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Learn, Care, Grow Together

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear parent/ carer,

As we approach the colder weather, Highampton has been a vision of mist and magic on the fresh Autumnal mornings. It makes us so grateful to work in such an amazing place! We have been making the most of our outdoor space for PE provision, outdoor learning and Wheelie Wednesday!



Wildlife Champions

We are so proud to announce that our Wildlife Champions for this term are - Moss, Logan, Maisy, Elizabeth, Hugo, Max.

These pupils will be working with Mrs Petersen on outdoor grounds development as well as taking part in the Devon Wildlife Trust sessions coming up next half term. We have already been looking at grounds development and have devised some exciting designs for the 'wild' area at the bottom of the field. Watch this space! If you want to learn more about DWT visit their website at www.devonwildlifetrust.org

Here is a little more of what Ruby and Tarka classes have been up to -

Curriculum news!

RUBY CLASS - We have had a busy two weeks in Ruby Class. Last week, Clive Pig, Story-fella, came to Highampton; we were transported back to 43AD and experienced the impact that Roman Britain had on the Celts.

The children have written a narrative based on our core text '*FArTHER*'. The piece was centred around a father's dream told from the viewpoint of his son. Sophia's final piece of writing will be published in our Exquisite English book, that will sit in our library for future students to enjoy.

Finally, Ruby Class have been working extremely hard and collectively they have displayed great learning skills. This has led to them winning a cooking afternoon, a treat that they voted for. They worked together to make some yummy fridge cakes! Miss Floyd

TARKA CLASS - This week, to support our fine motor development, Tarka Class have enjoyed exploring 'Dough Disco' - this is where we all have a ball of play dough and we follow a song and movement to increase our capacity to engage on writing activities.

In Expressive Art and Design, we have been exploring mixed media and Autumnal colour mixing for our leaf printing. Reception have made the most of the mild weather to use water as a play base for an aquarium and to explore movement and transportation through their play.

Hansel and Gretel is ready!

I am so pleased to announce that the video of our Summer term production is now ready to enjoy. The children have enjoyed the film in school today with Mrs Davis and they thoroughly enjoyed it. We will share the link to the film with you through School Gateway so that we are safeguarding our children.

Our next production is 'The Nutcracker' which is now well underway. We are at the casting stage and parts will be assigned next week. We hope you are all looking forward to the Christmas production on Friday 10th December at 2pm in the village hall.

After school

We have noticed that parents are staying on the school grounds whilst the children use the school field for an extra playtime after school. Please can you respectfully remember that we need to lock the front gate at the end of the day (by 3.30 after pick up) for safeguarding reasons and that teachers quite often need to go straight into a meeting or online training. There is a park area at the back of the Pre-school which you are free to use after school any day of the week. Many thanks for your understanding.

REMINDERS

A reminder that our younger pupils should not bring small toys into school. We are finding that they are then attached to the toy and often refuse to let it go to concentrate on their learning. I ask that you respectfully adhere to the following advice - NO toys are

to be brought into school unless requested by the class teacher for learning purposes.
Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a peaceful half term when it arrives.

Kind regards,



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Week ending 1st October 2021



Learner of the Week: Santiago for always being ready to learn and building confidence

Tarka Class: Evie for always being willing to have a go in Phonics for being resilient



Ruby Class: Max – for being a reflective learner this week; thinking about your learning targets and working on them.

Ruby Heart: Elizabeth for showing care and respect towards others



Week ending 8th October 2021



Learner of the Week: Keira for her sustained efforts in England. She has been supporting others in their learning in maths and she is always ready to learn

Tarka Class: Brody for great concentration and reflecting on his feelings in a mature way

Ruby Class: Brooklyn. She set herself her own goal to edit and improve her English work, to include a wide range of punctuation and through her motivation she has achieved this



Ruby Heart: Ethan for being a supportive member of the Class; always ready to take turns and help his classmates

PTFA If you would like a number for the school lottery then direct debits may be set up as follows: Highampton PTA fund /
Acc no 08408742 / Sort code 53 50 28 /
NatWest

Please contact the PTFA for available numbers.

Upcoming events :

- Pumpkin competition (see poster at end of newsletter)
- Non Uniform Day Friday 22nd October
- Auction of Promises 22nd -25th November
- Bag to school , date to be arranged
- Christmas events including a visit from Santa

School lottery 100 club

Run by PTFA

What is it?

Only £12 per year per number

***Up to 100 numbers**

***Drawn monthly**

***3 chances to win cash prize every month**

***1st prize £20, 2nd £10, 3rd £10**

***Bonus Christmas cash prizes**

***All money raised helps to provide resources and extra activities for the children at Highampton School .**

Come join our lottery

Spare numbers available ... 9, 24, 41, 51, 54, 61, 64, 68, 69, 72, 84, 97 and 99

**Contact a member of the PTFA for info ,
payment details , cash or direct debit.**

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You may be aware that Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust run a successful teacher training programme for both primary and secondary teaching. Next year, we are running three primary teacher training programmes and training in a range of secondary subjects. If you are interested in training to teach, please visit our website where you will find information regarding all our primary and secondary teacher training programme.

Do you want to make the best possible start to your career in teaching?

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Please feel free to email our teacher training leads if you have any questions.

Sally Huxen - Primary Lead, SHuxen@dmatschools.org.uk

Phillip Ruse - Secondary Lead, PRuse@dmatschools.org.uk

GALLERY



To support our fine motor development Tarka Class have enjoyed exploring 'Dough Disco'



Concentrating on skipping at playtime.



Exploring mixed medias and autumn colour mixing for our leaf printing.



Reception working together to explore water movement in our aquarium disaster.



Ruby Class creating cakes



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursdays: PE with Mr Pugh

Fridays: French with Mrs Jordan KS2
Drama with Show Up (Mrs Davis)

18th OCTOBER: SCHOOLS PHOTOS with Russell Wilcox

19th OCTOBER: PARENT FORUM 3.30pm Ruby Class (please book)

25-29th OCTOBER: HALF TERM

3rd NOVEMBER: KS2 FIRST AID TRAINING, PM

4th NOVEMBER: SPORTS DAY (CHILDREN ONLY)

8TH NOVEMBER pm: ALIBI THEATRE SCHOOL VISIT

8TH NOVEMBER am: FLU VACCINATIONS

19th NOVEMBER: HOMEWORK CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
Parents Welcome 2.45pm

29TH NOVEMBER: BIKEABILITY FOR YEAR 5

10th DECEMBER: 2PM THE NUTCRACKER – SCHOOL PRODUCTION

15th DECEMBER: KS2 TRIP TO NORTHCOTT THEATRE
(Christmas Carol)

17th DECEMBER: LAST DAY OF TERM

SPRING TERM – 5th January – 9 April 2022

NON-PUPIL DAY 4th January 2022

HALF TERM BREAK – 21st -25th February inclusive 2022

EASTER HOLIDAY- 11TH – 22ND April 2022

SUMMER TERM – 19th April – 23rd July 2022

MAY DAY HOLIDAY – 3rd May 2022

SUMMER HALF TERM – 31st May – 4th June 2022

PTFA
AUTUMNAL CELEBRATION
NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 22nd October
£1
And
PUMPKIN CARVING / CAKE OR SOUP MAKING
COMPETITION Use your imagination !

Collect your pumpkin after school on Friday 22nd and send in pics to school admin over half term.

1st , 2nd and 3rd prize



Any donations gratefully received and will be added to the polytunnel funds.