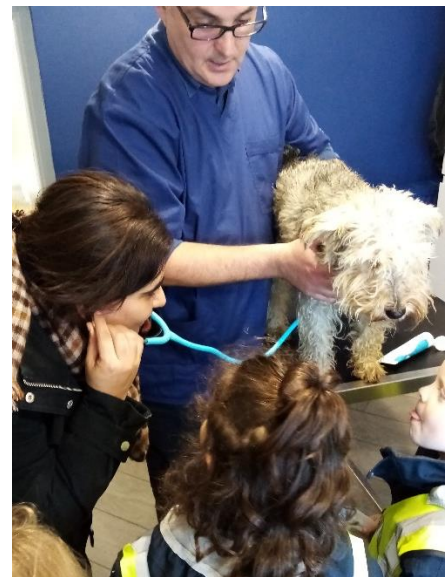
“I really liked Pilli and stroking her” ~Otilie

“I liked seeing the x-rays” ~ Otto

“I liked seeing Pilli’s temperature being taken” ~Ella

“I liked seeing the Cat called Harry who was feeling a bit poorly” ~Darcy





Year 2 by Mrs Trebble

Using their knowledge of the microhabitat preferences of woodlice, Year 2 thought carefully about where they might find woodlice around the school. They then went in search for woodlice around the school grounds to gather their data which they went on to record on a tally chart.



Year 3 Science by Mrs Stevenson

Continuing our topic on light, Year 3 have been investigating mirrors. The children had several tasks to complete using mirrors. Firstly, they tried to complete a dot-to-dot puzzle whilst viewing the paper in a mirror - it was so hard to make the pencil move where you wanted it to! Later we went outside and drew paths to follow, made extra tricky as you weren't allowed to look at the floor except by holding a mirror over your head. Finally, we had a go at using mirror writing to write messages. !əɔnɔɪz nɪ ʔəʊw nʌt ɪəɪɔnA



Year 3 Art by Miss White

Christmas is coming! Y3 demonstrated confident DT sewing skills as they created Christmas decorations from recycled fabric (a duvet cover in this case!). They all rose to the challenge, enjoyed the excitement of preparing for Christmas and were delighted to take these home for their families. The Friday IL group have also started to sew using this fabric for our Hopelands decorations, so keep an eye open for them!



Year 4 & 5 Enrichment by Mrs Trebble

Year 4 and 5 have been learning about the steps to take if a person is unresponsive and breathing. They have put this knowledge into action by practising the recovering position on each other. There was a lot of excitement this week when the pupils practised CPR on the mannequin, in the case of an unresponsive and non-breathing person.



Year 5 & 6 by Mrs Best

This week, we had our lovely local PCSOs come in to talk to Year 5+6 about drugs and the dangers associated with them. As part of the local Schoolbeat programme, this session is one of three that covers, drugs, gangs and cyber bullying. These sessions are designed to help equip our students for challenges they may face when moving on to secondary school.



Match Report by Mrs Lord

Y5 Rugby vs Rendcomb

The year 5's were invited to play a tag rugby match at Rendcomb School on Wednesday 16th November. We set off with grey skies and hoped it wouldn't rain. The start of the match saw Rendcomb take the first try but that didn't dampen our spirits until the rain came! The ball became slippery, and a few were dropped causing an advantage to Rendcomb. We came through with a try from Gabriel which lifted moral. Another boost was needed as Rendcomb were now in the lead after several more tries. Dylan came through with another try which was equalled again by Rendcomb. Some lovely passing and a quick dodge saw Auden score for Hopelands! Three more tries were scored by Gabriel, but we couldn't keep Rendcomb at bay, and at the blow of the whistle, Rendcomb were the winners with an eleven point win to our six.

A huge effort was made by our team and a welcome tea of sausage rolls and chocolate chip cookies was a great consolation prize.

Y5 Boys Rugby vs Kings

Another day and another match, this time for just the year 5 boys at King's School, Gloucester. The weather was in our favour, sunny but cold. The match started and King's made the first try. We came back with a counter try which made the boys excited. A good speed and dodging saw us keeping up with King's try for try. Gabriel working his magic after being fed the ball by his teammates as they quickly realised his speed and dodging were scoring tries! Dylan worked his magic as too did Daniel and both scored tries to equal eleven points all! It was tense in the last game, two games already played of 15 mins each, and we had the disadvantage of playing into the sun. We kept our hopes up, but a few mistakes and tired legs saw King's make three more tries before the final whistle blew. The final score was 11:14 to King's. A great game to watch and great to see teamwork from all. Well done boys.

International Leadership Week by Mrs Boix

International Leadership Week has been celebrated at Hopelands. Our pupils have been learning about qualities that great world leaders have in common and thinking of how they can all be leaders in school, aiming high and inspiring others along the way. Please let us know when they have initiatives so these can be recognised.


Listen,
set Example,
are Appreciative,
Determined,
Encouraging,
Responsible,
and Supportive.

Hopelands Choir by Mrs Powell

Christmas has certainly arrived for the Hopelands choir! Over the last week they have performed twice for our local community at the Stonehouse Community Centre.

On Sunday morning, thirteen very keen pupils arrived to perform a selection of Christmas carols and songs for the Teckles Animal Sanctuary Christmas fundraiser. It was a fantastic event, and the children were amazing ambassadors to Hopelands. Thank you to all the families who came and supported with this.



On Wednesday the choir sang for the annual Stonehouse Pensioners Christmas social. Every member from years 4, 5 and 6 performed beautifully and rewarded afterwards with plenty of biscuits which were kindly provided by the Pensioners group.

Making links with the community is important to Hopelands. It was lovely to see the children talk enthusiastically with the elder members of Stonehouse, showing genuine interest in everyone they met and acting in a courteous manner. Well done everyone, Mrs Powell is very proud of you!



Football by Mr Kirby

World Cup Fever has hit Hopelands and what a way to start! The whole school had the opportunity to watch England's opening game against Iran where we saw 8 goals including 6 for England. I think it is safe to say all the pupils were impressed with the teamwork, skill and attractive football played by 'The 3 Lions.' The team came together well following a disappointing Nations League display and there is a lesson for children here in that never give up and believe in yourself. Next up is USA before the crunch final group stage game against Wales on Tuesday.

