

HARPUR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Friday 26th May, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



I can't believe that we are at the end of another term! We have had a very busy time in school, with highlights including celebrating the King's Coronation earlier in the term, and some year groups have been out on educational visits and sporting events. Year 3 and 4 visited the Buxton Museum as part of their History learning, and this week, Year 1 visited Sudbury Museum of Childhood as part of their topic on toys.

Buxton International Festival

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children have been working with professional musicians and learning songs from a musical, The Land of Might-Have-Been, through the Opera House. Last Wednesday, the children performed with opera singers at the launch of the 2023 Buxton International Festival. They gave a very enthusiastic performance and were very professional throughout. They have more performances planned, including a show at the Palace Hotel.



Sporting Success



We are having such an amazing year of sporting success! Our Sports hall Athletics team finished third in the County Finals earlier this term. It was a very competitive final, so to be crowned as the third best school in Derbyshire is something we are extremely proud of! Our fantastic football team are playing in the National Finals at King Power Stadium, Leicester City Football Club on Wednesday 7th June. We wish them all the very best for the tournament and are so proud of their achievement.

Travel Smart and Walk to School

Last week, children completed surveys in class to see how they come to school and how they would prefer to come to school. Children have discussed the results and talked about the importance of sustainable travel and the impact of too much traffic on the roads near school. Year 2 completed a traffic survey to see how many different vehicles were using the roads near school. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to walk, bike or scoot to school rather than using cars.

Statutory Assessments

A huge well done to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children who took part in Statutory Assessments this term. The children worked hard to prepare and took everything in their stride during the week.

Straight after the holiday, Year 1 will complete their Phonics Check. Please keep practising those phonics over the holiday!

Year 4 children have their Times Tables check after the holiday. Please encourage children to keep practising their tables and using TTRockstars over the holiday.

Finally...

Thank you for your continued support for our wonderful school. Let's hope the lovely weather continues for the week ahead!

Wishing all our families a fantastic break.

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)

LEARNING JOURNEYS

Class	Topic	Books
Nursery Brilliant Bears	Under the sea	Would you rather... Commotion in the Ocean Clem and Crab & The Storm Whale
Reception	Holidays	The Train Ride Rainbow Fish The snail and the whale Shark in the dark
Year 1	How has transport changed?	Whatever Next! Emma Jane's Aeroplane We Catch the Bus
Year 2	How have people from the past helped us to have better lives?	The 'Little People, Big Dreams' collections (Inspirational People) Rosa Parks takes the bus by Karen Clopton-Dunson The story of Nelson Mandela by Bright Minds Press
Year 3	What is the ancient Greeks legacy for today?	Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton Greek Myths by Marcia Williams
Year 4	Who were the early law makers?	The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley
Year 5	What did we learn from the great plague?	Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling
Year 6	I'm a Year 6, get me out of here!	We will be reading texts called Road's End and Pandora

SCHOOL NEWS

Nursery



Nursery have been enjoying their topic about Bears this term. With so many bear books to choose from and read, our favourite, by far, has been 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Peace at Last'. Bear Cubs particularly enjoyed the story of 'Peace at Last' with daddy bear desperately trying to get some sleep. We have made Goldilocks' porridge and tasted it, and been on many 'Bear Hunts' looking for shapes and colours. We made our own compasses to guide us to the Woodland to look for bears! Bear Cubs, whilst

learning colours, chose their own colours to paint some lovely colourful art- work. We have learned about bears' habitats and why they sleep for so long in the winter. Some fantastic bear caves have been built along the way too. Well done Nursery!



Reception



Our Reception children have been working with clay. We have experimented with lots of different techniques including; rolling, pinching, carving, scoring and joining pieces together using clay slip. Look at our fantastic minibeast sculptures!

Our Reception children have enjoyed being leaf detectives on their Welly Wednesday walk. We collected and identified leaves then took them back to class to use for leaf rubbings.

Year 1



This term the Y1 children have enjoyed learning all about Toys from the past and modern-day toys. They found out about the materials toys were made from in the past. We loved our visit to Sudbury Hall where we were able to explore and handle more Toys from the Past! In DT they have designed, created and decorated their own Puppet - we were very impressed with their joining techniques! In science the children have been learning about wild plants and why these are important. Another super term of learning Y1!



Year 2



Year 2 have had a very busy half term learning about 'What makes a town, a town?' We have enjoyed learning about human and physical features in our local area and were able to identify these on our walk through Harpur Hill.

In Science, we have learnt what plants need in order to grow healthily, which plants come from seeds and which come from bulbs, and we carried out a class experiment to see which pot of cress grew the best in different conditions. In DT. We have been

learning about what makes a balanced diet. We tasted different foods and then designed and made a healthy wrap. In Art, we have explored a variety of printing methods to discover which one made the cleanest print. We then designed and made our own printing blocks. In computing, we have been looking a range of different artistic styles and using the programme '2Paint' to create our own pictures in a similar style.

Year 2 have also completed some 'Secret Agent' work this half term - they worked so hard and tried their very best - well done Marvellous Monkeys!

Year 3



Rowan Class have really enjoyed their geography work on 'What Makes the Earth Angry?' and their science work on rocks and soils this half term. They visited Buxton Museum, where they located Buxton and Harpur Hill on a map. They then learned about the creatures that would have lived in the seas that covered the Peak District millions of years ago. The museum staff commented on their engagement, enthusiasm, observations and questions. They created some wonderful homework projects, lots of model volcanoes, and posters. The class have also enjoyed listening to, appraising, singing and playing the glockenspiels to disco songs this half term.

Year 4

We have come to the end of our wonderful current class novel, The Magician's Elephant. Thank you to the children who brought in pictures and models of elephants for our display. Our visit to the inspiring Buxton Museum enhanced the children's understanding of the geology of the Peak District.

Our learning of decimals in maths will be utilised in our next block, money, which we have just started. In PE, we thoroughly enjoyed playing netball matches where the children demonstrated their impressive skills.



Year 5



Year 5 have enjoyed being historians this half term to discover 'Were the Anglo Saxons really smashing?'. They spent the day as archaeologists with Enrichment through Archaeology and had a go at grinding flour, plaiting straw to make rope and piecing back together some pottery. The children have enjoyed studying the story of Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and have produced some fantastic pieces of writing. One piece of writing was their narrative poems which they have performed to the class and have shared with Year 4. The story of Grendel caught their imaginations and the children filmed news reports about his terrible attacks.

Year 6



This term Year 6 have been working hard towards their SATs. We have been really proud of their attitude and the effort they have put in, showing what they have learned in English and Maths over the years.

We are now working towards our production next term and taking part in transition activities. Our photos show the Long Term Projects from our Geography topic about Rainforests.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2023

Monday 5 th June	Staff INSET day
Tuesday 6 th June	Start of a new term
Tuesday 6 th June	Lea Green meeting for all Year 6 parents invited @ 3.30 pm
Tuesday 6 th June	New Reception Intake Evening from 5.30pm
Wednesday 7 th June	Football team - National Final at the Leicester City Grounds
Thursday 8 th June	World Ocean Day – children can come to school dressed in blue
Thursday 15 th June	Year 5 parent event @ 2.45pm
19 th June – 23 rd June	Buxton 'Wild Week'
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 5 to visit Buxton Community School all day Year 6 'prospective pupils' to visit Lady Manners School
Wednesday 21 st June Thursday 22 nd June & Friday 23 rd June	Year 6 Lea Green Residential trip
Tuesday 27 th June	Tiger class to visit their new class in the afternoon
Thursday 28 th June	Parrots class to visit their new class in the afternoon
Friday 30 th June	Year 4 brass concert at 9.15 for their parents
3 rd July – 7 th July	Year 6 to visit Buxton Community School all day
Tuesday 4 th July	Tiger class to visit their new class in the afternoon
Wednesday 5 th July	Y3 parent event @ 2.45pm
Thursday 6 th July	Parrots class to visit their new class in the afternoon
Friday 7 th July	School concert for instrumentalists, parents to be invited for 1.45pm
Monday 10 th July	Moving up morning
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 4 parent event @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Y6 performance of I'm an eleven year old, get me out of here. 1.45pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 13 th July	Moving up day
Thursday 13 th July	New Reception children to visit their new class from 1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 20 th July	Group of Year 5 and 6 to attend the Opera House (Buxton Festival)
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 'Harpurs' leavers event @ 6.00pm
Friday 21 st July	School closes at 3.30pm
Monday 4 th September	Staff INSET day
Tuesday 5 th September	Start of a new term

PLAYDAYS – OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CLUB

Playdays offer breakfast and afterschool clubs as well as holiday clubs. Children are offered breakfast from 7:30am and a snack at 3:30pm, with childcare provided until 6pm. At Harpur Hill Primary School & Nursery childcare is provided from 3 years old. Any enquiries visit Leanne and Tracy in the school Library, at the times stated above or please contact enquiries@greenlanenurseryltd.co.uk

ADMINISTRATION

Absence and medical appointment procedures

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason, please inform us as soon as possible, before 9am.

You can contact us to report an absence by: -

- phoning the school office 01298 23261 (you can leave a message on the answer machine if you phone before the office is open)
- emailing - sreception@harpurhill.derbyshire.sch.uk
- texting - school on 07786 207779 or by replying to a school text.

Kindly let the school know any changes in your address/telephone/email details, so we can amend our records to enable you to receive texts/emails.

Public Health Reminder

Schools follow Public Health guidelines with regard to rashes, skin infections, diarrhoea, vomiting and infections. Please see letter sent out earlier this term about Strep A and Scarlet Fever. If your child is off school due to diarrhoea or vomiting it is absolutely necessary to make sure your child does not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

SPORT

Another term done and only one to go. The weather has meant that we had most of P.E. lessons outside this half term for Juniors.

Our Nursery classes have been exploring balancing, playing together and throwing different equipment on Thursday mornings.

Reception classes have been learning all about throwing, catching and striking.

Year 1 & 2 have revisited their throwing, catching and striking whilst also being introduced to tennis and badminton.

Years 3 have been learning about throwing for height, distance and accuracy and explored batting in cricket.

Year 4 have worked on throwing and catching over greater distances whilst exploring a game of kwik cricket and batting in rounders, before finishing off exploring how to hit a forehand and backhand in tennis.

Years 5 & 6 have learned skills needed to play competitive games of cricket and rounders, exploring different versions of each game before again finishing off with learning how to conduct a rally in tennis.

Once again our 4 afterschool sports clubs have been full and fun so please do get your slip in as early as possible for next half term. Sports breakfast club have also been lots of fun with the children playing games such as basketball, football, cricket and netball.

Now onto our Inter-School competitions. We had yet another County Final in SportsHall Athletics at the beginning of the half term all the way in Derby. We finished in 3rd place out of 12 schools which is an incredible achievement! Well done, SportsHall team.

Our second competition was Year 6 kwik cricket where again we finished in 3rd place! Our year 5/6 athletes have been incredible at any sport they have competed in this year.

Next term is hopefully another busy one with our national football final at the King Power Stadium, cycling competition and hopefully swimming, rounders and orienteering to the end the year.

Have a lovely week off, everybody.

Danny