



**Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Dates for your Diary**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** Swimming at Westonbirt – Y3 & 4

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** Head's Tea Party

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** Cricket at Rendcomb - Y5 & 6

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** Forest School – R, Y1 & Y2

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** School Class Photographs

**School Meals & Clubs**

Please note after half term the school lunch menu will start on week 3. All lunch orders will be carried forward.

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**Summer Show – 13<sup>th</sup> July**

For the summer show at Westonbirt, please note each family can have up to a maximum of 4 seats in the audience.

**Lost Property**

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

School Tie, shirt, sports shoes & water bottle – Anthony Tiptaft

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Jumper – Ava McDougall

PE Tracksuit bottoms & top – Emi Huertas-Mason

School Jumper – Sebby Tangye

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## Independent School of the Year

A reminder that voting closes on next Tuesday!

At the beginning of the summer term, we received the fantastic news that Hopelands had been shortlisted in the **So Glos Awards for Independent School of the Year**. For a small school this is a great achievement, and we are incredibly proud to have made it through to the final.

Winners are determined through public votes, and we would love you to vote for us, we are up against large schools, so every vote really does count. The voting is open until the 31<sup>st</sup> May:

<https://www.soglos.com/awards-lifestyle>

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## Head Pupils



Congratulations to Josie and William who are the Head Pupils for this half term. Each half term the teaching staff select the pupils and when prospective pupils and their parents come to visit Hopelands the Head Pupils taken them on a tour of the school.

Well done to you both, you are fantastic ambassadors to the school.

## Jubilee Day!

Three cheers for the Queen! Today the school was a sea of red, blue, and white as we celebrated Jubilee Day. Thank you to Miss White who gave a fantastic assembly. Waving flags, singing God Save the Queen, and watching videos of the Queen whilst listening to one of her favourite disco tunes.... Dancing Queen! We were also joined by Siobhan Baillie who is the MP for Stroud. She was great fun as she took part in the singing and waving and then invited the children to ask questions. We had 'What's your life like' to 'What would you do about the rising energy costs if you were Prime Minister?'



# Jubilee Day!



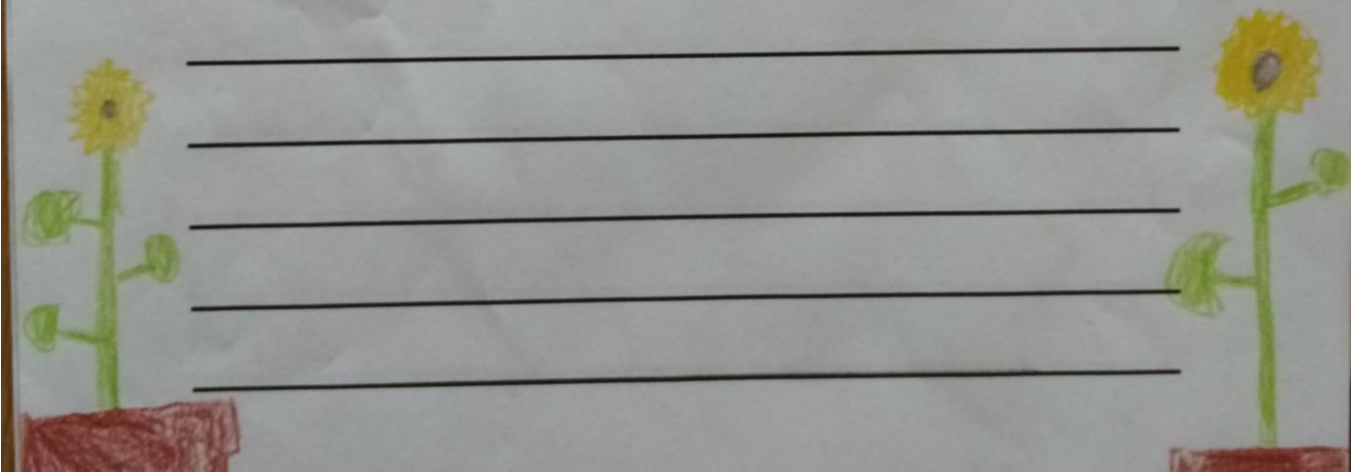
## Year 2 by Mrs Stevenson

Year 2 had a challenge last week to write some super clear instructions to explain to parents how to grow a bean plant like those we have been growing for our plant observation diaries.

The children spent some time thinking about the way instructions are written and use of 'bossy' verbs and numbered points before having a go at their own instructions. They all tried incredibly hard on this longer writing task and showcased both their science knowledge and writing skills. Well done Year 2. The below is by Rupert.

How to grow a bean plant.

Firstly find a pot and fill it with soil. Then make some holes for your seeds. Next put your seeds in the little holes. After that cover the seeds with soil and pat it down. Put it in a sunny spot. Water the seeds. And wait for it to grow.



## Summer Showcase by Mrs Powell

On Wednesday our Hopelands musicians performed a piece of music to their parents in our Summer Music Showcase. There was a complete range of talent from children in Y2 who have not long started playing their instrument, to accomplished performers in Y6 who have been playing for quite a few years.

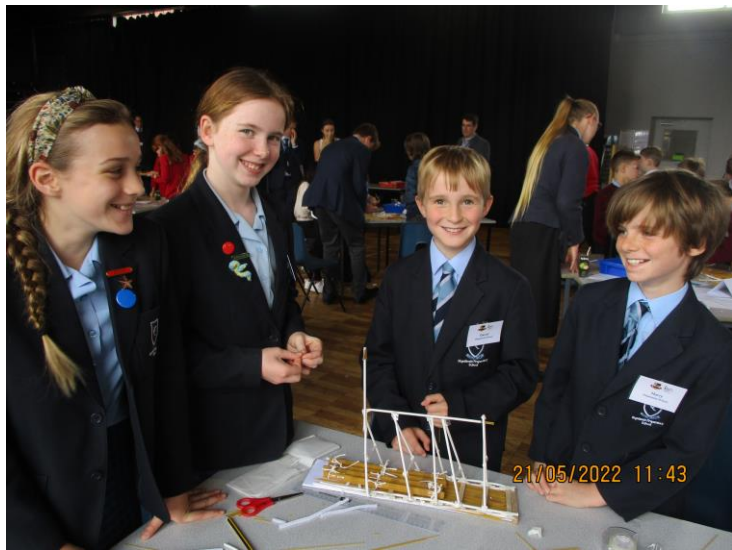
I am so proud of every one of them who gave their time and enjoyed their performance to a real audience. I am especially proud of many of our younger players who performed for the first time ever in front of anyone, it took a lot of courage and determination. Thank also go out to the instrumental teachers for their support especially Mrs Ham and Mr Jones who stayed for the performance.



## SCIENCE by Mrs Stevenson

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, we took a team of four Year 6 pupils, Harry, Orla, Vandamai and Daniel, to the Kings School Science and Engineering Challenge. The annual event involves the children being given an engineering challenge to complete in just over an hour. This year's challenge was to design and build a bridge, with a span of at least 30 cm, out of various materials but principally out of spaghetti. The bridge also had to be at least 15cm tall and was tested at the end to see how much weight it could hold. Hopelands' team worked together fantastically and built a beautiful bridge that easily held 1.5kg (and they felt potentially a lot more!) which was one of the highest loads tested. Congratulations to the team for doing an excellent job and making Hopelands proud.

Thanks also to all the other Year 6 pupils who were willing to give up their Saturday morning to represent Hopelands - you all are a credit to the school!



## Match Report by Mr Kirby

### 20<sup>th</sup> May - Cricket St Edwards v. Hopelands

As the sun gave way to the morning rain, our U8 and U9s travelled to St Edward's to play in what turned out to be a thrilling cricket match.

Beatrix lost the toss, and we were elected to field first. We started the bowling well with very few wides or no balls before Beatrix claimed the first wicket of the match with a run out in the 5<sup>th</sup> over. We had to wait until the 10<sup>th</sup> over for the next wicket as Finley bowled their batter, taking out middle stump. Gabriel and Megan also restricted the number of runs as St Ed's set us a target of 263.

Ava and Flo started off our batting, putting on a partnership of 16 before some lovely batting from Toby and Dylan with numerous quick singles. Alan and Auden helped us reach 238 before Megan and Bea weren't out meaning we were on 247 in the 8<sup>th</sup> over and going well. Arthur and Finley had listened to my advice and played some beautiful shots to get us up to 253 with 2 overs left. When Gabriel hit a 4, we thought we had the win. However, St Edward's managed to take a wicket with 4 balls remaining, losing us 5 runs in the process. Unfortunately, we couldn't get claw the runs back as we lost the match by an agonising 1 run!

St Edward's 263

Hopelands 262

A very impressive performance - well done to everyone.

### 25<sup>th</sup> May – Cricket Wycliffe v. Hopelands

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, we took two U9 teams to Wycliffe to play cricket. The two words to describe the whole afternoon are 'power' and 'aggression.' All four sides (two from Hopelands and two from Wycliffe) managed to make contact with the bat on a similar number of occasions. However, Wycliffe, batted with more aggression which resulted in more boundaries.

I would like to congratulate Florence and Finley who both took wickets, and it was Florence, again, who managed to score a beautiful four. Gabriel listened to advice when coming into bat and connected well to score two fours but the target set, in both matches, was too high. The players are improving and it was frustrating we didn't capitalise on any balls down the leg side, having spent the morning practising our pull and hook shots. One Hopelands team managed to get 233 runs and the other one got 211 (starting on 200 and losing 5 runs for a wicket). This is also encouraging as all runs, in this match, were scored off the bat as any wides/no balls resulted in a free hit.

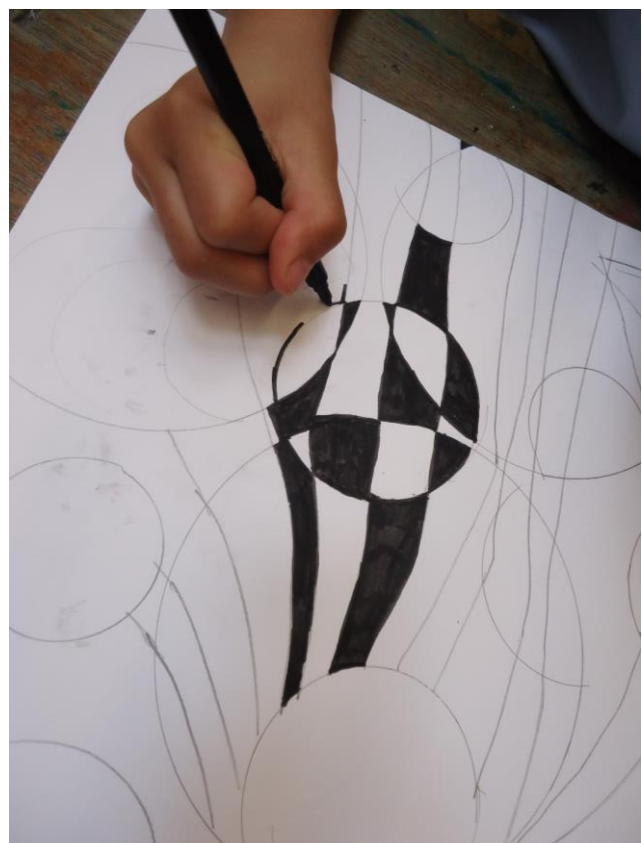
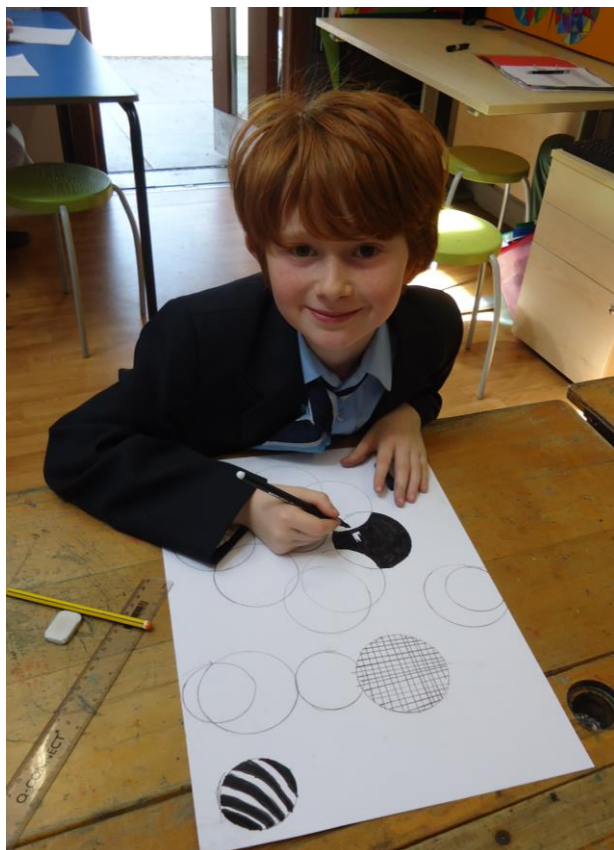
More importantly, I was very pleased with the behaviour of our pupils whilst fielding and waiting to bat and this is a credit to them. Cricket is a game where you may not be involved as much as other sports and staying alert, ready and focussed is crucial.

Well done to all of Class 4.



## Creative Club by Miss White

Creative club can make your eyes go fizzy! Well, that is 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.



## Stonehouse in Bloom

We were delighted to help Stonehouse in Bloom this week. A team of 6 children, together with Miss Porter and Mrs Compton, went to help with the planters outside the High Street Medical Centre. The children had a great time and the plants look wonderful. Along with the planters they plant 'Ivy' – a colourful boat which they all said was fantastic. We are also helping with an art display which will be installed in the High Street, more details to follow!



## Stonehouse in Bloom



### **SUMMER SIZZLE – Message from Friends of Hopelands**

**Date:** Friday June 24th - 3:30 pm until 7:30pm. Hosted by Friends of Hopelands

Come along and join parents, teachers and children for a spectacular summer sizzle.

It's been a while since we could get everyone together and have some fun.

We will be providing music, food and beverages, children's entertainment, bouncy castle and much more.

This is a lovely opportunity to get to know the wider Hopelands family, chat with all parents and teachers – a welcome change to the usual rushing around at drop off or pick up.

Although we will be providing food - we ask that if you have specific dietary requirements to please cater for yourself. If anyone would like to bring and share a dish please let me know.

To assist us in arranging food etc we do need to know numbers so please do email [jennibingham01@gmail.com](mailto:jennibingham01@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance and how many adults and children by June 1st .You will need to be with your children so if you have after school club booked - please come along after and join in!!

For this day all after school places will need to be booked in the office in advance please.

Best wishes from the FOH Team.

## Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Cara who recently passed her Piano grade 3 with distinction and Clarinet grade 4 with merit. Absolutely amazing, well done Cara!



Congratulations to Rupert and Freddie who were shortlisted in the Logo Lift Off Competition. This is an incredible achievement as out of the thousands of entries their logo shone through, and they were chosen as one of the shortlisted entries for the region.

Here they are pictured with their personalised certificate from the UK Space Agency.

Well done boys, amazing and we are very proud of you.