



**Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> October**

October	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Grammar School Test
20 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

**Morning School Care**

Please remember that morning school care needs to be booked via emailing the office by 2pm the day before. Please also indicate when you will be arriving.

If you have not received an email back confirming that you have been booked in by 5pm please call the school to confirm your space. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards**

Please remember that the deadline for the Christmas cards is the **20<sup>th</sup> October**, the collection box will be in the playground by the front door in the morning, thank you.

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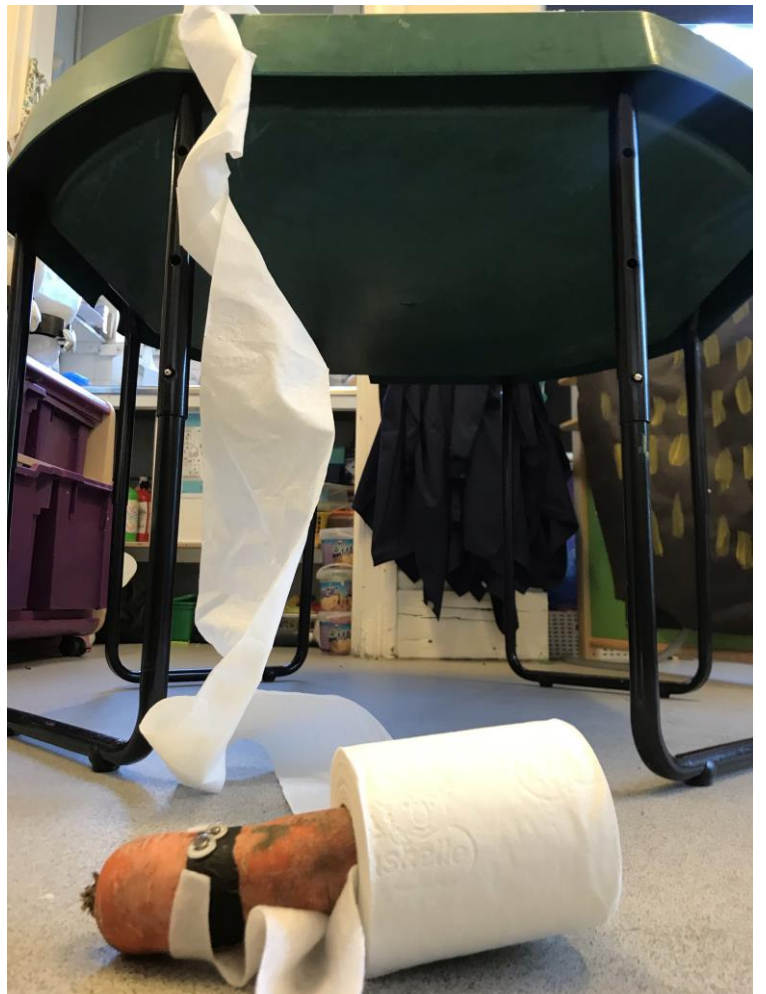
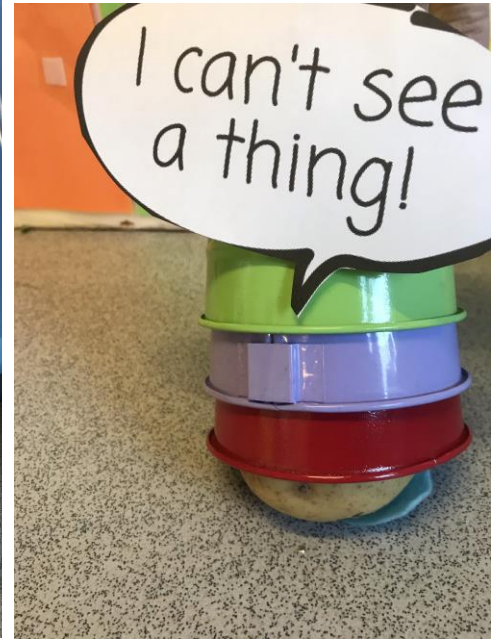
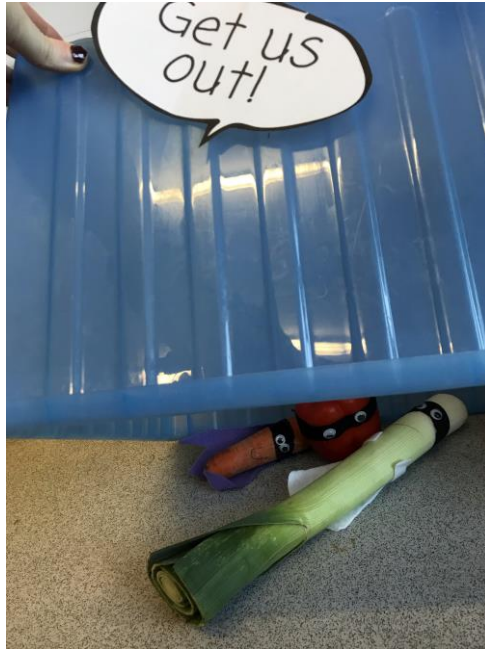
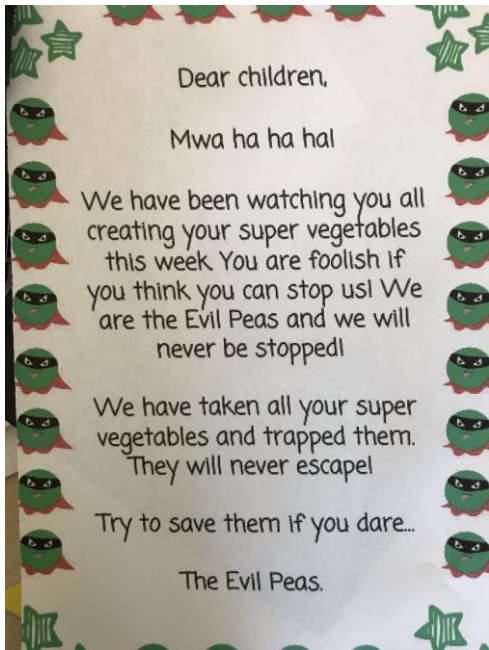
To all our pupils sitting the Grammar School Test this Saturday we wish you the very best of luck. You have worked tremendously hard and we are proud of all of you!



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

## 'Supertato'

Reception have been reading Supertato in Class. They made 'super' vegetables but arrived at school to discover that the evil peas had trapped them! Luckily, they managed to rescue them and the evil peas got their comeuppance.....



# 'Supertato'

.....they were turned into Pea Soup!



## Class 2

Class 2 have been practicing their sewing skills by designing and making 'super capes'. They were excited to be able to choose their own logo which they proudly sewed on. The lucky recipients of the new capes were favourite teddies which they brought in from home. Plenty of super teddy action took place, here are some of them in the Quiet Garden.



## Atlas Cross Country Event – Monday 19th October

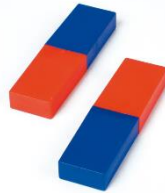
We are delighted to be joined by the Atlas team on Monday morning for our first virtual sports competition – cross country! We will be holding this event at Berryfield. Please could children come to school in their PE kit ready to run, please do also bring your uniform to change in to following the run (it might be muddy!).

The KS2 course will be 1 mile and EYFS/KS1 1km. Whether you would like to run as fast as you can or simply jog with friends, the event is for all children to enjoy. For our competitive participants - Atlas will be recording the times across all participating schools in the Stroud District.

Thank you,

Miss Walker

## Year 3 by Mr Rousell



Year 3 have been harnessing the power of magnets to find their bearings. After learning about the different poles of a magnet and discovering that they will naturally point to magnetic north; the class made their own floating compasses and used them to explore the 4 cardinal directions or North, East, South and West.



## Art by Miss White

The Y3's have been amazing this week! Vibrant and exciting images have been created using soft pastels on black paper, and pupils have enjoyed selecting model reptiles to draw from. The Y3's have focussed on capturing the essential shape of each lizard, frog and gecko and then enjoyed the freedom to build layers of bold colours to capture the spirit of tropical lands and the rainforest. The large-scale studies will form part of two 5ft x 5ft collages in the Sophie Hall towards the end of Autumn Term 2. These will be dynamic collections of imagery created by Y3, as pupils will be inspired by the work of Henri Rousseau to play with scale and develop multiple images that capture the essence of the rainforest. Lots of dusty mess, lots of fun and pupils are loving being expressive and brave with colour.



## Art by Miss White



## Fire Service

During the Autumn term we normally receive a visit by the Fire Service, however this year due to Covid the visit was done remotely. The children really enjoyed speaking to the firefighters and seeing their fire protective suits. They also showed them round the fire engine which provided great excitement! The Fire Service taught the children how to stay safe and many questions were asked by the inspired mini fire fighters.



## Harvest Festival – 20<sup>th</sup> October

A reminder that we are celebrating Harvest Festival next Tuesday. Please remember to bring in your donations for the food bank next week.

### SHOPPING LIST

- BISCUITS/SNACKS SWEET OR SAVOURY
  - TOILET ROLL
  - UHT FRUIT JUICE
  - TINNED CUSTARD
  - RICE PUDDING
  - TINNED POTATOES
  - TINNED FRUIT
  - SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR
  - SHAMPOO
- 
- SHAVING KITS

### PLEASE DO NOT DONATE

- PASTA
  - TINNED TOMATOES
  - BEANS
  - SOUP
  - OUT OF DATE, DAMAGED OR OPENED ITEMS
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- FOOD THAT NEEDS TO BE REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN

## Scooters & Trikes

If anyone has scooters or trikes at home which you do not use anymore and would be happy to donate to school, please let Miss O'Neill know. She is looking to add to our current range of outdoor activity toys for the younger children, thank you.





## Let's Play Guitar!

We held a musical assembly this week which was led by the new peripatetic guitar teachers. They offer both acoustic and electric guitar tuition and showcased their music to the children. An absolute highlight was listening to the children sing Shotgun by George Ezra whilst accompanied by the guitars – very loud but great fun! If you are interested in finding out more about the lessons, please contact the office.



## Sporting Success

Congratulations to Eoghan in Year 5 who completed his first Aquathlon at the weekend in Tavistock. He did amazing and finished 2nd in the novice age group which is a fantastic achievement. Well done Eoghan, we are all very proud of you!



## School Council

The School Council for 2020/2021 have met this week (socially distanced) to discuss fundraising ideas, the upcoming Children in Need Day (13<sup>th</sup> November) and Healthy Schools accreditation. Cake sales topped the list with some other fun activities planned for Children in Need day, more details to follow soon.

