



Newsletter 13th May

Dates for your Diary

May 16th Cricket at Berkhamstead – Y5 & 6 girls

May 17th Young Voices

May 20th PC Weedon visiting Y6

May 20th Cricket at St Edwards – Y3 & 4

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Families Magazine

Please see the below link to the Families Magazine. This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including starting school resources, times tables resources, Father's Day gift ideas, adventures at home and much more.

[Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#)



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

PE Tracksuit bottoms & top – Emi Huertas-Mason

School Jumper – Sebby Tangye



Message from Mrs Bradburn

Open Day

As many of you will now be aware Friday was our open morning. I can honestly say, it was out of this world! It was a real team effort which is hugely appreciated, but I do have to say a particular thank you to Mrs Jones, Mrs Boix and Mrs Compton for their immense organisation and coordination. Nothing was left to chance. I am sure everyone who visits the school will be impressed not only by our children but also by our vibrant displays.

SATS

Our Year 6 children have finished their SAT's paper this week. I was very proud of the way they took the test in their stride with determination, maturity, and perseverance. We should have their results back in early July. Well done Year 6 superstars! Below are some of them celebrating with ice lollies kindly donated by Friends of Hopelands.

Spelling Bee

Next Friday the children will be taking part in the Spelling Bee. Those who want to participate have already received the spelling list from which the spellings will be chosen. The Bee engenders great excitement among the children and is hotly contested. Thank you to Mrs Porter for arranging this event.

TA Day

On Thursday we celebrated TA Day. This was quite a surprise to our three hugely valued TA's. Children from each class read out their own thoughts on what made each TA particularly important to them and alongside cards from staff, they were presented with a plant, tea and cake. Needless to say, the TA's were quite emotional and shed a few tears. I hope they enjoyed their special day.



Year 2 Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 2 have been using scientific language to describe the structure of different leaves and they have also been using their reasoning skills to argue which leaf is the 'odd one out'. Examining a selection of different fresh leaves the children described the colour, the shape, the leaf margin, the midrib and veins.

Some children also considered how certain adaptations can help a plant survive.



Mental Health Matters

KS2 pupils have recently been exploring many issues surrounding mental health, from keeping yourself mentally healthy to recognising that help is out there whenever it is needed. To help share the many positive messages generated in the classroom, pupils wrote about how they help themselves and how they help others, decorating the cards with positive colours and patterns and hanging them up on our new display area. We hope this will help conversations surrounding mental health awareness continue and be there as an interactive help area if and when children need to take a positive step in the right direction.



Mental Health Matters

Year 3 and 4 have taken the theme of mental health week, which is loneliness, and have written some beautiful poems.

Loneliness

When I was lonely, I didn't know anyone
I didn't have a single friend.
When I got to my first school
I didn't know what to do
Or who to tell.
When I made some friends they
Stood up for me.

By Ethan

Lockdown

Lockdown is lonely
Cold and restricted
And so was I
But I was never lonely
I have memories I will not forget
I sat alone
I lived alone
I ate alone
But I was never lonely
I moved in the wing
Swaying back and forth
I adventure on my own
BUT I WAS STILL NEVER ALONE

By Ava

Old Loneliness

I am old
Old I am
Old am I
But I am not lonely

I walk slowly
I eat slowly
I move slowly I am not lonely

I live alone
I eat alone
I walk alone
But I am not lonely

My family is young
My heart is still young

My family is sweet
But I am weak

As my days come to a stop
Splashes of colour in the corner of my eyes
Ninety-two and still alive
But I am still and never will be LONELY.
By Emi

PE by Mr Kirby

What timing for the rain to come! With Y6 in the hall and the rain pouring from the sky, Reception had to be creative with their PE lesson this week. However, we didn't let these issues stop us having a PE lesson as we did yoga inside. The children all went on an adventure into the future whilst stretching their muscles and focussing their minds. All of the children were amazing with their different poses, and I am sure Mrs J will be impressed!



Creative Club by Miss White

Creative club can make your eyes go fizzy! Well, that is the aim for the current project anyway... Pupils are having fun playing with Op Art, transforming a white surface into a rich, complex and dynamic image only using four things: paper, pencil, pen and endless imagination!



Year 6 Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 6 did an investigation into how the temperature of reactants affects the rate of a reaction. Using vitamin C tablets and water at different temperatures they timed how long it took for the vitamin C tablet to complete its reaction once it was dissolved in water.

They then evaluated how accurate and reliable the experiments had been and suggested possible improvements to the method. Everyone worked sensibly and efficiently - Well done.



Hopelands in the Press



Magistrate Mr Spice with head boy and head girl

PUPILS from Hopelands Prep School have won the 'Celia Hargrave Small Schools' Shield', in the Stroud Mock Trials Competition. The court case took part in the Sabrina Centre where the room was transformed into a realistic magistrates' court. We had two teams who were 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. We are incredibly proud of our pupils who shone through

their teamwork, analytical abilities, critical thinking and public speaking skills. From lawyers, witnesses, magistrates and court staff, they played their parts with expert knowledge, pride and fun. This week we were visited by Mr Spicer, a magistrate, who presented the Head Pupils with the shield.

Head's Tea Party

The children love being invited to the Head's Tea Parties. Cake, sausage rolls, squash and lots of laughter!



Music Showcase by Mrs Powell

Mrs Powell has emailed a letter with details about our Music Showcase on Wednesday 24th May for all children who have instrumental lessons in or outside of school. If your child has lessons outside school and they would like to be involved please contact Mrs Powell for details by next Wednesday 18th May, thank you.

Our Amazing TAs

No introduction is needed for these three lovely ladies! On Thursday Mrs Lord, Mrs Charles and Mrs Stick were surprised in assembly by the children celebrating and thanking them for all the wonderful work they do. Every class thanked them with pictures, funny annotations, and reasons why they are so special – this brought plenty of happy tears! We are very lucky to have you and you do indeed have superpowers!

