



Headteacher's Newsletter

19th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wish to present you with our school end of key stage SATs results for 2019 with comparisons against Hampshire and national results. We are delighted with the results as yet again we perform above Hampshire and national figures and show positive gains against 2016 and 2017 results.

Our congratulations go to the year six children who worked hard and kept their focus on their learning – they have all done extremely well. For the significant majority of children this is a reflection of their experience and achievement of four years at Hook Junior School with the valuable support of parents. Over that period all of the adults who have been involved with the children will have contributed to the children's achievement, but none more so than the year six teachers, Mrs Heaslop, Mr Colebrooke and Mrs Harrison, who have done a sterling job.

	Maths	Reading	GaPS	Writing	RWM Combined
2019 All pupils Expected Standard	90%	80%	90%	94%	78%
2019 Greater Depth	43%	40%	49%	30%	21%
2018 comparison	89% (42%)	84% (49%)	88% (40%)	90% (37%)	76% (23%)
2017 comparison	87% (40%)	80% (34%)	79% (35%)	92% (29%)	74% (16%)
Hampshire					
National	79%	73%	78%	78%	65%

We can as a community celebrate and be proud of our school, together we have achieved the best for our children and I am thankful for your partnership with that. Your responses and feedback with the end of year school reports has been wholly positive and reassuring to know that children want to come to school, they are inspired by the curriculum and the teaching, they enjoy learning and strive to do their best and as a result they achieve well. Some have said:

"Thank you to everyone at Hook junior School for all their efforts in helping to shape our children into the wonderful, well-mannered boys and girls they are."

"All interactions with the teachers have been fantastic and we are very happy with xxx growth and development."

"He likes to go into school every morning, he walks with enthusiasm. Thank you Hook Junior School for supporting us to make xxx educated and a better person."

"It has been a great journey for xxx, since starting in Y3. Over the past four years, we have enjoyed watching him question and learn about the world."

"Wow! How to go out with a bang! We are so happy with xxx progress throughout Hook Junior School. The support and guidance he's received has helped ready him for the next stage of his journey"

"We are pleased that xxx has adopted a growth mind-set and that he has already grown in confidence."

"He will miss Hook Junior School but we know he has had the perfect grounding to help him achieve at secondary school."

"xxx has had a great year, partly due to such amazing teaching staff and a wonderfully supportive environment..."

"...it has been such a delight this year having him come home being so enthusiastic about his day."

"We are delighted to hear about the great progress that xxx has made...she has grown in personal confidence...she has made impressive progress in her spelling, numeracy, reading and writing."

"Many thanks to all of the staff at Hook Junior School for helping our daughter grow, learn and develop"

"He has had some great opportunities to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities..."

"...the support he has been given has done wonders for his confidence and the SATs results are testament to that."

"xxx has spent another happy year at Hook Juniors and we would like to thank all staff for contributing to making it a happy one"

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback, it is very much appreciated.

Goodbye and Good Luck for the Future Y6

We are very proud of your achievements, you have been a very impressive group of pupils some of you are talented in the arts, some of you are talented with sport, some of you are particularly academic and some of you have exceptional social skills. Each one of you is unique, but each has added something special to this school. Hook Junior School is a richer place because of the presence of each one of you and the contribution you have made.

You have 'inspired' us and one another, you know yourselves as learners and have achieved academically, socially and personally. But remember the qualities, character traits and aspects of your hearts and minds that tell the deeper story about you – a small part of which we remembered in your Leaver's Assembly. I am confident that you are leaving Hook Junior School better equipped to be resilient, with the grit and determination to succeed, with ambition and optimism for the next stage in your educational journey.

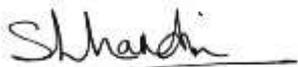
As you move on to your secondary school, remember of all the things you have done here and how it has shaped you, whether it was representing the school in a sports team, having a role and responsibility, singing in a choir, performing in a drama production, dancing or playing an instrument in a concert, learning event or reaching your learning targets. All of these things are an important part of your education and a special part of growing up; they are years' worth of positive shared experiences, take a piece of the school with you, hopefully you will have positive lasting memories.

Your futures are wide open and I hope that at secondary you throw yourselves into all the opportunities that are available to you, enjoy the presence of every moment, challenge and possibility. Get the little things right: be on time, treat each other kindly, work hard and continue your love of learning, make it a habit – you will need it. More importantly and above all be yourselves, be optimistic, be confident, enjoy life and be happy.

It has been a pleasure and privilege Year 6 and I wish you all the very best for the future.

I wish to extend to all Hook Junior School children and families a well-earned, safe, happy and enjoyable summer break. I look forward to welcoming you again in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Martin

Headteacher

Staff changes for September

We say goodbye, thank you and good luck to...

Mrs Taylor (LSA & LTS) who has been a long serving, committed team member and served the children of Hook Junior School since 2010 – nine years of dedicated service. Sadly Mrs Taylor leaves us to undertake a new role, full time, in the commercial sector. Mrs Taylor has fully involved herself in all aspects of school life and played a significant part with children in years five and six, all of whom have benefitted from her calm, warm demeanour, excellent subject knowledge and enjoyed her full support with school trips and Marchant's Hill. We thank Mrs Taylor for her loyalty, we shall miss her and wish her every success in her new role.

Mr French (5SF) started at Hook Junior School as an NQT (newly qualified teacher) and after seven years has gained promotion as Assistant Headteacher at Church Crookham Junior School. Mr French has developed his craft at Hook Junior School and many children have enjoyed and been inspired by his teaching. Over the years he has led PE, English and been Team Leader of year five and year six. Church Crookham Juniors have much to gain and we are proud of his promotion. We congratulate him on his appointment which is well deserved and have no doubt that he will thrive in it.

Mrs Harrison (6VH) leaves to take up a new challenge as a teacher within the Surrey based, Kite Academy Trust. A talented teacher who truly understands the needs, motivations and desires of her pupils to provide the right balance between challenge, support and nurture which has greatly benefitted the children in her care and will no doubt continue to do so at her new school.

Miss Richardson (3SR) is relocating to London and is leaving to continue her teaching career at Tooting School in Wandsworth. Having started her career here as a NQT two years ago and served as PE Leader this year, Miss Richardson has a good foundation upon which to continue to build and develop her practice.

Mrs Rainbow (3JR) is leaving to pursue a role outside of teaching and we wish her well in her new career choice and thank her for the support and commitment to 3CB.

Mrs Wilson has worked across all year groups over the years as a PPA teacher and covered classes for all variety of reasons, more recently with Mrs Stephens in Y4 and Miss Smith in Y3. Committed and dedicated to the school she has been flexible with her time and we look forward to her teaching in the school on supply in the future.

Mr Quilter (Sports Coach and ex-pupil of Hook Schools) leaves to stretch his sports coaching wings in another setting. He has worked with us for many years and during his time he has strengthened the PE provision at the school and had particular success with increasing the school's involvement in sporting tournaments and competitions. As a result, Hook Junior School pupils have achieved great success at local, district and county level in a variety of sports, for which we are all proud and grateful. Always enthusiastic about PE and Sport which transpires into his lessons, he has inspired many pupils to develop and nurture their sporting talents. We wish him all the very best for the future.

In September we welcome to the teaching team...

Miss Narinesingh, Miss Bowyer, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs Rahimi-Irandoust, Miss Crowley, Miss Slay and Mrs Griffiths.

In September we welcome to the LSA team...

Mrs Stokes, Mrs Sparey, Mrs Anderson (who is already a member for the Lunchtime Team) and Mrs David.

HSPA – so far approximately £34,000 raised!

Huge congratulations and thank you to all of the team, this is an amazing amount of money and testimony to the strength of the team and the community support they garner. They make it all look effortless when it is far from it and the variety of events they have provided this year has been fantastic. £34,000 is a phenomenal amount of money and is record breaking for the HSPA.

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors we cannot thank the HSPA enough for the contribution they make financially, personally and for the benefit of the school community. Their role is significant and the part they play in the wider life of the school has tremendous impact on bringing the wider community together and placing the schools at the heart of it.

The effort and time required to produce twelve events of such quality and on such a large scale as they do, is testament to the will, determination and resourcefulness of the HSPA team. It is quite admirable and is to be congratulated. Well done and thank you to all in the HSPA and all who support you.

Year 6 Summer Term

Year 6 Production- The Lion King

The 5th, 8th and 9th July saw the transformation of the school hall into the African Savannah for the year 6 performances of 'The Lion King'. Having worked hard on this for 3 and a half weeks, it was with great pride that the parents and year 6 team witnessed the end result - and what a spectacle it was! From the acting and singing, to the set design and lighting and sound, all the children gave their all to ensure that it would be a performance to remember! Performing to sell-out crowds is not an easy thing to do, yet there were no signs of nerves as the children stepped out on to the stage.

Well done to everyone involved and on behalf of the year 6 team, I would like to thank all the parents and carers that supported the production, particularly with organising and supplying costumes, helping the children to learn and perfect their lines, and for supporting them on the night - it was all greatly appreciated!

Year 6 Leavers' Lunch

The Year 6 Leavers' Lunch was a great day. On Tuesday 16th July, the children enjoyed a special lunch prepared by the school kitchen. The children ate their lunch in the decorated hall as they chatted and reminisced of their time at the Junior school. After the lunch, many team games were played and it was a perfect end to a long year.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

On Thursday 18th July, year 6 reflected and celebrated their time at Hook Junior School in the Leavers' Assembly. It was a proud moment for parents and teachers to see how the children had grown and matured over the past 4 years. During the assembly, the children had the opportunity to share some of their most memorable moments from all years which included some photos too. To conclude the assembly, the children sang their Leavers' song –Don't Stop Believing. It was the perfect way to end our time at Hook Junior School.

Year 6 SATs results

The Year 6 teachers would like to offer their congratulations to the year 6 children for their fantastic SATs results. They have worked exceptionally hard over the past year, set their goals high and have remained focused on their learning. The teachers couldn't be more proud of your individual achievements and how well you conducted yourselves throughout the week.

Year 6 Think Safe

If year 6 are not prepared enough already for their transition into secondary school, they have also enjoyed a recent educational visit to 'Think Safe' where they learnt many life skills that are needed to prepare them for their futures. Experiencing real life dangers that may occur as they grow older, they learnt how to prevent and deal with dangerous situations including 'stranger danger', fire safety and basic first aid. They were presented with real life situations and experienced how to keep personal safety at the forefront of their minds as well as how to manage a situation that could become unsafe.

David Wilson Homes Project

Marking the end of the yearlong David Wilson Homes' Building Buddies Award, the staff and pupils enjoyed a ceremonious trophy presentation to draw the project to a close.

Back in September, year 6 were chosen to be part of this bespoke scheme and the children recently enjoyed an award ceremony to celebrate being the first school in the county to complete the assignment.

Split into four quarters, the pupils learned about the construction process in great detail as they took part in a range of challenges at the school. The four tasks guided the pupils along the homebuilding procedures, covering planning and land, sales and marketing, technical and design and construction.

The children were visited by Ollie Parmenter, Marketing Manager at David Wilson Homes Southern, who presented the pupils with their coveted Building Buddies Award, in addition to individual trophies for the task winners – Rosie, Prathyush, Kirsten and Poppy.



All the year 6 teachers are immensely proud of everything that the children have achieved this year and wish them all the best for their transition to secondary school.

Year 4 Summer Term



Year 4 have had a fantastic summer term packed full of a whole range of exciting activities including: our trip to Southsea; caring for living creatures; creating puppets and writing playscripts.

School Council 2019

Thank you from Mrs Stephens to the excellent School Council who have been involved in fundraising for charities including Children in Need and Macmillan Cancer Research as well as starting our outdoor area fund to revamp the quiet area.

The School Council were also involved in selecting equipment and interviewing the suppliers for the new Trim Trail, providing much needed play equipment in our grounds.

Geography

It has been delightful to hear about the pupils' learning and wonderful opportunities in geography throughout the year. Here are a few highlights from our geography units this year. In autumn term, Year 3 located rainforests around the world and began to explore some of the conservation issues surrounding the destruction of rainforest habitats. Year 4 took a trip to Southsea to explore beach formation and investigate the plastic waste in the sea. In the spring term, Year 5 visited the River Whitewater to attempt fieldwork and to study the local area but unfortunately the weather had other plans! Finally, Year 6 explored the different biomes around the world and compared those using physical features. Linking with science, art and English, they created their own animal using their knowledge of the biomes.

At the start of the summer term, it was amazing to see the variety of responses to the geography home learning project of 'A discovered Island' this year. It was evident that a significant amount of time was invested into creating the islands and the children loved responding to the project in imaginative ways. Hook Junior School are really lucky to have knowledgeable and talented children and supportive parents.

This year, Hook Junior School has established an Eco-Warrior club which consists of several, elected pupils across the year groups. This is an enquiry based club with the mission of making the school greener, cleaner and sustainable and they learn about and raise awareness of current environmental issues in the school, community and world. They have started the process of creating an Eco-Code for the whole school to follow; ensured the school grounds are litter free and wrote a persuasive letter to the HSPA to reduce single-use plastics at the disco. Eco-Warriors are looking forward to completing more projects next academic year to improve the school.

Eco-Warriors were overwhelmed with the creative responses for the World Environment Day mask competition and found it challenging to select the top three designs. The overall winners were Eli R (3ES), Jack S (5SF) and Oscar S (6SH) as their overall designs focused on the environment and the impact humans are having on it with high pollution levels. Well done to everyone who entered as there were so many fabulous entries.

Science

It has been a pleasure this year to see enthusiasm for science continue in school. The children have shown curiosity in a range of topics. We have taken part in some great projects this year; the RAF project and rubber band car challenge have been two highlights. This year we have also begun to use our outdoor area more. We look to continue doing this year as we are lucky to have such extensive grounds.

Sport

Hart District Athletics Festival

On the second of July, we took 31 pupils from years from year 3, 4 and 5 to compete in the first Hart District Athletics Event which was held at the Aldershot Military Stadium. After completing the parade of athletes around the track, the serious business of the day began.

Competing in sprints, long distance and relay races as well as throwing and long jump events, the children faced tough competition from nine other local schools.

For most, this was their first opportunity to compete on a proper running track in front of a packed grandstand of parents, other competitors and cheering team mates and certainly the first time jumping into sand in the long jump! All children who took part did an incredible job – particularly the year 5s who took on mixed year 5 and 6 six teams in the relay and admirably finished ahead of many of them – and I hope they have been inspired to get involved in athletics in the future.

All children who took part received a participation ribbon in recognition of the excellent job they did while others who placed in the top three of their event received a medal.

Hook Medal Winners:

Evie P, Throwing – 3rd, Jasmine W, 400m – 2nd, Katie C, Long Jump – 2nd, Jake A, Throwing – 2nd, Ivan P, Long Jump – 3rd, Ruby W, 600m – 3rd, Jessica P, sprint – 3rd

Sports Day

Under glorious sunshine, this year's Sports Day was held earlier this week. All children competed in thirteen rotational activities, earning a tremendous amount of points for their house teams, before moving to the track for the races. These were fiercely tight, especially the sprints at the end! However, I was incredibly impressed by the excellent sporting behaviours shown by all Hook pupils, cheering on their house and supporting those in their team and showing great determination to do their best.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who attended and cheered on their children with such enthusiasm – especially those bravest of individuals prepared to run in the adults races – and thank all Hook Junior staff and our fantastic Sports Leaders who helped to make the day possible.

Finally, I would like to say an enormous well done to all the children who took part. Your energy, determination and courage were a joy to see and you can all be incredibly proud of what you achieved.

Sports Day Final Scores:

1st – Wellington, 546pts
2nd – Nightingale, 525pts
3rd – Austen, 521pts
4th – Brunel, 496pts

Team Reports

Year 5/6 Girls Football

The year 5/6 girls football team had a year to remember. After a narrow victory at the start of the year (in the hail and rain!), the girls won their league convincingly, winning all 4 games. The highlight was the last game of the league season which finished 7-0! They put a great effort to try to win the shield (all league winners play each other for it) but unfortunately were beaten by 2 other schools. The girls' also reached the semi-final of the cup to make it the most successful year of girls football the school has ever had. Their fun attitudes and team work made them a pleasure to coach for Mr Quilter. They were nominated for the 'Exceptional Team of the Year' award for the Hart and Rushmoor School Sports awards.

Hook Junior hosted a football festival for over 120 girls. The festival went really well and the girls' represented the school tremendously. They scored lots of goals and were respectful to the other teams.

Natsune S (captain), Demi H, Rose S, Amelie E, Lily H, Jasmin H, Ava B, Sasha L, Pheobe C, Clara J Auge and Freya P.

Year 5/6 Netball

The year 5/6 netball team has had a really good year. After starting with a loss against Potley Hill, the boys and girls went on to win the rest of their games convincingly. This secured a very

impressive 2nd place in a 5 team league. They supported each other through every training session and matches to create a fun but effective environment.

Their honesty during games was highlighted by many opposing coaches and children which resulted in Mr Quilter nominating the team for the 'Fair Play' award at the Hart and Rushmoor School Sport awards. The netball team were chosen as winners in this category, well done to them!

Bethan M (captain), Eleanor B, Ava B, Millie T, Ade A, Katie C, Sarah H, Megan C, Kirsten B, Eleanora B, Matthew T and Euan R.

Year 5/6 Boys Football

Due to the success of last years boys' football team, the team were put in the top league. The boys worked very hard in each training session and game against very skilled opponents. After a couple of narrow defeats and a draw, the boys showed their determination to win their last league game of the year. This put them in a very respectful 4th, out of 5 in the league (only 1 point off 3rd).

In the cup, the team were outstanding. After a winning the preliminary round 2-0, the quarter finals saw the boys put in their performance of the season with a 6-1 win. They were eventually beaten by Elvetham Heath in the semi finals but it was a great effort this year, well done!

Thomas K (captain), Charlie F, Tyler M, Zach R, Noah O, Louis K, Alfie G, Tomas V, Ollie A, James T, Shay K and Oliver H.

Year 5/6 Handball

The handball team had an unbelievable summer term. They won the North Hants Handball Tournament at Samuel Cody after only a couple of practice sessions with Mr Quilter. There were 5 games, they won 4 and lost 1 but were champions over all. This meant that they had qualified to represent North Hampshire at the Hampshire Games. This is the first time for many years that the school has represented the area at this competition.

At the Hampshire Games, there were 14 handball teams split into 2 groups of 7. Hook won 5 games and lost 1 to qualify for the semi-finals. This game was very dramatic, with Hook trailing 2-0 with only 3 minutes left of the game but somehow managed to reach the final with a 3-2 win. The final was against Barton who were the only team to have beaten Hook (who train twice a week and have 2 handball teams!). Hook took a 2-0 lead very quickly but Barton battled back to a 3-2 lead with only 2 minutes left. The girls and boys showed their resilience by winning the game 4-3! An outstanding achievement and one the children (and Mr Quilter) will remember for years to come.

Tyler M (captain), Zach R, Ava B, James T, Radu B, Rose S, Demi H, Noah O and Shay K.

Year 5/6 Cross Country

This year, Hook Junior School entered the year 5/6 girls and boys cross country leagues. This included 4 league races where schools tried to gain points for their league position. The girls team finished 2nd out of 10 schools and the boys finished 3rd out of 9 schools. The children put in an incredible amount of effort into each race and even had additional training sessions during the school day.

There were also fun runs for children to take part in. These runs were to give the boys and girls experience of the races but in a less pressured environment. Well done to everyone that took part in a league race or fun run this year!

After the league championships and last fun run were cancelled, Mr Quilter hosted a cross country race at Hook Junior for all children involved in the cross country team. 12 girls and 13 boys took part. The children have been described as inspiration by many people because of the effort they put in.

Bethan M, Rose S, Sarah H, Isabelle R, Freya P, Ruby W, Gabrielle M, Evie R, Amelie P, Isabel G, Katie C, Lily H and Ava B.

Charlie F, Thomas K, , leaun W, Jake A, Noah O, Jacob V, James T, Charlie M, Alfie D, James N, Spencer F, Oliver H, Harry W and Charlie M.

Other Festivals, Competitions and Clubs

Earlier in the school year, a group of year 4/5 girls played a football friendly against St Nicholas. The girls were brilliant, they put in a lot of effort and scored many goals.

During the summer term, Mr Quilter took a number of year 4/5 girls and boys to play football festivals at Aldershot FC's stadium. Both of these festivals were all-day events where they played many matches. Both groups managed to do really well, finishing in the top 4.

A group of year 5/6 girls and boys took part in a basketball festival in Aldershot. This involved the children taking part in various activities and games, as well as matches at the end. They got to practice different skills and techniques and represented the school fantastically.

During the Autumn and Spring terms, we had a cross country after school club. There were approximately 40 children that took part in this through the two terms. They took part in many different activities and races. The children showed great behaviour and displayed improvement in their running as the year went on.

During the Summer term, there was a basketball after school club (year 3 and 4 on Monday, year 5 and 6 on Tuesday). Between the 2 sessions, there were approximately 50 children playing basketball. They learn various techniques and skills used in basketball, scored many baskets and played a lot of matches. The children were very enthusiastic at all sessions and were very competitive.

We hosted a year 3-6 netball club during the entire school year. There were approximately 45 children who took part in the club. The girls and boys learnt a lot of different skills and techniques to use, as well as many shooting games (a favourite of theirs) and matches. The children always played with fun attitudes and were very supportive of each other.

Visit from Emily Harris

Back in the Autumn term, we were visited by Emily Harris, an ex-pupil of Hook Junior School and a member of the England Field Hockey team and the GB Ice Hockey Team. Emily delivered an assembly to the whole school, talking about the challenges she had faced and overcome to get to her position as well as the hard work and long training hours she had needed to put in to ensure she was the best she could be.

Emily also delivered a Hockey workshop to every class who were able to practise their own skills and play in mini games. The children were so excited to take part in this, with many asking Emily for her autograph!

Year 5/6 Hockey Team

Over the winter months this year, I had the pleasure of taking the Year 5/6 Hockey team to the tournaments held at Down Grange in Basingstoke, organised by Mr Watton. All the children who took part were excellent representatives of the school and played every game with teamwork and enthusiasm.

I would also like to say a special well done to the team for their determination. No matter the weather, which was consistently awful, every member of the team gave it their all and they should be very proud of themselves.

Well done to:

Thomas K, Gabriella M, Charlie F, Charlie M, Eric R, Amelie E, Clara J, Robert C, Emily R, Pheobe C, Ade A, Emily H, Liam D, Freya P, Hayden P

Visit from Kelly Simm, GB Gymnast

Back in January, we had our visit from Kelly Simm who ran a sponsored circuits session with the whole school. Kelly also delivered an assembly, where she spoke about her journey to the Commonwealth Games and her ongoing plans to get to the 2020 Olympics.

We were amazed by the levels of generosity from the family and friends of the children who took part in the event and, thanks to your sponsorship, as a school we were able to raise over £2000 to spend on Sports Equipment. With this money, we have been able to replace the school football goals with a brand-new set which have already been used in district competitions. We have also been able to purchase new equipment for the Summer sports such as Rounders bases and Cricket sets.

Well done to all the children who took part and we hope you all enjoyed your wristbands and posters of Kelly!

Year 3/4 Hockey Festival held at Elvetham Heath

In April this year, 10 children from Year 3 and 4 came with me to Elvetham Heath School to take part in a Hockey and Sports Festival. We completed mini skills tasks where we were able to show off our fantastic teamwork and Hockey skills and this culminated in a game against some other local Primary Schools. The children played excellently and they should all be extremely proud of the way they represented the school.

Well done to: Charlie R, Eliza V, Molly M, Eden R, Josh B, Alex S, Freddie D, Oscar A, Ruby H, Paddy H

Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament at Down Grange

In June, 12 children from across Year 3 and 4 took part in the Basingstoke Summer Hockey Tournament at Down Grange. They spent the afternoon playing a range of other local Primary Schools and were able to experience playing in a more competitive environment. Every single member of the team showed a great level of enthusiasm and dedication and I was very proud to have such a fantastic team of children representing the school. Zac C, Sophie W, Ollie G, Lucas O, Mia A, Seb F, Daniel H, Sophie R, Oscar S, Jack B, Charlie J, Jessica T

Year 3 Sports Games Values Festival

Also, in June, 9 children from Year 3 attended the Sports Games Values Festival at Calthorpe Park. This gave the children the opportunity to experience a range of mini skills-based games, each showing a different value e.g. passion and determination.

The whole team were fantastic and were determined to beat their times on the obstacle course and throw the furthest in the javelin. Congratulations to Oscar S who threw the furthest out of every school.

Well done to each and every one of you, you all demonstrated all of the Sports Values

George E, Oscar A, Morgan H, Oscar S, Charlie R, Violet S, Lauren H, Jenson S, Samuel

Thank you to everyone involved for a fantastic year of sport!

Music

'We are the makers of music and the dreamers of dreams.' Willy Wonka

This year, Year 3 and 4 have been learning the recorder. It has been lovely to see Year 4 showcasing their previous learning from last year as they learnt a variety of songs inspired by the sea during their topic of the Seaside. As well as this Year 5 and 6 have been learning the ukulele. Year 6 created their own compositions based on their previous knowledge of taught chords from last year. All the children have loved performing to one and another and their enthusiasm has been a joy to watch. Next year, Fuse Drumming will be introduced so watch this space!

Strawberry Tea

On 11th June, children across the school came together to host a concert in honour of all the adults that help and support our school. Every year, there is an overwhelming response across the school of children who would love a chance to perform to say thank you to our many fantastic supporters; we couldn't do it without you! To name a few.... parents and carers who read with children across the school, parents and carers who help on trips, HSPA who are always fundraising and organising community events, the rotary club, adults who run after school clubs, governors, Tesco's, the Parish Council, Reverend Marion, Mrs Laird, Mrs Raimbaux and Mrs Linehan-Hill.

The concert consisted of a range of talents including a tap dance, ukulele performances from Ukulele Club, instrumental solos, poetry readings from the Poetry Slam, an excerpt from Year 6's The Lion King, and 3SR performing their Singing Festival song 'Come Alive' from The Greatest Showman. As well as this, the orchestra (conducted by Mrs Raimbaux and accompanied by Mrs Linehan-Hill) and choir (conducted by Mrs Laird and also accompanied by Mrs Linehan-Hill) performed amazingly and showed how much hard work and dedication they have put in over the course of the year. All the children should be incredibly proud of themselves as they gave a truly spectacular and memorable performance to all our wonderful guests.

Basingstoke Primary School's Music Concert at The Anvil

At the end of June, Hook Junior - alongside 500 other talented performers – gathered over two nights at The Anvil in Basingstoke to recount the history of 'Our Town' through the medium of music and dance. From songs inspired by The Flintstones, to medieval dances and Abba's 'Waterloo', to wartime melodies, the concert showcased real variety that captured the audience throughout. A real highlight was the choir performing Snow Patrol's 'Chasing Cars' to pay homage to Basingstoke's thriving motor industry at that time. Well done to every member of the choir and orchestra who were incredible ambassadors for Hook Junior School; we are very proud of you. A massive thank you to Mrs Raimbaux (who also performed a moving rendition of the last post), Mrs Laird and Mrs Linehan-Hill who have worked incredibly hard with the choir and orchestra throughout the year to ensure each and every child excels with passion and enthusiasm.

Ukulele Club

Over the summer term, children across the school came together after school each week to learn the ukulele and share in their love of music! After learning a variety of chords and strum patterns, the children all formed their own bands and chose the songs they wanted to recreate. Gacha Gang, The Flaming Skulls, Atmosphere, Year 5 Rockstars and Sapphires were all born! Each band practised exceptionally hard every week with some managing to also compose their own song as well. Our final session finished with a performance to parents and carers who were also given the chance to try some chords out for themselves! Well done Ukulele Club!

Singing Festival

On 17th July all the school came together in a celebration of singing and musical talents. Each class performed a song that they had chosen and then personalised. Across the school there was a wide variety of songs ranging from Disney favourites to old school classics. Through every performance it was clear how much effort every class had put into not only learning their song but also thinking of ways to let it represent them with some classes also including instruments to accompany their performances. It was a delight to watch with surprises along the way with hidden talents being showcased. After careful deliberation from the judges (Mrs Kay and Miss Crowley) the winning class was decided and would be awarded the Singing Festival trophy for the first time. Huge congratulations to all of 5SF for showing enthusiasm and passion during your performance of Blur's 'Song 2' to be awarded first place. Alongside Mr French playing electric guitar, Henry on bass guitar, David on drums and Kaelyn on guitar, the rest of the class sung their hearts out and made us all nearly start singing too, 'woo-hoo!'. Well done to every class for a fantastic celebration of music!

HSPA End of Year Thank You

As another school year comes to an end we just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. 2018-19 has been a VERY busy and successful year for the HSPA. With a strong start to the year (our main Fireshow event did well) we dared to set ourselves a big target - £30,000!! And now with only the ice cream sales to go, we are tantalisingly close to **£35,000 (yes Thirty Five Thousand)** profit this school year!!! A huge thank you to all the school staff and every person who has volunteered at any event - this would not be possible without your help!

We won't have the final figure until our accounts have been audited but the draft details will be published at our AGM in September as usual. Here you will be able to find out how much money each event made.

This year we pushed ourselves to run 2 completely new and different events: the Gin Festival (watch out for Gin Festival 2020!) and Happy Circus - both huge hits. We plan to continue with our diverse range of events, including community events like Fireshow & Beer Festival plus the events just for the kids like the discos, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day sales. These events would not be possible without our dedicated and professional committee who are brave to try new events, so if you have any ideas about any event that might work at our schools, please let us know, and even better, offer to help run it - its great fun!

Next year will doubtless be just as busy, even if the events themselves might not be exactly the same. If you can spare time to help organise events via email, social media and the odd meeting, please get in touch with any of the team or attend the AGM. The more people who are involved in the planning, the smoother the events run on the day. If you can't make time to help with the planning of an event, please make time to offer some time on the day. Remember we need 120 volunteers to run the Fireshow safely.

Finally if you can't do any of the above, please continue to attend our events and spend your money with us!

We hope everyone has a fantastic summer holiday - see you in September! The HSPA Committee

Find out more...

Follow @HookJunior on Twitter for more up to date information and photos about exciting activities at school. Staff post regularly to keep you up to date.

Events Calendar

Date	Event
22 July	INSET Day
23 July	INSET Day
4 September	INSET Day
4 November	INSET Day
6 January	INSET Day
16 March	INSET Day
22 July	INSET Day

All forthcoming events are listed [in the events Calendar on the Hook Junior School website](#). Alongside our own events, you will also find links to Hampshire County term dates and national public holidays.

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INFORMATION FOR NEW INTAKE 2020-21



Information Evenings for Year 6 Parents/Carers:

- 12th September 2019 at 7pm
- 23rd September 2019 at 7pm

Open Mornings for Year 6 Parents/Carers:

- 24th and 25th September 2019

Tours start promptly at 9.00am and 11.00am

*Please see the **News & Events > Events booking** section of our website www.rmays.org to book your place*

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