



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24 February 2023

World Book Day Reminder

As previously communicated with parents, we shall be celebrating WBD on Wednesday next week (1st March) due to two of our Year 5 classes being on a trip on Thursday. We are very much looking forward to seeing children in their fictional character costumes! Thank you to those parents who have kindly offered to come in at the end of the school day to share a story with children, we look forward to you sharing this part of World Book Day with us.

Design Technology – donations required

As part of our enquiry cycle in design technology, the pupils investigate topic related items before designing, making and evaluating their own product. As a school, we would like to create a bank of high-quality resources specific to the DT units for the children to explore as part of their learning.

We would be grateful for good condition donations of the following:

- Steady hand games; electrical buzz/wire games
- Pop-up books; for younger and older children
- Small wildlife shelters such as bird houses/hides
- Materials/clothing/items that contain glow in the dark or LED lights or reflective materials or colour changing (photochromatic).

Please deliver any donations to the school office, clearly marked 'DT resources'.

Year 5 RAF Project Bottle Appeal

Year 5 are in need of clean, empty 500ml plastic water bottles in order to participate in the STEM project organised by RAF Odiham and Robert May's School after half term. Year 5 would be grateful for bottle donations to be sent to the school office in a labelled bag or to a Year 5 classroom via your child from 20th February to 18th March to be used within their projects.

Year 5 Learning Event

Ravenscroft, Hook, RG27 9NN

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The week before half term, Year 5 had their Learning Event where they invited their parents, grandparents and carers in to help them build the final product of this term's design and technology project: an Egyptian themed window display featuring a cam mechanism. The children did brilliantly, applying all that they've learnt this term about cam mechanisms and using saws and hot glue guns in a safe manner. I even saw a few children teaching their parents how to hold the cutting block and dowel they were cutting firmly and how to know that the hot glue was cool enough to touch.

As is normal when designing something new, many of the children faced unexpected challenges with the build, ranging from limitations in the movement of their cam to difficulties in attaching the backdrop and decorations to the top of the box. All of these were faced with resilience and creativity and, with a little wise advice from adults, problems were solved and solutions found.

From looking at what was achieved in such a short afternoon, I'm sure you'll agree that the children have done a fantastic job and should be just as proud as the Year 5 teaching team are of what they have created. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was able to come to our Learning Event for their support and guidance.





Governor News

On Tuesday evening, the full governing body met with a focus on the curriculum. We were appreciative for Mrs Kay to join the meeting to present on the modern foreign language curriculum offer, where we reviewed the school's intent, implementation and impact within this subject. It was evident that children's knowledge and skills of languages is strong, and developed over time due to the high-quality provision in place.

Part of the meeting also provided an opportunity to look at the current school data from the Autumn term and to discuss how the school's use of formative and summative assessment supports teaching, learning and curriculum development in detail.

Miss Smith also presented to governors on SEND, reviewing the main areas of need for pupils within the school, how support in class is provided and highlight the extensive continued professional development of staff to best support all pupils.

Bag2School collection - Wednesday 1st March

This term's Bag2School collection organised by the HSCA will be on Wednesday 1st March, ideal if you're having a clear out over half term. They will take good quality second hand clothes and linen - a full list of what can be donated is available here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. Place any donations in bin bags (not bags distributed by other charities) and leave in the parking space directly adjacent to the skate park before 9am on the day. The Bag2School charity will not accept any branded uniform items, however the HSCA team will gratefully receive these for their pre-loved uniform sales at future HSCA events. Any good quality uniform bearing the Junior school logo can be left in the green bin outside the Junior school office.

HSCA Hook Beer Festival

The HSCA are very pleased to announce that the 2023 Hook Beer Festival tickets are **now on sale!** Go to www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca but hurry, as tickets are limited and sell out each year.

Tickets are just £8 and include commemorative pint glass and raffle ticket. This exciting event has lots of local finely crafted ales and ciders from multiple breweries, other drinks also available as well as delicious pizzas from a hot food vendor and other snacks.

Huge thanks go to our event sponsor, Stoaks Home Improvements, we really appreciate your support. We will also need volunteers to help make the night possible, have some fun pouring pints and chatting to mates whilst helping a worthy cause. Sign up at www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca

Thank you for your support

HSCA Events Team

Support Staff Vacancy

We are looking to increase our team of lunchtime supervisors; please see below for further details.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a friendly, caring person who enjoys working with children to join our hard working and supportive team of Lunchtime Supervisors. The position involves working from 11.45am until 1.30pm on four or five days of the week.

For further details of either post and an application pack, please contact the school office via email or call 01256 762468. Find out more about this role [on the Hampshire Education Jobs website](#).

Girlguiding

The Girl guides Hartley Wintney division are looking to recruit new volunteers to help run their weekday sessions and they also have places available for girls to join Brownies.



Free on a weekday evening from 5pm, 5.30pm, 6pm or 6.15pm? Join our friendly volunteer team at Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Hook.

We also have spaces available for girls in Brownies (7-10).

Register online at girlguiding.org.uk or contact us at hwgirlguiding@yahoo.com to find out more.



Stars of the Week

Year 3: Abigail G, Max B, Ellie L, Jude C

Year 4: Brody H, Mya F, Freya C, Ben S

Year 5: Will C, Dinu H, Eleanor D, Aidan B, Samy V, Magda C

Year 6: Joshua M, Ines A, Abdul T-D, Jacob A, Hayden L

House Points this week

Austen 93

Brunel 110

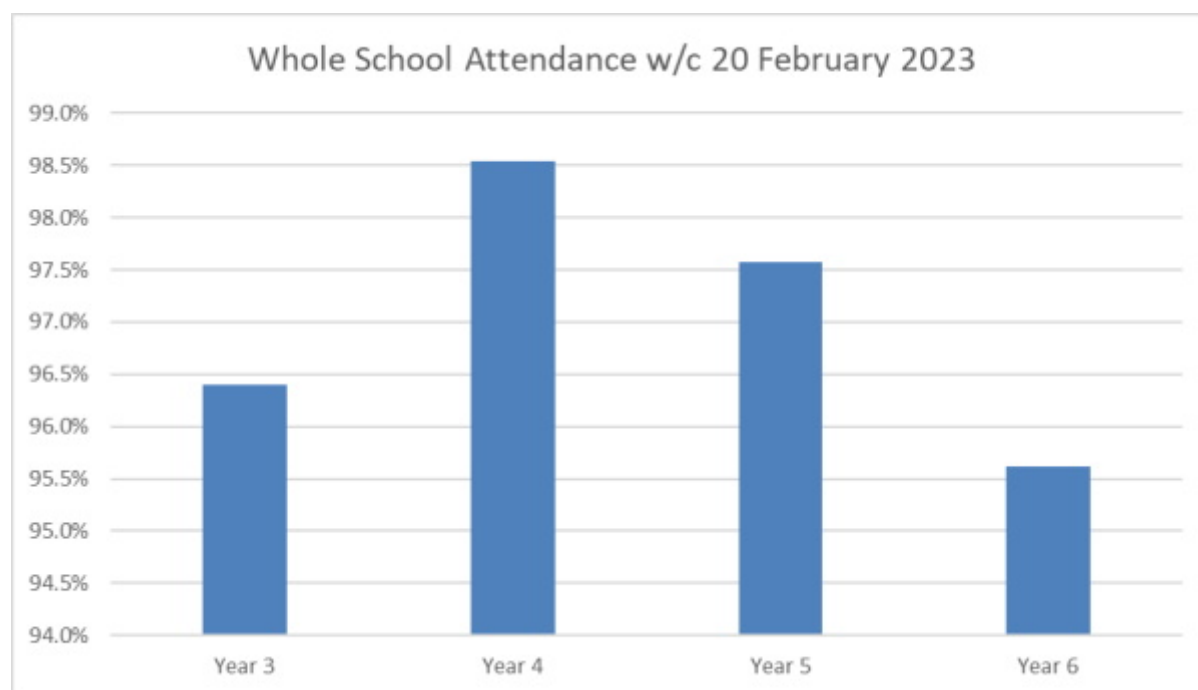
Nightingale 96

Wellington 101

House point winners this week: Brunel

Reading Raffle Winner: Yassine

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 97.03%

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Key Dates – New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

1 Mar Whole School World Book Day – dress up as a fictional character

1 Mar Bag2School collection

2 Mar Year 5 River Trip, 5TC and 5SB

3 Mar Year 5 River Trip, 5FB and 5BL

6 Mar Year 3 Trip to London – 3HR

7 Mar Year 3 Trip to London – 3LO

8 Mar Year 3 Trip to London – 3ZO

8 Mar Year 5 Marchants Hill and Sex and Relationships Education Meeting - 5pm

9 Mar Year 3 Trip to London – 3BR

13 Mar Inter-house football (PE kit for whole school)

16 Mar Mother's Day Sale – Junior School

17 Mar Red Nose Day

20 Mar Young Shakespeare Company performing to Year 5 & 6 (letter sent on 7 Feb)

20-23 Mar SCARF PSHE Workshops in school

23 Mar Iron Age workshop with Year 3

24 Mar Iron Age workshop with Year 3

25 Mar HSCA Beer Festival (see above)

28 Mar Easter Service to Parents – 3HR and 3LO

28 Mar Year 4 Learning Event, 2.15pm – 3pm

29 Mar Easter Service to Parents – 3ZO and 3BR

29 Mar Year 6 Learning Event – 6BP and 6SH, 9am – 10am

29 Mar Year 6 Learning Event – 6GR and 6LE, 2pm – 3pm

30 Mar Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting (information sent on 7 February)

31 Mar End of Spring Term - 1:30pm finish

3 Apr Easter Holiday

17 Apr Summer Term – Back to school

17 Apr Year 4 Viking Workshop – 4JB and 4RE (Viking Dress-up Day)

18 Apr Year 4 Viking Workshop – 4RB and 4CT (Viking Dress-up Day)

24 Apr Inter-house cross country (PE kit for whole school)

4 May King's Coronation Lunch Menu

8 May Bank Holiday – The King's Coronation

9 - 12 May Year 6 SATS

21 May Hook Fun Run

22 May Interhouse sport (PE kit for whole school)

29 May Summer Half Term

15 Jun Father's Day Sale – Junior School

- 16 Jun** Bag2School collection
- 19 Jun** Sports Day
- 22 Jun** Year 4 Trip to Lepe Beach (4JB and 4RE)
- 23 Jun** Year 4 Trip to Lepe Beach (4CT and 4RB)
- 24 Jun** HSCA Summer Fair
- 26 Jun** Year 6 Transition Day to Robert May's School
- 27 Jun** Year 6 Transition Day to Robert May's School
- 4 Jul** Year 6 Production
- 6 Jul** Year 6 Production
- 7 Jul** Annual pupil reports circulated to parents
- 10 Jul** Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
- 18 Jul** Strawberry Tea
- 18 Jul** HSCA End of Year Disco (Years 3,4 and 5)
- 20 Jul** Year 6 Leaver Assembly
- 20 Jul** Year 6 Leavers Festival
- 21 Jul** End of Summer Term – 1:30 finish
- 24 Jul** Summer Holiday
- 16 Oct** Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
- 4 Nov** HSCA Firework Show
- 2 Dec** HSCA Christmas Fair

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Mrs L Martin (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher), Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) or Miss E Smith (SENDCo) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via www.NSPCC.org.uk or Childline 0800 1111

Any concerns may also be raised directly with Hampshire County Council Children's services phone line (anonymously if you wish) by calling 0300 555 1384. Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.