

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th May 2019

Headteacher's Update

Considering it has been such a short term, it has been very busy! The Year 2 and Year 6 children have completed their SATs and have all worked hard. This week is Arts Week and the children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of art and music activities. You may have seen our school in the Buxton Advertiser and Peak Advertiser following our recent Ofsted inspection. It's been a pleasure to share our 'good' news!

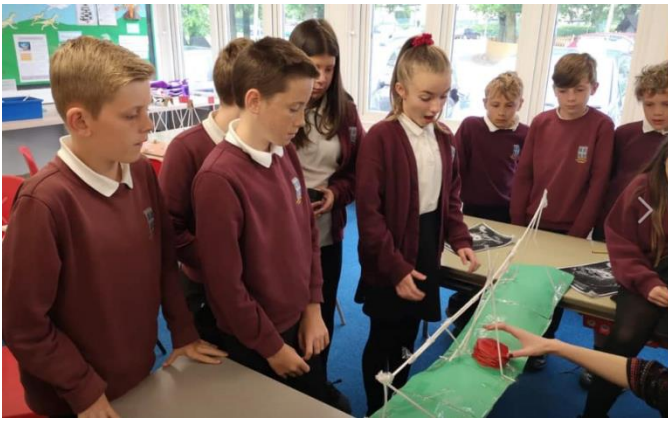


Travelling by Tuba

As part of Arts Week, on Tuesday we enjoyed a visit from 'Travelling by Tuba'. The whole school took part in a musical journey, travelling 'Around the World in Sixty Minutes', exploring music and instruments from different countries. Following this, junior children took part in workshops with the musicians. Children enjoyed trying out the different instruments!



Year 6 Bridge Testing



Year 6 were set a challenge to create the strongest bridge they could, using just tape, card and paper straws. The final part of the project involved testing the final models. As you can see, it was very tense! We may have some budding architects in our school!

Year 3/4 study Early Law Makers

Year 3/4 have enjoyed their 'Who were the Early Law Makers?' topic this term. They have found out about the importance of the Magna Carta, laws, parliament and the Police. They have produced some excellent homework including wax seal designs, portraits of King John and school rules.

Great work, Year 3 and 4!



Year 5 visit the Hoards!



Year 5 visited the 'Hoards: a hidden history of ancient Britain' exhibition at Buxton Museum. The children were able to view various artefacts around the museum and then take part in team activities. This was the first time many of the artefacts were being exhibited - so we were very lucky to be some of the first people to see them. We spent time looking at the ancient coins, pottery, weapons and jewellery, and then had a go at being archaeologists ourselves!

The exhibition is running until 16th June and Buxton Museum are hosting a wide range of drop-in, free workshops, talks and children's activities alongside the exhibition. **Click here** to see the full programme.

Fire Safety with Red Watch



Earlier this term, we had a special visit from Red Watch Buxton, who gave a Fire Safety Talk to Year 5 and then observed a fire drill. Afterwards, fire fighters talked to the children about what the fire service do, as well as how to 'Stop, Drop and Roll'.

Please take this opportunity to follow up the assembly by talking to children about fire safety and check smoke detectors.

Well done to the children and thank you, Red Watch!

Special thank you

During the Easter holiday a team of children, parents, governors and staff came into school to help improve the Reception and Year 1 planting areas. We are looking forward to growing vegetables and enjoying our new garden next term. Thank you to all those who helped.



Welly Wednesdays



Perfect Parrots and Terrific Tigers have enjoyed their Welly Wednesdays this term. The weather has been so good - we didn't need our wellies!

Children have hunted for mini-beasts in the woods and had a go at drawing and labelling the bugs we found. Thank you to the parents/carers and helpers who join us on our adventures.

It's a Harpur Hill Thing!

Year 6 children had a treat on the Friday afternoon of SATs week – a visit from the ice cream van! Year 6 have also earned the special privilege of wearing their Harpur Hoodies each Friday afternoon (subject to remaining good role models to the other children, of course!)

Well done, Year 6 for working so hard in your SATs this term!

We are very proud of you.



Nursery Jungle Explorers



Nursery enjoyed a walk to the 'jungle' this week. The children had made their own binoculars and were explorers looking for jungle animals.

We are taking names for Nursery for September and after Christmas. If you know any Nursery age children who may be interested, we admit pupils age 3-4 as well as the 'rising 3s' (in the term of their third birthday). Parents/carers can access flexible nursery provision with the school nursery, for as many hours as required between 9am and 3.30pm, this includes the 15 hours 'universal' and full 30 hours for those who are entitled. Families who are not entitled to the full 30 hours may choose to purchase additional hours on top of the 15 hours universal. Please feel free to call into the school office for more information or email info@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Finally...

On behalf of all at Harpur Hill, thank you for your support this term and have a lovely holiday. Let's hope the sun continues to shine!

V. Giliker
Headteacher

SPORTS NEWS

Our KS1 pupils have been learning how to throw and roll for height and distance this half term. They have also been learning how to catch different pieces of sports equipment.

Our KS2 students have been learning different skills in football.

Our Year 3/4s learned to dribble, pass and shoot before playing competitive games of football.

Our Year 5s has been learning how to dribble past a player, pass under pressure and how to beat a player and shoot culminating in some fantastically competitive matches.

Our Year 6s had a great half term with different sports such as football, dodgeball and rounders.

Almost all of our Year 1 pupils attended an All Stars Cricket Festival with a number of other Buxton schools, where they used their skills in throwing, catching and batting.



Kwik Cricket

We had two Year 6 teams compete in the Buxton Cluster Kwik Cricket competition. Our boys team finished a respectable 3rd whilst our girls team qualified for the next round of the High Peak Competition!!

Well done

Well done to Molly who won the Under 12's Tansley Hill Race.



Girls' Football Wildcats is an FA initiative aimed at increasing **girls** participation in football for **5-11 year olds**.



For the past 2 years HPSSP have been the Wildcat Centre for the High Peak but this year they have decided to step back and instead local football clubs are running the sessions instead.

The FA has asked to pass on the details of the Wildcats Centres across the High Peak to local schools. The 3 centres we have received details on are:

Glossop North End - 6-7pm every Friday
 Chapel Town Football Club - 5.30-6.30pm
 Buxton Junior Football Club - 6-7pm Thursdays

For Buxton Junior Football Club contact Mr T Gaeta on 07989 851 673

Year	Next term's Learning Journey topic	Books
Nursery	In the first week of term we are going to be learning about the Queen (as it's her birthday). After that our topic is 'Under the Sea.	Books: Rainbow Fish, Hooray for fish and Barry the fish with fingers.
Perfect Parrots & Terrific Tigers	In the first two weeks of term we will be continuing with our Space topic. For the rest of the term our topic will be Holidays	Any books including holidays, journeys and under the sea
Jolly Giraffes	How do we use transport? How do we go on holiday?	Any books about trains which we will link to our visit to Crich Tramway village.
Year 2	Let's Go on Safari! Where would you prefer to live, England or Africa? Why?	Stories by the same author: Anthony Browne (e.g. Gorilla, Silly Billy & The Night Shimmy. Stories about another culture: You are a Kenyan Child by Kelly Cunnane. Quest Story and The Hackney Martian by Paul Brown
Year 3 & 4	Why is the planet so blue?	The main texts in Literacy are Mr Stink by David Walliams and Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo.
Year 5	Were the Anglo Saxons really smashing? (weeks 1-3) Is France the "cordon bleu" of Europe? (weeks 3-7)	Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo, Beowulf – original Anglo Saxon poem. Sports reports about the Women's World Cup. Live stories by Tom Palmer
Year 6	What makes The Tempest a tale of revenge and forgiveness?	Mr William Shakespeare's plays by Marcia Williams. The Tempest by Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross.

ADMINISTRATION

If you need to send money to school kindly place it in an envelope with your child's name, amount enclosed and reason for payment (e.g. dinner money, class trip/workshop etc.) upon it.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for the next half term from Tuesday 4th June – Friday 19th July will be £71.40.

Very important please note, in accordance with our school policy, all dinner money should be paid on the Monday for the week ahead. You may pay any amount or even for the whole term. If we do not receive a payment on a Monday that covers the rest of the week, we will contact you to remind you of your outstanding payment.

Contact Information

If you change your details (telephone, email, address etc.) please let school know as soon as possible. Also If your family circumstances change kindly advise our office staff so we can update your child/ren's records

Water Bottles

We have school water bottles in stock at a price of £1.00 each. We like to encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the day. As we have a very limited stock of plastic cups which we let the children have if they leave their bottle at home, we would like to suggest that a water bottle is purchased to make sure your child has a regular drink at school. Thank you.

Dates for your diary (may be subject to change)

Date	Event	Details
Friday 24 th May	End of term	School closes at 3:30pm
Monday 3 rd June	Staff INSET day	
Tuesday 4 th June	Start of a new term	
Thursday 6 th June	Lea Green meeting @ 4:00pm	Year 6 information to follow
Friday 7 th June	Buxton Community School staff to visit Year 6 children	@ 11:00am
Friday 7 th June	Year 5 parents/carers invited to watch their children play their brass instruments	@ 9: 30 in the hall
Friday 7 th June	Philip Holland (poet)	To visit our Year 2 children
Friday 7 th June and Friday 14 th June	Barry Gordine's multi-skills	For Years 1 – 6 from 3:30 – 4:30pm
Saturday 15 th June	PTFA Team Harpur's 'car boot' sale	@ 10:00 am, information to follow
Tuesday 18 th June	Parents/carers from Jolly Giraffes invited to help their children with their vehicle workshop	@ 2:30pm
Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st June	Year 6 to visit Lea Green Outdoor Activities Centre	
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception childrens' transition morning	Information to follow

Friday 21 st June	Barry Gordine's multi-skills	For Years 1 – 6 from 3:30 – 4:30pm
Tuesday 25 th June	Infants' sports day	Information to follow
Thursday 27 th June	Junior sports day	Information to follow
Friday 28 th June	Barry Gordine's multi-skills	For Years 1 – 6 from 3:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Evening meeting for parents	Reception – Year 1 @ 6:00pm Year 2 – Year 3 @ 6:30pm
Thursday 4 th July	Year 6 to perform The Tempest	Performances at 1:45pm and 6:00pm information to follow
Thursday 4 th July	New Reception childrens' transition morning	Information to follow
Friday 5 th July	PTFA Team Harpur's Summer Fair	4:00 – 6:00 pm
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th July	Year 6 'transition week' to B.C.S.	Information to follow
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th July	Transition week	Children will be spending time in their new classes.
Thursday 11 th July	Year 2 parents/carers invited to class to celebrate their children's Log Book Showing evidence of Arts Award	@ 3:00pm
Saturday 13 th July	PTFA Team Harpur's carnival float	Information to follow
Monday 15 th July	Year 2 to visit the Peak Wildlife Park	Details to follow
Wednesday 17 th July	All Year 3 parents/carers invited to class to celebrate their children's Why is the Planet so Blue topic work	@ 2:30 – 3:30pm
Thursday 18 th July	'The Harpurs'	@ 6:00 pm, information to follow
Friday 19 th July	End of Term	School closes at 3:30pm
Monday 22 nd July	Staff INSET day	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Staff INSET day	
Wednesday 4 th September	Start of a new term	