



**Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Dates for your Diary**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>** Year 5 parent meeting at 3.45pm
- May 9<sup>th</sup>** Head's Tea Party
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** Young Voices
- June 27<sup>th</sup>** Sport's Day, venue Westonbirt
- July 13<sup>th</sup>** Summer Show, venue Westonbirt

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**Open Day**

Planet biscuits, alien music, rocket mice and shooting stars are just some of the activities your children will be taking part in at the open morning next week.

We are really pleased with the interest shown by prospective families and are looking forward to a fun morning for both the visitors and our children.

The open day is on the school's FB page, if you wish to do so, please feel free to share the below link with your friends:

[Hopelands Open Day](#)



**Lost Property**

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

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Jumper – Ava McDougall

PE Tracksuit bottoms & top – Emi Huertas-Mason

## Barrett's Bloomers

As Mrs Bradburn said in last week's newsletter, the area behind the hall has been converted into a wonderful garden from which both children and staff are taking much enjoyment. The garden was Mrs Jane Barrett's wishes, and it is a place where she can be fondly remembered. She wanted the garden to be called 'Barrett's Bloomers!' which just shows what a fantastic character she was.

When we asked if there were any children who would like to volunteer to help plant the garden their hands shot up, evidence of just how much she was loved. Under the expert guidance of Mrs Ham and Mrs Charles the children had a fantastic time gardening and planted an array of different plants and flowers. There is a bench which will arrive soon with a plaque remembering Jane's time at Hopelands.

A special thanks to Mrs Charles, Mrs Stick and Mrs Lord who went out to buy all the plants and also to Mrs Ham for providing her gardening skills and knowledge.



## Barrett's Bloomers



## Mock Trials by Miss Porter

Before Easter, Year 6 and 3 of our Year 5's entered the Stroud Schools' Mock Trials Competition. The class were split into two teams, the Defence, and the Prosecution. Both teams had to compete against other schools to try and win their case: The theft of an iPhone. The trials tested their ability to be interrogated under pressure and their ability to create a strong case/line of questioning to try to win their trial.

Year 6, Hannah, Martha, and Eva put in an amazing effort and both our teams won their cases which resulted in us coming 4th out of 16 schools and receiving the Celia Hargrave Shield for best small school: an award which we haven't won since 2017! We are immensely proud of everyone who took part and helped prepare for the competition.



## Mock Trials by Miss Porter



## Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 2 have started a new block of learning about plants and British wildlife.

We started by considering the 7 key life processes that we learned about for animals back in the Autumn term. The children remembered all the life processes (growth, eating/drinking, taking in oxygen, reproduction, movement, getting rid of waste and reacting to the surroundings) even after six months! We had a discussion about plants and decided that, in their own way, plants do all these things too.

The children also carefully planted some bean seeds which we are going to monitor and measure over the next few weeks.



## Year 2 by Miss Cook

Isla made a presentation as part of a badge that she is collecting at Rainbows, and it was fantastic. She created a large poster where she talked about the 5 Rs - Reuse, Refuse, Recycle, Rot and Reduce. She demonstrated how she does this at home and even made badges out of old milk bottle tops and handouts for the class to have.

Thank you Isla!



## Year 2 by Miss Cook

Over the holidays Daisy, Isla and Rita were busy scrapbooking about all the wonderful adventures that they had, ready to share with the class on their return.

Daisy scrapbooked about her super trip to Florida, Isla went to France and Rita wrote all about her days out in Bristol. They presented their adventures back to the class and everybody had great fun asking about their different experiences.



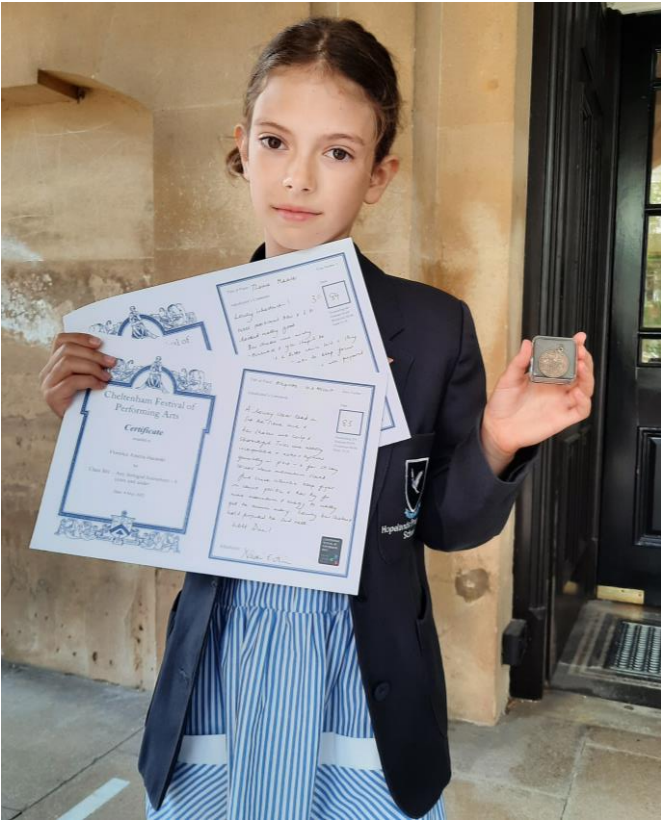
In Maths, Year 2 are learning out about length. The children looked at measuring objects in centimetres before moving on to measuring larger things in metres.

We made the most of the sunny weather and went outside to measure objects in the outside space. The children recorded this into a table in their book.

They really enjoyed bringing maths to life and did some fantastic measuring. Well done Year 2!



## Festival Success!



Florence competed with her violin at Cheltenham Festival this week and did amazing! She received a certificate and great feedback for playing Allegretto by Mozart in the age 9 and under category. Later she played Theme by Mahler in the grade 2 and 3 category. She finished 3rd and received a bronze medal. Well done Florence, we are all very proud of you.

## Disco

The children loved the Friends of Hopelands disco last Friday!

Thank you to everyone who helped run such a fun event and a special thank you to Mrs Bingham for all her hard work in making this happen.

