

Hello / مرحبًا

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week we have had with a lot of **change**. The children were super on **Wednesday** on our **Changeover Day**. A few children were initially worried but then quickly found a friend and settled into the activities and had a good learning experience. It was good to catch up with some of the **Year 6 children** who had taken the big leap over to their Secondary Schools to meet new friends and engage with the new routines. They are resilient creatures!

Our **Year 6 children** have been coping well with a lot of change, this week they have been grouped together to practise their end of Year performance and created videos for the Leavers Assembly. They have also had the end of year treat to **Gulliver's** with staff in tow. As I write this I am hoping that there has been no sick ups after lunch on rollercoasters!

It was wonderful to meet our **new Reception children** on **Wednesday** morning. We have a small cohort this year. They were delightful and most parents were able to leave them in the classrooms alone and pop into the hall for a cuppa. All children are unique and some take a little more time to settle but together we will support them to become independent learners.

Yesterday **Mrs Vicky McGregor** and **Miss Charlotte Deaves** hosted their 2nd coffee morning for families with children with SEND, they were supported by **Pinpoint** this time. We hope that it was a positive event for the families who were able to attend.

An important message from **Mrs Michaela Hall** and **Mrs Mariet Cook**; there is an abundance of **lost property** in both schools that needs to be claimed. Please pop in, or look at the clothes that will be put out on the front playground. All unclaimed clothing will either be placed in the red charity box at the front of the school or washed for a preloved sale in September.

A HUGE thank you to everyone for supporting the **Summer Fete**. I appreciate that there were long queues and many of you were upset with the organisation. Please come and join PATHS so that we can grow our team to ensure we have people to share ideas and supervise events. On a positive note we raised £1200, of which **Xavier in Year 4** raised **£67** from his drinks stall that he created outside of school and donated to PATHS – what a joy he is! This means we have more funds to spend on your children next year for the little extras.

Staff are busy finalising the annual reports that will be sent out next week. Please look out for an email regarding these important documents.

We look forward to the **Year 6** production next week. Please order your tickets, for health and safety reasons we can only issue **2 tickets per family**. PLEASE NOTE the slightly earlier time for the Leavers Assembly for a **9.15am** start.

Best wishes / أطيب التمنيات

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Language of the Month / لغة الشهر

This month **Miss Kayleigh Reid** our **Language of the Month Lead** would like us to celebrate **Arabic**. We have several families that hear and speak Arabic at home. If you have any resources we could borrow such as books and flags or pictures for our display we would be happy to receive them. **Thank you.**

Preschool

This week **preschool** have had lots of transition events for our children who start in Reception in September including story time with the Reception teachers in their classrooms, the staff were impressed with how we sat and listened well. We also met children who will join Preschool in September at our 'Stay and Play' sessions. We are still busy in the classroom finding out how to programme bee-bots (small bee robots), mark making on pirate flags and treasure mats as well as some group physical games e.g 'The bear and the honey!' We wonder if your child can tell you about it. **Next week**, we will continue exploring a new story, 'Animal Soup' that has gained our interest and macaroni threading for some fine motor practice.

Reception

This week in the **Class 1 and 2** gardens we had a visit from the big bad wolf! The children enjoyed being 'detective inspectors' and writing a report for the police! They suggested some pretty harsh consequences for his behaviour! In maths we have been learning how to use a Rekenrek and our enquiry learning has centred on testing out a range of materials to help us to make a boat that will float in our water tray. **Next week**, in our Religious Education sessions we will be learning about how Christians and Muslims welcome and celebrate the birth of a new baby.

Year 1

This week **Class 3 and 4** have been solving money problems with 2, 5, and 10 pence coins. Look out for solving more money problems in this week's homework. In science we had fun making boats out of different materials for our investigation next week. In art we made a sculpture out of clay using the techniques of coiling and pinching. We are looking forward to painting them soon. **Next week**, in science we will be carrying out our investigation and recording our findings.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** enjoyed making up silly words for their own poetry version of, In my rucksack I keep. In maths we solved problems relating to time. Some children found five-minute intervals (five past, ten past, quarter past, twenty past) tricky and also the 'to' the o'clock times. Telling the time to five minutes on BBC Bitesize is a good website to look at [Telling the time to 5 minutes - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#) **Next week**, we will be rehearsing for the Leavers Assembly and working with clay. As we get ready for the end of term please could you send a strong bag so we can send your child's books home.

Year 3

This week **Beech and Chestnut** Classes wrote formal letters complaining about the windmills in Blusterville. The children focused on using emotive language and explaining their reasonings for being against the windmills. In Maths, we identified and drew parallel and perpendicular lines outside with chalk. Transition day was very successful, and the children had a lovely time visiting their new classrooms with their new teachers. We wrote poems and produced beautiful pieces of art that focused on the children's favourite things such as food, people and books. Both classes created outstanding castles that they brought home and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who brought in cardboard for the children to make their designs, it was greatly appreciated! **Next week**, we get to watch the Year 6 production and participate in our RE festivities.

Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow** Classes loved exploring emotions this week with 'charades' and 'hot seating' activities where they took on the persona of the lighthouse keeper and were interviewed by the class. In maths, we have been using our Numberlink boards to find the quotient and remainders of division sums. Our purses and wallets are almost finished, and we can't wait to bring them home soon. **Next week**, we hope to finish 'Krindlekrax', secure our understanding of division and learn all about how peace is portrayed in different cultures in RE.

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash** Classes have been reading more of our class novel, 'Who Let The Gods Out'. It's been great to hear them read with prosody and giving the characters voices. They've also had a taste of Year 6 and they handled that brilliantly. **Next week**, they will be learning about Islam and continuing with their athletics practise.

Year 6

This week **Pine and Sycamore** Classes have been working hard on perfecting our acting and singing skills ready for our performances next week. Children have been experiencing their new secondary school this week, we hope they leave excited to return in September. To finish this week off we are going to release adrenaline on some rides at Gulliver's – a fantastic way to end the week. **Next week**, we look forward to welcoming parents and the current Year 2 children to see our play performances – break a leg!

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Dates for the Diary/Mga Petsa para sa Diary

Gulliver's Trip	Year 6	Friday 5th July	Year 6 Annual trip to Gulliver's in Milton Keynes
Y6 Performance	Year 6	Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	Two Year 6 performances [9th] at 6.00pm and an afternoon [10th] at 1.45pm to come and see [2 tickets per family only]
Come & Play [C]	For new to Preschool	Thursday 11th June	All new to preschool children starting Preschool in September 2024 are invited to Come and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
Y2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2	Thursday 11th July	Our Annual Leavers Assembly, parents and carers of Year 2 children are invited to this assembly from 9.00am
Stay & Play [5]	Preschool children	Friday 12th July	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6	Friday 12th July	Our annual Leavers Assembly, parents and carers of Year 6 children are invited to this assembly from 9.15am
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 15th July	A week of activities to support our minds and body including Sports Day on Wednesday 17th July 9.30am for Infant and 1.00pm for Junior
Last day of Term	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Last day of Term
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our After School Club will not be open on this day due to staff training.
Autumn Term begins	All schools	Wednesday 4th September	All Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils are expected to be in school from 8.40am [HJS] and YR, Y1 and Y2 from 8.45am [HIPS]
Meet the Teacher	All Schools	Wednesday 11th September	Book an appointment on Schoolcloud [from 4.9.2024] for a 5 minute chat with the new class teacher to share any top tips [questions will be shared in the new term before the meeting for ease]. You will be able to see the class your child will be in.

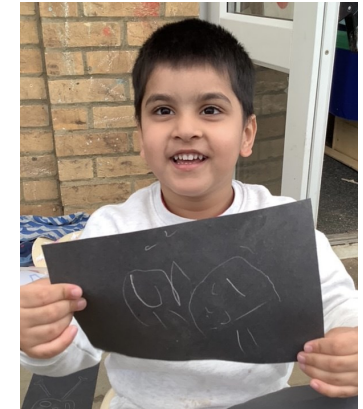
Healthy Week [Wk beg Monday 15th July] and Sports Day [Wednesday 17th July]

Please see all **Sports Day** and **Healthy Week** letters coming to you via email.

These letters will share the format of **Healthy Week** activities [e.g. Olympic Gym visits for all, Park Trips for Infant School, Olympic Sports Visitors for all etc] and **Sports Day**.

We hope that we can make all the children happy and safe throughout the events so please ensure you read them.

Thank you for your support.





SIGN UP FOR FREE FROM SAT 13TH JULY

Summer Reading Challenge 2024
Marvellous Makers

Discover and enjoy the amazing books in your local library.

Become a marvellous maker by joining in with our fabulous activities.

Complete the Summer Reading Challenge and receive your very own Marvellous Makers medal and certificate.

Start collecting your special Marvellous Makers stickers from Saturday 20th July.



Huntingdon Library

What's on at Huntingdon Library for families this summer!

Future Stars Matilda Theatre Workshop	Monday 22nd July	10:00am - 1:00pm	4+ years	Booking required Free
Dynamic Dioramas	Monday 22nd July	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Making Playdough	Wednesday 31st July	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Crafty Monkeys: Decorate a Mug	Monday 5th August	10:00am - 11:30am	5+ years	Booking required £
Puppet Sewing	Saturday 10th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Pencil Case Decorating	Friday 16th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Junk Modelling	Tuesday 20th August	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Imagination Jars	Wednesday 28th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £

For more information or to book your place on an event, please ask a member of staff at Huntingdon Library, call 0345 045 5225 or email: huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

