



Newsletter 18th March

Dates for your Diary

- March 21st** Shakespeare Week & Parent Meeting
- March 22nd** Netball at St Edwards, Year 3 & 4
- March 23rd** Netball & Football at St Edwards, Year 6
- March 25th** PC Weedon visiting Year 6
- March 25th** Gloucestershire rugby for Y1 & 2
- March 25th** Teddy and Toys sale for Ukraine
- March 25th** School Disco

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Families Magazine

Here is the link the latest edition of the Families magazine:

[Families Gloucestershire Magazine Mar/Apr 2022](#)

The magazine features activities and ideas to keep children occupied over Easter.



Lost Property

Please look out for the following lost property items, thank you.

School Tie – Anthony Tiptaft

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Jumper – Ava McDougall

School Jumper – Ella Turner

For all the latest pictures and weekly activities please follow us on social media:



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Update from Mrs Bradburn

Wishford Meeting

Following on from the letter sent from the Chairman of Governors last week, I would like to remind you of the meeting for parents on Monday 21st March at 15:45pm.

We would be delighted to see many of you there as the meeting will provide an ideal opportunity to hear more about this exciting new adventure and discuss any queries you may have with myself, Mr James, Mrs Jones and Mrs Boix. We will be joined by Mr Antrobus, the Founder and Chairman of the Wishford Schools group, who I am sure you will enjoy meeting.

If you wish to raise any points but are unable to attend, please email these to Mrs Compton and they will be asked at the meeting.

After school care will be available for the children during the meeting.

NFER

Years 1 to 6 will be having their NFER assessments next week. If a child is off for covid, we will catch up when they are feeling better. We try and keep this as low key as possible, but it is important that the children get good night's sleep next week. Thank you.

Wildlife Quiz by Mrs Boix

This week, we were delighted to participate in the Wildlife Quiz. This is an annual event where schools across Gloucestershire compete against each other to find the school with the best knowledge of nature, conservation and wildlife.

We are all very proud of Daniel, Martha, Rowan and William, who braved their way through some challenging questions, representing Hopelands to compete against Chalford Hill School. We were very close to winning the round, which is a fantastic result considering it was our debut. Our team demonstrated exemplar behaviour, courage and team-spirit which makes them all winners in my eyes. Thank you very much for making us feel so proud of you.



Year 6 Maths by Mrs Stevenson

Like maths nerds around the world, we celebrated March the 14th as Pi Day!

As part of our ratio topic, Year 6 spent the lesson investigating the ratio between the circumference and diameter of different sized circles and (depending on the accuracy of the measurements) we found that the answer is Pi. In keeping with the celebration, one of our 'circles' was a delicious apple pie.

Don't forget to ask your child why Pi Day takes place on March 14th.....



Year 5 Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 5 have been continuing their chemistry topic. We have looked at what happens when something dissolves. We started by mixing sand and dried peas to show what is happening when salt dissolves in water. We then did an experiment to see how much salt can dissolve in different volumes of water.

This week, we moved on to separating techniques and put our chemistry skills to the test to try to get pure(ish) salt back from muddy salt water. The children worked cooperatively, carefully, and scientifically. Well done.



Sponsored Book Read by Miss Cook

Daisy, Junie, Norah, Beau & Isla took part in a sponsored read for World Book Day. It was organised through Usborne books and all the money raised was put towards books for the school. They all read for at least 30 minutes every day. The children took the challenge in their stride and were very proud to show off their reading records each morning. They all did incredibly well and raised enough money to buy an astounding 196 books for our school! We are so grateful for their hard work and everything that they achieved and a special thank you to Mrs Etherington for organising and presenting the books to us in assembly on Tuesday.



Mrs J's Yoga challenge for all!

The children can learn a range of yoga poses in Mrs J's Yoga club, every Tuesday afterschool.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the office.

Child's Pose

Balasana



Benefits

Stretches the hips, thighs, and ankles; calms the mind; relieves stress and fatigue.

- 1 Kneel on the floor, touching your big toes together.
- 2 Sit back on your heels and separate your knees hip-width apart.
- 3 Exhale, bringing your head down, and rest it on the floor in front of you.
- 4 Place your hands wherever they are comfortable by your head, your knees, etc.
- 5 Relax and breathe, holding this pose.

PE by Mr Kirby

On Wednesday 9th March, we took an U9 netball team to Wycliffe. We were unfortunate to lose Beatrix at the 11th hour but the girls played well and should take heart from the match. They took time to grow into the fixture but 'woke up' in the second quarter in what was an even match with the only difference being one tall girl for the opposition who knew how to shoot!

As the game progressed, the girls were more composed, started to find their teammates with the passes and created as many opportunities as Wycliffe. Even though Ava and Florence scored for us, the opposition were more clinical in front of the post and ran out comfortable winners. Emi always seemed to find space (a sign of a good player) and Megan had numerous attempts at goal, getting closer each time. The girls enjoyed the experience and learned from it.

We are playing Wycliffe again in the last week of this term and, providing we start how we finished, I am predicting a much closer score.



PE by Mr Kirby

On Friday 11th March we took 2 teams to play Berkhamstead. We played a range of matches, including some where we mixed the pupils around and the children had a wonderful time. There is a definite improvement from our games earlier in the year as the children are now spreading out, looking for a pass when in possession and getting stuck in with our tackles. It is slightly unfair to single out any individual pupils because of the way the games were played, but Arthur made some fantastic saves in goal and Alan tackled extremely well - he was determined to not let his opponents past.

There is one more football match for the boys (against Wycliffe on Wednesday 30th March) when the girls will play netball on the same day. I am also pleased to announce all of the year group (boys and girls) have the chance to play in a competitive fixture away at St Edward's on Tuesday 22nd March.



EYFS by Miss Hurley



The children in EYFS have been enjoying learning about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

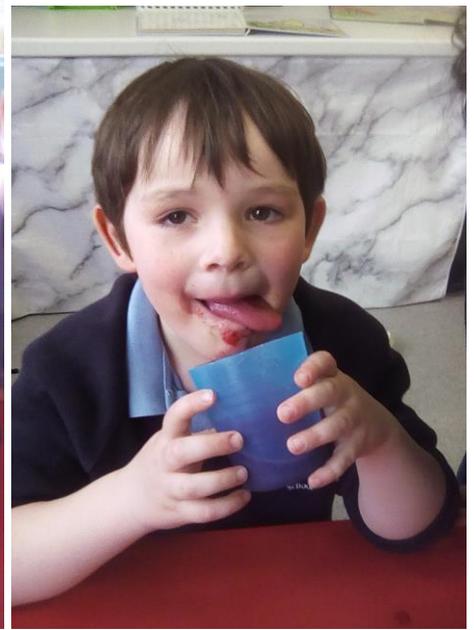
We have our own Hopelands caterpillars, and the children have been observing them daily, watching them eat, wiggle and spin a chrysalis or 5!

It is very exciting watching the process of metamorphosis.

In the book the caterpillar eats lots of unhealthy food that causes him a tummy ache. He then eats a nice green leaf giving himself all the right nutrients to grow. The children have been learning about healthy food for humans and how to give their bodies the right nutrients to grow. They made healthy smoothies with peach, mango, banana, berries and fresh juice. They went down an absolute treat.



EYFS by Miss Hurley



Freddie produced a fantastic art masterpiece at home this week. Miss White was incredibly impressed with his creativity and pattern design: "You used your imagination with what you had to hand, and it is amazing."

Well done Freddie!

Easter Wreath by Miss White



Orla and Holly wanted to welcome the (slightly) warmer weather and get ready for Easter by making an Easter wreath and hanging it in the rain shelter.

They came in at lunchtimes, stitched with great patience and then invited Lavinia and Millie to help them with the finishing touches. The result is delicate, colourful, and full of the joys of spring.



County Cross Country

A huge well done to Ava and Eoghan who represented Hopelands last week at the County cross country. It was a challenging course and they both did brilliantly.



Friends of Hopelands Easter Egg Decorating Competition



The competition will take place over the Easter Holidays!

Pay £1 for your egg, take it home to decorate and bring it in to be judged after the holidays. Eggs are available to buy from Mrs Bingham who will be in the playground after school on Thursday and before school on Friday. Please have the correct cash (£1 per egg)

The Best Egg wins chocolate - 1 prize per class



Friends of Hopelands Disco by Jenni Bingham

Don't forget to book your child's place at the school disco - it will be a fun start to the weekend.

Friday 25th March 5:30pm - 7pm

Cost £6.50 - includes unlimited drink (squash and water), finger food and fruit

Lloyd's: Friends of Hopelands

Account number: 01459545

Sort Code: 30-98-29

Reference: Childs full name

First 45 payments only - any who do not make it this time can be refunded or be first for the next disco.

Spiritual Arts Competition 2022 by Miss White

Confucius said: Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it....



Look around you, what unexpected beauty can you see?

This term, you are ALL invited to enter your drawings, photographs or paintings (in fact, all 2D or 3D responses welcome!) to the Hopelands Spiritual Arts Competition 2022. Your creative focus should reflect the Confucius quote above, and we will be looking for images that capture a sense of 'unexpected' or surprising beauty.

Any questions to Miss White and entries to the School Office by the 25th March 2022

Have fun looking for inspiration© Good Luck!

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