

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022



Gremlin Dance Challenge

Yesterday, our wonderful dancers performed at Princes Hall in Aldershot as part of the Gremlin Dance Challenge. The children ranged from Year 3 to 6 and have worked incredibly hard over the last month, often giving up their break and lunchtimes to perfect their dramatic and thought-provoking movements. Some of the children even came up with the choreography which, as I am sure you will agree if you were lucky enough to watch it, was spectacular and certainly brought a tear to everyone's eyes. A huge well done to Miss Scarr and Miss Orchard who have spent many an evening choreographing the dance as well as sourcing the children's costumes! Thank you to all of the parents who organised transport and came and watched the children. Miss Carne and Miss Cooke were extremely proud as we watched the children next to the camera man. It was a pleasure seeing the children's confidence grow on stage especially as they were performing to a huge audience! All of the pupils involved are an asset to our wonderful school and we are extremely proud that they won an award for 'best performance in character' which is currently displayed in the school reception area.

World Book Day

It was tremendous seeing the children and staff dress up for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, it was lovely sharing books with everyone.

World Book Day also saw the launch of the Bingo Reading Game which is open to all children. The aim is for children to try new and different books. As the children work through the column's they will receive a bronze, silver and gold certificate.

To finish off the week we would like to say 'Thank you' to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Hastings for coming in and helping clean and tidy all the books in the library. It has made such a difference and is greatly appreciated- not only by Mrs Adsley, but the children as well.

World Book Day was a great success and here are some examples of our fantastic World Book Day art:



Inter-house football tournament



On Monday, the whole school took part in our first inter-house sporting event of the year - football! Last week, teams were selected out of a hat during a class assembly to choose 8 children from each year group to represent their houses. On Monday, each team played in two matches which were 10 minutes in length. Members of the house that were not participating watched and cheered for their teams. There was excellent team spirit and sportsmanship showed by all children, and they spoke highly about enjoyment of the event and wanting more. The overall winners were Wellington with 34 points - well done Wellington! We look forward to the next inter-house event.

Reading Rockets Basketball

Yesterday, Year 3 had a basketball workshop with a coach from Reading Rockets. The children thoroughly enjoyed practising basketball drills and learning more about the game of basketball. The coach also supported the children who play basketball at lunchtime and went through some of the rules with them and helped them when playing their matches.

Next week, Year 4 will have their workshops on Thursday. The children will need to wear their PE kit on Thursday as well as their normal PE days. In a few weeks' time, some of the Reading Rocket team players will be coming to visit the children at lunchtime which will hopefully inspire our keen basketball players even more.

Welcoming Mrs Shepherd to the Office team

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Shepherd to the school office team. Mrs Shepherd is an experienced administrator, joining us from a nearby school in Basingstoke. Mrs Shepherd's role in the team includes school admissions, attendance, absence and safeguarding. She will be working closely alongside Mrs Chapman (reception, daily administration) and Mrs Sidhu (school dinners, clubs and music tuition).

The school office is open daily from 08:30 until 16:30 should you need to call in. You can also call us on 01256 762 468 or email adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk.

Red Nose Day 2022



On Friday 18th March it is Red Nose Day. The children are invited to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation. The theme is 'Funny is Power'. The children may like to come in something red, something funny (funny hairstyles encouraged by Miss Evans!) or other clothes of their own.

Please make donations online via our just giving link:

[Hook Junior School Red Nose Day 2022](#)

School council will also be selling red noses at playtime next week. These cost £1.50. They will be selling them Wednesday-Friday. You can prepay for these on SCO pay. If you are unable to use SCO pay, you can use cash.

Tesco token collection

We have applied for a Tesco community grant for us to develop a new planting and growing area for pupils. Our aim is to develop a well-resourced outdoor gardening space for children to plant and grow their own produce with sensory planting to introduce new smells, taste, texture and colour. Please consider voting for Hook Junior School if you receive a token when shopping at the Hook store. In store voting is open until 31 March 2022 and we are currently in first position among the three competing bids!

Hook Beer Festival

There is now just over a week to go until the 2022 Hook Beer Festival!

The final preparations are underway for this year's fantastic beer festival. We have selected a range of fantastic ales, larger and cider, more than 12 to try! We have booked a large screen for showing the rugby (away from the main hall) and as well as the fantastic Leather & Willow who will be there all night to make delicious authentic wood fired fresh pizzas (check out www.leatherandwillow.co.uk)

Tickets are only £7 and include a commemorative pint glass. Pints on the night are just £3.50 and other drinks/soft drinks and snacks will also be available. The weather is looking favourable, so we will have use of the outdoor area and the hall will be well ventilated. There are still a few tickets left so don't miss out on a fantastic night, book your tickets now online at www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca and if you ever fancied pouring a few pints you can use this website to sign up to volunteer, every helper gets a free half pint!

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Seraphina JH, Yusuf A, Tabitha G, Benjamin P

Year 4: Harry S, Emily W, Hannah V, Pearl M, Will C

Year 5: Scarlett D, Bertie F, Adam T, Oliver S

Year 6: Grace B, Honor M, Molly M, Evie P

House Points this week

Austen	265
Brunel	291
Nightingale	225
Wellington	233

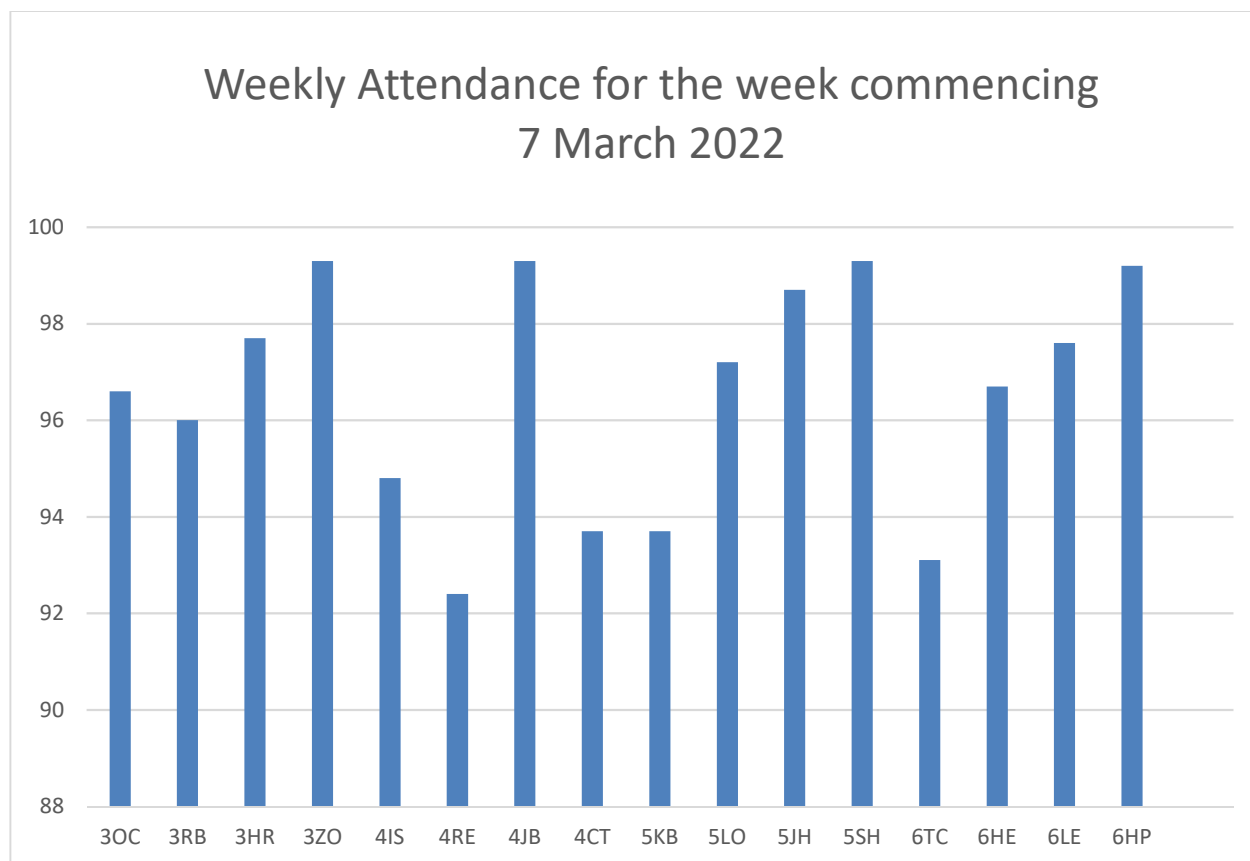
House point winners this week: Brunel

Reading classes of the week: 6HP

Reading Raffle Winner: Amelie 3ZO

Attendance This Week

Every day counts... Your child's attendance matters!



Overall attendance this week: **96.6%**

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Key Dates

14 Mar	Science Week
17 Mar	Reading Rockets Basketball Workshops
18 Mar	Red Nose Day
19 Mar	HSCA Beer Festival
21 Mar	Year 3 Iron Age Workshop
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22 Mar	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
24 Mar	Reading Rockets Basketball Workshops
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31 Mar	Reading Rockets Basketball Workshops
31 Mar	Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit

4 Apr	Life Education Wessex LifeBus visits for the week
5 Apr	3RB and 3ZO Easter Service to Parents, 09:00
6 Apr	3OC and 3HR Easter Service to Parents, 09:00
6 Apr	Governor Day
8 Apr	End of term – 1:30 finish
11 Apr	Easter Break
25 Apr	Summer Term – back to school
27 Apr	Happy's Circus
28 Apr	Happy's Circus
19 May	Class Photos
23 May	Year 3 Roman Workshop
30 May	Summer Half Term Week
8 Jun	HSCA Bag2School
9 Jun	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
10 Jun	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
14 Jun	HSCA Fathers Day Sale
16 Jun	HSCA Fathers Day Sale
25 Jun	HSCA Gin Festival
27 Jun	Year 6 Transition day to Robert Mays School
28 Jun	Year 6 Transition day to Robert Mays School
11 Jul	Year 6 Residential trip to PGL Marchants Hill
16 Jul	HSCA Summer Fair
21 Jul	End of term – 1:30 finish

Hook Schools Community Association

Beer Festival is back!



Saturday 19th March 2022
6.30 - 11pm

Hook Community Centre - Ravenscroft

Beers & Ciders
ONLY £3.50
a pint!

Tickets £7

Includes
commemorative
pint glass

Selection of Hot Food

Buy tickets ONLINE: www.pta-events.co.uk/h sca



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Bridges

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Sunflower

PLANTING



Initiated by Bridges Estate Agents to celebrate **30 YEARS** of St Michael's Hospice, Hook in Bloom will be helping to distribute and plant sunflowers around the village.

If you would like to help by planting seeds and bringing them to flower, pop into Bridges Estate Agents as soon as possible. Your sunflowers will stand a better chance of survival because optimum planting time is April.

"LET'S MAKE HOOK LOOK JOLLY FOR THE SUMMER!"

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