



Hopelands Preparatory School

38/40 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AD

Friday 29th March

April	
Tues 23 rd	Back to School
Thurs 25 th	Pied Piper Appeal
Tues 30 th	Swimming – R, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4
May	
Tues 7 th	Swimming – R, Y1 & Y2 Cheltenham Festival - Choir
Mon 13 th	Forest School – R, Y1 & Y2
Tues 14 th	Swimming Gala – R, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4
Tues 21 st	Music concert 4-5pm

In this week:

- Class 1 – Science Experiments
- Vertebrate Diversity
- Science and Engineering Challenge
- Stonehouse Parkrun
- Pied Piper Appeal
- Ecobricks
- Happy Easter!

Lost Items (all labelled):

Joseph Dunn – tracksuit top

Tabby Robins - Ruby Redfort Survival Guide & Blazer

Summer term

Please remember its summer uniform when we return on the 23rd April.



For all the latest pictures and weekly activities please follow our Facebook page @HopelandsPreparatorySchool

Class 1 - Science Experiments

Class 1 have had great fun with their science experiments, these hands-on projects and activities really help bring the exciting world of science to life. They made dry ice bubbles which grew larger and larger as they filled with the fog of the dry ice.



Vertebrate Diversity

On Friday 22nd March, Y5 were delighted, and fortunate, to welcome Mr Huertas, who kindly brought to share with us his collection of skulls, mostly museum quality that he has collected and prepared over the years. Mr Huertas ran a fabulous session, where he distributed the 35 skulls throughout the classroom, under the wide-open eyes of the eighteen 9 and 10-year-old pupils and me... It was one in a life chance to enjoy handling and exploring such a vast range of so well-preserved specimens, from primates to birds, large and small. He prepared a quiz for children to try to identify what animal each skull belonged to and supported the learning at the end of the session with great laminated pictures of each animal that he placed next to each skull, including common and Latin names. I am sure the children will not forget the experience. Thank you, Mr Huertas!

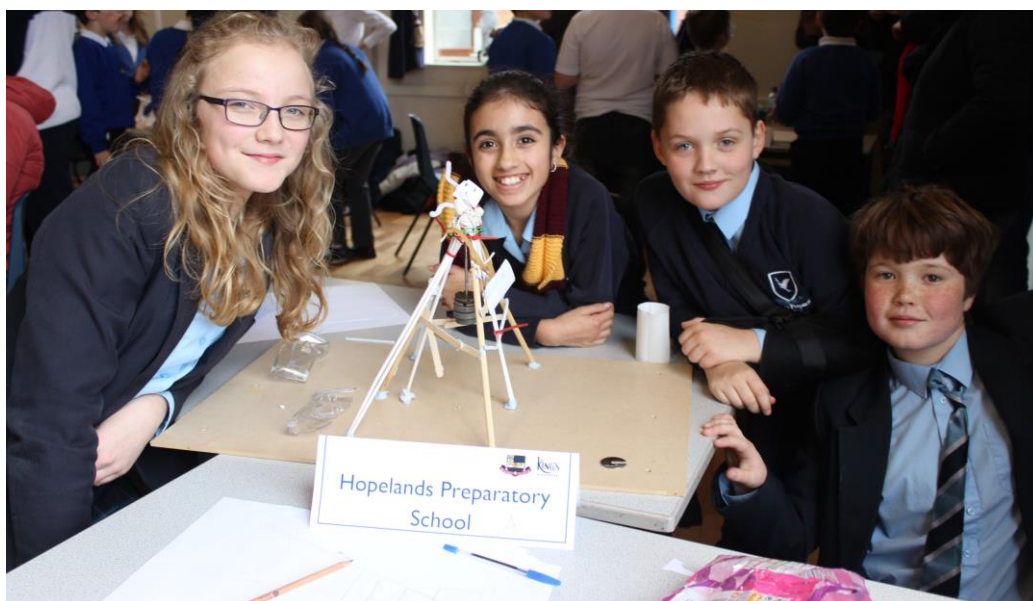
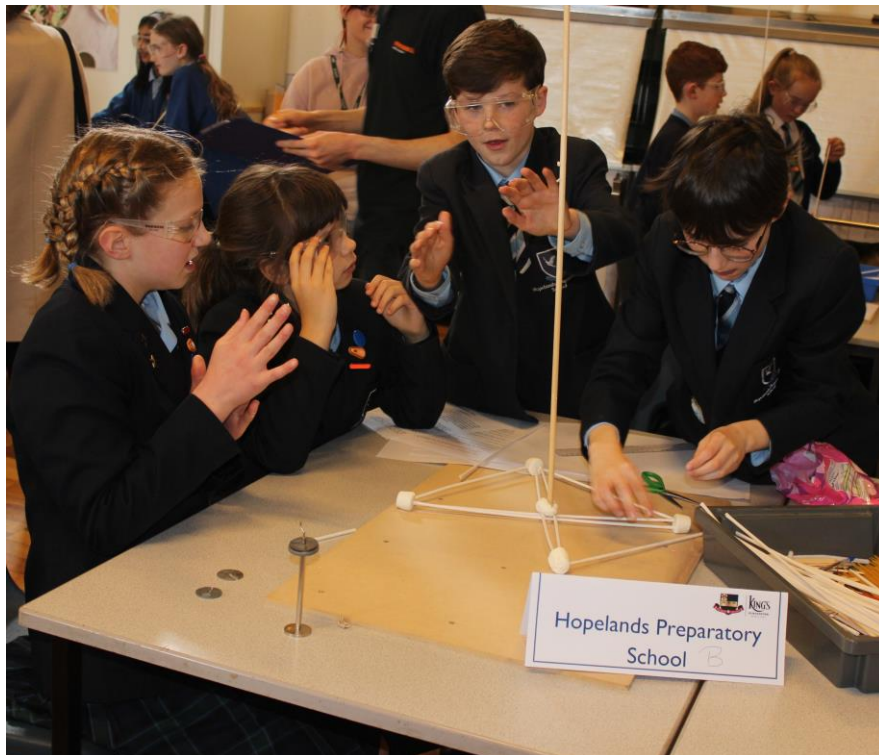
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The Science and Engineering Challenge at The King's School

On Saturday 16th March, two teams of Y6 children were invited to take part in the Science and Engineering challenge at The King's School in Gloucester. It was an exciting and inspiring morning, where children had to design and make the tallest tower that was able to withstand the heaviest load from the highest possible point. It was fantastic to see both Hopelands's teams working cooperatively to try their best at the challenge, overcoming difficulties with great perseverance and determination. The judges were incredibly impressed by the quality of collaboration and communication amongst the pupils, recognising the excellent ingenuity and team spirit throughout the morning. One of the Hopelands team won the 'Design and Team work' prize. It was really enriching to see the such incredible variations in the solutions that each team used to tackle the challenge! Congratulations to all Y6 children who took part in the challenge and thanks to everybody involved for their support in participating in this event.

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Stonehouse Parkrun – by Nikola Stoneman

On Sunday, a number of Hopelands students took part in the weekly Junior Parkrun in Oldends Lane Park, Stonehouse. The sun was shining, and the students did brilliantly as they tackled the 2k, 3 lap course.

Congratulations to Agnes, Liberty and Jackson for getting new PBs and well done to Rowan, Rose and Martha on their first ever Parkrun. A special well done to Florence who completed some of the run despite being poorly - what dedication!

Hopelands will be taking over the Parkrun on 9th June - more information to follow after Easter - but if you would like to join in between now and then just visit the Stonehouse Junior homepage at <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/stonehouse-juniors/> and register for free there.



Pied Piper Appeal

On the first Thursday of the Summer Term (25th April) we will be raising awareness of the Emergency Services. This will be in conjunction with the Pied Piper Appeal.

Pied Piper have kindly arranged for 2 police horses to visit our school on Thursday afternoon. The children will be allowed to meet the horses and their police riders.

To help generate a donation for the Appeal, we will be holding a non-uniform day and bake sale. The non-uniform day will be on the 25th April and the bake sale will be later in the term. The children can come to school on the 25th dressed up as someone from the emergency services or in their own clothes.

Please help us support this local charity by wearing non-uniform and donating a £1 on the day.

**999 EMERGENCY
FANCY DRESS WEEK**
Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th April 2019



**Come to school or work as your
favourite Emergency Services hero**



Join us in celebrating the fantastic work the emergency services provide day-in day-out and help us raise awareness to be as prepared as possible in case of emergency situations!

www.piedpipeppeal.co.uk | Charity No: 1011611

Ecobricks

"When we save, segregate and pack plastics into bottles, we can make building blocks that can be reused over and over again. Together we can build green spaces that enrich our community and remove plastic from the biosphere. Together we can transition from plastic to ever greener harmony with Earth's cycles."

(<https://www.ecobricks.org>)

We have started the transition at Hopelands!

Ecobricks are one of the few ways to effectively trap plastic to date, removing it from the biosphere and from the industrial recycling system which is not innocuous either. Ecobricks raise ecological consciousness and awareness of the amount of plastic we would contribute to spread and enable individuals to transition from plastic.

Please watch the space for more details after Easter on our project, as we have started to make Ecobricks that we plan to use to build structures to use in school and in the local community. In the meantime, please do help us by saving plastic bottles or by starting your Ecobricks at home to bring to school. Thank you ever so much for your support once again.

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Happy Easter!

From everyone here at Hopelands, including the very lovely and fluffy 'Bigwig', we wish you a Happy Easter! See you back on the 23rd April.

