



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

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Dates

- School starts – Weds 24th April
- Rescheduled Football match – Thurs 25th
- Level 1 Bikeability Yrs 3 and 4 – Fri 26th
- **No Girls Football – Fri 26th**
- Tennis Festival Yr 2 – Tues 30th
- Child protection Training – Thurs 2nd 9am
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Letters Home

- Swim Club Dates
- Art Clubs
- Bikeability reminder
- Parent Survey Results



Art Club with Lucy - Thursday KS2

Brief; "to create a chicken/ cockerel using feathers & goggly-eyes."

I was so amazed and delighted to see how diverse and ingenious Art Club were at carrying this brief out. I love the Easter collection we managed to make - including Thomas' super tulip.



Morning Activity Club – Mrs Pinner

Activities this week have all had an Easter or spring theme. We have decorated card eggs, made bunny paper chains, created pom-pom rabbits and other animals and designed sticker pictures. Hope everyone has an egg-cellent break! "We saw that!" Joshua, playing London Landmarks Top Trumps.

Spanish - Mrs Norris

It was a very emotional Thursday afternoon of Spanish this week as I said goodbye to the children and staff but we did manage some Spanish and the pupils met Mrs Anderson who will be taking over Spanish after Easter. Year 2 learnt 6 colours in Spanish and started to look at masculine and feminine adjective forms. Hawthorn Class finished their birthday party invitations in Spanish and completed some revision of the birthday topic. Oak Class finished creating their own dance or exercise routine and performed it to the class. Beech Class identified some key phrases in the Hokey Cokey in Spanish and then we had fun dancing and singing in the hall as a class and in small groups. I was very surprised by an unexpected assembly at the end of the day, especially when I discovered it was my farewell from the children and staff! I love the card which the children made for me with all their names inside! Best wishes and a very sad goodbye, Mrs Norris



Headteacher's Bulletin

It was great seeing so many parents at our Easter service today - the children were wonderful. I joined the parent pool carers meeting to discuss provision for this year's PTFA Swimming Pool Club – which thanks to their voluntary commitment looks set to go ahead later this year. This week we have seen a class trip to London and a visiting actor in school working with some children. Many thanks to all the parents who completed our parent survey, the results were sent out earlier this week. I hope everyone enjoys their Easter break.

Graeme McLeod

Early Years and Key Stage 1



Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons: This week has been a busy one full of Easter crafts and activities. The children enjoyed making chick hats and practising their song for the Easter service which we hope you enjoyed today. Despite wearing aprons, the children enjoyed getting messy when using papier mache to make bowls which they then collected their eggs in during the whole school egg hunt this afternoon. We talked about why and how Easter is celebrated by Christians and what symbols we associate with Easter.

Thank you for all your support this term and we wish you a happy Easter and a restful break.



Birch – Mrs Fallon and Mrs Lovett: We had such a great time on our trip on Monday, the children were very well behaved and enjoyed the whole day. We wrote some great recounts about the day including time connectives, adverbs and adjectives. We have also been thinking about the changing seasons and wrote some beautiful senses poems about spring. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour, recognising the parts of the clock and looking at how many minutes in an hour and how many hours in the day. We have enjoyed getting ready for Easter and loved singing the songs for the Easter service and, of course, the whole school Easter egg hunt. Thank you for all of your help and support this term and have a wonderful break.

English: to write a recount about our school trip.

Maths: to tell the time to the hour and half hour.



Hazel – Miss Peck: Phew, what a busy week! We all had a fantastic time at the London Transport museum. The children enjoyed exploring and looking around the different vehicles and were amazed at some of the facts that they learnt about vehicles from the past. The children all took part in a session where they went through a tunnel and travelled back in time. They practised acting how ladies and gentlemen would have done in the 1900s and did a very good job at it! Before the trip home we had the opportunity to walk around Covent Garden and look at the fabulous buildings and watch the street entertainers. I was so impressed at how incredibly well behaved the children were throughout the day, they really were a credit to our school. Well done Hazel class! On Tuesday we wrote a recount about our trip using lots of description, conjunctions and time adverbs. They were wonderful to read. In maths, we have continued to learn about length and explored and tried to find the answer to 'Can children with longer legs jump further?' The children concluded that this is sometimes the case. In maths the children have also been completing their special agent papers. They all did an amazing job and used lots of different strategies to help them solve the questions. We ended the week with our Easter service and I am sure you will all agree that the children sang beautifully! Friday afternoon was very exciting when the children realised that there were almost 600 eggs hidden around the school grounds. The children worked with their buddies to find eggs for each other. I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter holidays and a well-deserved rest!

English: to write a recount.

Maths: to measure in centimetres and metres.

Key Stage 2



Hawthorn – Mrs Lees: We began this week in Hawthorn with assessments in English and Maths. We have spent time editing our work, identifying mistakes and working out how something could or should have been done. We have practiced our presenting skills by presenting our fantastic homework projects on the Ancient Greeks to the rest of the class. Everybody has listened carefully and asked relevant questions. On Wednesday we made our pizzas. Everybody used the information from the previous weeks tasting to decide on which toppings they should have. In Science we have looked at the different types of food we should eat to get a balanced diet and used this information to help us plan the toppings. We wrote our recipes using a range of time connectives to sequence events. When making the pizzas everybody prepared their own ingredients such as using a bread knife to cut bread, under supervision, learning to grate cheese safely and slicing vegetables. These were then cooked in the school kitchen, by Mandy, then we had a second lunch of pizza! Everybody was delighted with how they looked, although a few people had second thoughts about their choice of toppings! Well done to everybody for singing well in church this morning.

English: to edit grammar and punctuation.

Maths: to identify ways of solving a range of calculations.



Oak – Miss Kimberley and Miss Houghton: We had a fabulous day on Monday for our Ancient Egyptian experience, courtesy of History off the page, run by the marvellous Carl. It was great to see everyone in costume again including myself and Mrs Williams. Everyone really entered into the spirit and we were transported back in time to the Horizon of the New Kingdom of Aten, during the 14th century BC, in the time of the Pharaoh Akhenaten and his wife Nefertiti. In the Royal court, all the children were able to try out and hone their artisan skills. There was canopic jar making; preparation of the linen bandages using authentic embalming ointments made from scented camel fat (lard) for mummification; ink making and hieroglyph writing using reed pens on papyrus; painting of Egyptian style frescos, Amulet making, fashioning clay charms threaded on a leather thong; the grinding of ancient herbs and spices in a pestle and mortar which were then added to molten wax to create scented wax cones which fashionable ladies used to wear on their heads which released their fragrance as they melted in the Egyptian heat. In the afternoon, the children were divided into groups to prepare the afternoon's entrainment which included dancing and 2 plays; The Wax Crocodile and Osiris and Isis. The children were marvellous in all their performances. This was punctuated with a feast of bread, cheese and Wine (Ribena) served to us by slaves. However, the highlight, I suspect, for the children were the trials and execution of Mrs Williams (for stealing a bag of grain from the temple of Aten) by beheading and myself for trying (unsuccessfully) to poison the Pharaoh, by being thrown into the Nile and being ripped to shreds by the Nile crocodiles. It was all great fun. A big Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped to make the day such a success; Mrs Robinson (Florrie's Grandma) and Mr and Mrs Robinson (the rest of Florrie's Family), Mrs Robinson (Astrid's mum) and Mrs Brookes, With Mrs Woodard in Art, Oak class created designs for their canopic jars on paper before painting the jars using acrylic paint. I was very impressed with their careful painting work. We have also been in church this week to rehearse for the Easter Service on the last day of term. In English we have been finishing off our poetry unit and in maths we have been looking at last week's assessments. It only remains for me to wish you all a very happy Easter with all your families.



Beech – Mr Brown and Miss Houghton: This week in Beech we have been spending our English lessons editing from a previous Big Write before assessment week and then creating a free-write response to a picture, storm sound effect and story starter to really develop an atmospheric piece of writing. Later in the week we moved onto completing our multi-chapter stories where our main characters were returning from their raid on Lindisfarne. In Maths we have been working on prime numbers, quadrilateral and triangle facts and finding values to meet an algebraic equation. We have also revisited volume, time, solving problems requiring us to read a timetable with some children working on completing a timetable using given clues and calculations. In Science we have been investigating how a prism changes a ray of light to show the colour spectrum using the terms refractions and formed predictions too to predict how a colour wheel (showing all 7 colours on the spectrum) would look when spun at fast speeds. We have been practicing songs and rehearsing our lines for church which went very well on Tuesday - hopefully Friday's performance will be equally successful. Although this term has been very busy, the children have been excellent and we are very proud of all of them as they have continuously worked their hardest throughout the whole term. I wish you all a 'Happy Easter' and I hope you all have a very restful break.