



Quality, excellence and passion

10.02.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

How is it possible that the term has come to an end? I reiterate what I said at the start of January about what an utter privilege it is to lead Heron Park, work with all pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community.

Last Friday was certainly a different day in school. The children looked absolutely fantastic in their Rockstar and Number outfits to celebrate NSPCC Number Day. I might add that I was also very impressed with staff costumes too. As a school, we raised £51 overall. I would like to thank you for all your donations for this very important charity.

I have been blown away by the work that the children have completed in writing sessions this term. Towards the end of term 2 and certainly at the start of term 3, we have adopted a new approach/cycle of teaching this skill. Many children have arrived in readiness for a Headteacher award and they have thoroughly deserved it! I have seen careful sentence construction, attention to detail linked to word choices and careful consideration of handwriting. It certainly is wonderful to see this at this point in the year. Staff and I look forward to celebrating yet more success as the children continue to progress across the year.

Having the opportunity to meet you and share in your children's current achievements at both Parent Consultation evenings and the recent Parental Engagement events has been wonderful. It was lovely to see your children taking on the role of the teacher across this week, sharing their learning strategies across the curriculum with you. Our next event is due to take place across the week beginning 27th March 2023. More details will follow, but we look forward to seeing you then.

Quality, Excellence and Passion

Our school motto underpins everything we do. In our assemblies and across our learning this week, we have considered what quality, excellence and passion looks like. The children provided good examples of what these words mean linked to both their behaviour in school and their learning. I would like to congratulate all the children for winning our value award today and for all their work promoting our school motto. Well done to you all.

Prefects

It was a privilege to award prefect ties to our current prefects who have demonstrated all our school values in their various leadership roles across the school. In addition, we have been able to award prefect badges to a new cohort of children who will join their peers as role models for all our pupils in the school. We are so proud of the children and congratulate them all. Well done!





Safeguarding

Should you ever have any concerns about a child and require advice, you are able to contact ChildLine or our school Senior Leadership Team/ some members of our Safeguarding Team: Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Crees, Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Morgan. Keeping our children safe online is extremely important. Do have a look at the two recommended websites towards the end of this newsletter which are full of advice to support parents in helping protect children



Attendance

At Heron Park we continue to have high expectations related to attendance. Our school target is over 95%. Consistent attendance enables pupils to have the best chance at realising success now and in their futures.

It is equally important that children are in school on time. Just 5 minutes late each day equates to 3 days lost learning across a year.

I do thank you for your commitment in ensuring that the children are in school each day and on time. Maintaining good attendance is very much about a partnership between home and school. Should you need any support in this area, please do contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs. S King.



Parent and Friends Association (PFA)



Are you interested in being part of our Parents and Friends Association (PFA)?

If you are, please complete the online questionnaire which you can access through this link. We are planning a PFA coffee morning event on Thursday 23rd February at 9am in the school hall. Should you wish to attend this information event, please indicate this on the form. We look forward to seeing you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/V8WFQJyvbs>

The remainder of the newsletter is dedicated to the experiences and activities the children have undertaken across the past two weeks. It is always a delight to share these key moments with you; I hope you enjoy reading them. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy half-term. Enjoy the week and we look forward to seeing you all and the children back in school on Monday 20th February.

Kind regards,



Mrs H Crees
Headteacher

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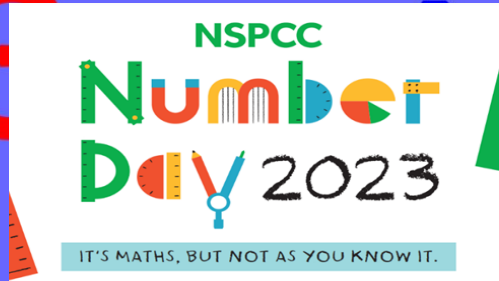
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The entire school community took part in a wonderful number challenge across our fantastic day of mathematics! Several children from classes across the school (Reception to Year 6) managed to win their in-class competitions which meant that they could compete in the whole-school final tournament. Congratulations to all the children, to our runners up and to Sophie who was the overall winner. We liked seeing the strategies you put in place to help you win!



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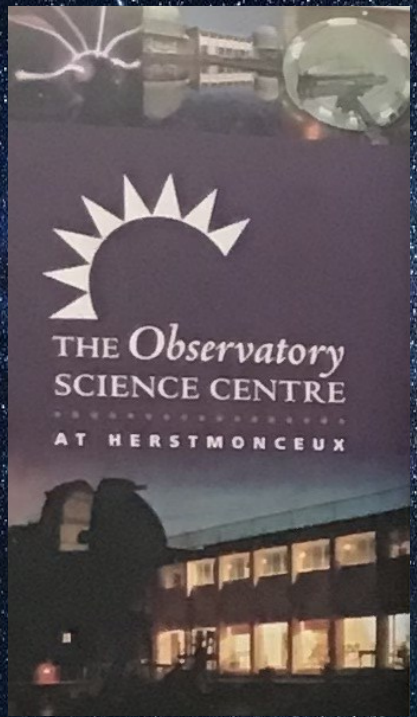
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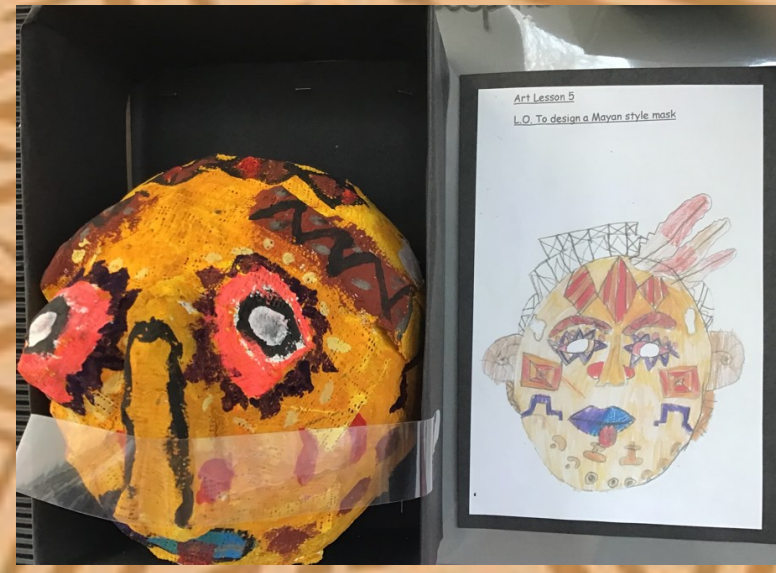
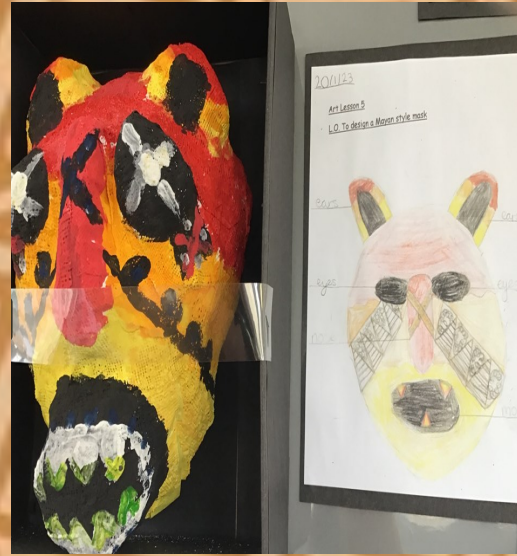
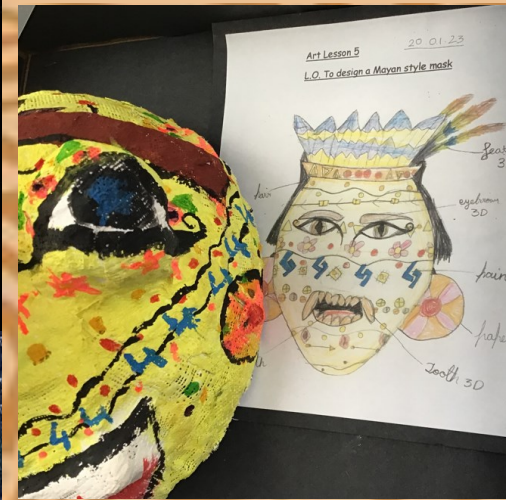
Year 6

All year 6 pupils have been studying the Earth in Space. This Wednesday, the Planetarium from Herstmonceux took its place in our school hall. Once inside, the children were transported to the stars and learnt about planets and the constellations. To say that it provided much awe and wonder is an understatement. All pupils had a fantastic time.



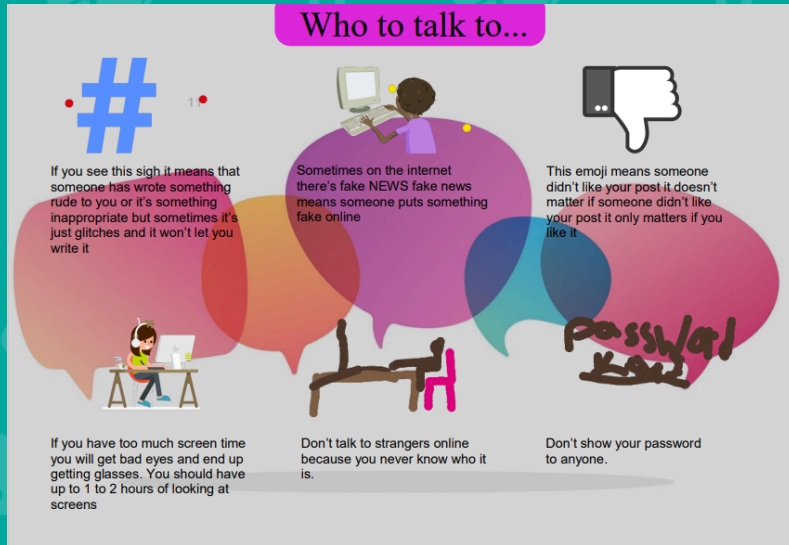
Year 5

Year 5 children have been busy studying about the Mayans this term. The Maya lived in an area of North America that was known as Mesoamerica but which is now the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Belize. Pupils have pulled together their learning about the Maya by creating the most wonderful masks. We are very proud of the children and we know they are proud of the final outcome too.



Year 4

Year 4 pupils worked meticulously in their computing sessions this week informing our school community about how to keep safe online. They produced some well-thought out posters with all the key messages children need when using the computer. We thank them all for drawing on both their computing and communication skills across their lessons.



Year 3

Year 3 pupils have been drawing together their understanding of the Romans this week. Their fantastic class and year group mosaic images are a sight to behold and a wonderful achievement.



The children have also completed their study of Bees and their role in maintaining our environment. The children have planted flowers which attract bees and these are due to eventually be planted within the school grounds. We look forward to seeing the flowers blossom.



Year 2

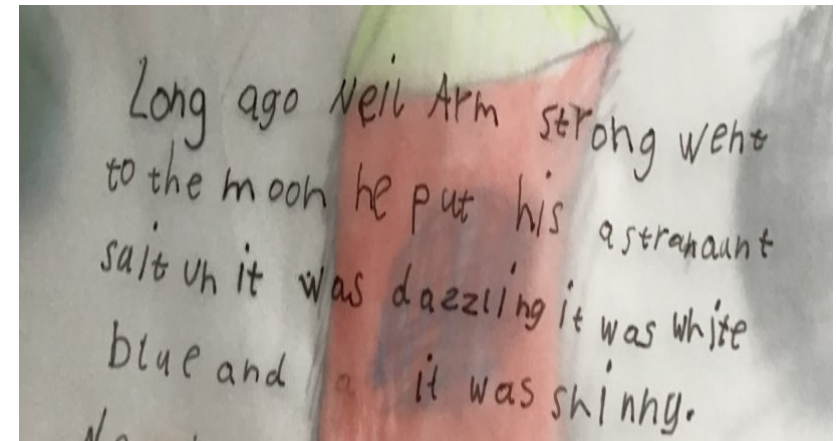
Children in Year 2 have drawn together all their learning in art to produce some rather wonderful 3-D sculptures. Working collaboratively, they planned what resources they might use and constructed the designs. Congratulations to all children for the way they demonstrated friendship and perseverance during this task.

To bring their studies related to Amelia Earhart to a close, the children worked with their families to create a paper-based aircraft. It was fantastic to see the children and their adults launch their designs to see how aerodynamic the designs were. We were all very impressed with the results!



Year 1

Year 1 children have worked incredibly hard on their study of Neil Armstrong. They were, as you can see below, exceptionally interested in his spacecraft and space suit. To help draw their learning to a close, the children also visited the planetarium this week and were mesmerized by the stars and planets they were able to view.



The children have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of all their effort across this term.

Reception

Our EYFS pupils made the most of the crisp winter weather this week and had a 'bun in the sun!' The cakes certainly look delicious. The children have been studying the life and experiences of penguins and have even been considering what it is like to walk like a penguin! Evidently, it is not very easy.

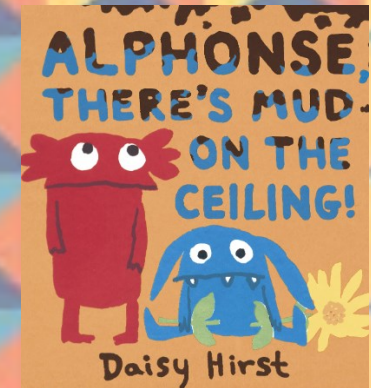
It was fantastic to welcome you in to see the children this week. It was a joy to see everyone taking part in a range of maths games during the parental engagement event. The children demonstrated wonderful counting skills and great strategies as they played the game.



Nursery

Nursery pupils have been exploring the book, 'Alphonse, there's mud on the ceiling' by Daisy Hirst. In this book, Alphonse has a range of plants on his balcony which he looks after. The children have explored flowers, creating wonderful designs. They also looked at flower petals and explored the potions they could make with these.

The children have also been working on their fine motor skills and exploring the complex world of puzzles. They worked extremely hard solving the designs. We are very impressed.



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WORLD BOOK DAY



We are going to be celebrating World Book Day in school. On this special day, we ask pupils to dress as their favourite book character. We will update you about arrangements next term.

Do read the Reading Newsletter, which has also been sent out to you. It contains a range of reading ideas and links to supportive websites that you might like to explore with your child/children.



Safer Internet Day

2023 | Tuesday 7 February

On Tuesday the 7th February, the children completed a range of events linked to using the Internet and computers safely. They demonstrated good understanding of what it means to be safe online.

Below is the link to a website parents/carers can access to find more information about being safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

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matters.org

Celebrate

Pancake Day

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY

PORK MEATBALLS or VEGGIE RICE BALLS
WITH MASH POTATO & GRAVY

STEAMED FRESH VEGETABLES

JACKET POTATO WITH A CHOICE OF
FILLINGS OR CHEESY PASTA

WARM CREPE PANCAKES

SERVED WITH

VANILLA ICE CREAM & STRAWBERRY
SAUCE

Also Available

FRESH FRUIT and YOGHURT

HARRISON
food with thought



After School Clubs

Monday

Commercial Dance
Basketball

Tuesday

Dodgeball

Wednesday

Gymnastics

Thursday

Football

Friday

Climb and Jump

Reception - Year 6

15:00- 16:00

**SCAN HERE
TO BOOK
OR
FOLLOW LINK**



07716 847702
07796892627
bookings@sportitude.org.uk
sportitude.org.uk

sportitude.class4kids.co.uk

PE DAYS TERM 4

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 1 Ladybirds & Bumblebees	Year 3 Hedgehogs	Year 6 Oak & Willow	Year 4 Badgers & Foxes	Year 2 Ducks & Swans
Year 3 Rabbits	Year 5 Horse Chestnut			Reception

Swimming:
Year 5
Sycamore

For term 4, children will have 1 PE slot

Children should come dressed in their PE kits on their allocated PE day.

Diary Dates:

Term 4

Monday 20th February - First Day of Term

Thursday 23rd February - PFA coffee morning at 9am in the main hall.

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Friday 3rd March - INSET DAY

Monday 6th March- INSET DAY

Friday 31st March - Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April - EASTER HOLIDAY

Term 5

Wednesday 26th April— Yr 4 trip to Michelham Priory

Thursday 25th May - Last Day of Term

Friday 26th May - INSET DAY

Term 6

Monday 5th June - First Day of Term

Wednesday 14th - 16th June - Year 5 Residential trip.

Friday 30th June - INSET DAY

Monday 3rd July - INSET DAY

Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term

The **Year 6** Leavers Hoodie Shop is now open!

It will be open until **17th March**

We will be unable to order anymore hoodies after this date.

Year 6 parents have been sent the link to the shop via email.



CHILD SIZING

9-10yrs = 30-32in

11-13yrs = size 32-34in

ADULT SIZING:

XS = 36-38in

S = 38-40in

M = 40-42in

L = 42-44in

XL = 44-46in

2XL = 46-48in

Calendar dates are subject to change, we will endeavour to give parents/carers as much notice as possible. Please note that where we have added INSET DAYS, we have given parents long weekends, to allow you to have a break away without taking time off during term time