



Haslingfield Endowed Primary



Diary Dates

- W/C Monday 12th July – Reports issued
- Tuesday 13th – Yr 6 Dress Rehearsal
- Wednesday 14th – Yr 6 Parent Performance 1.30pm
- Thursday 15th – Yr 6 Parent Performance 6pm
- Monday 19th – Hazel and Birch Castle Day
- Wednesday 21st July – Yr 6 Leavers Party 6-8pm
- Thursday 22nd – Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm



School Notices

- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.
- Please ensure your child brings in their swimming kit on days their class are due to swim.
- Please be aware that we are a Nut Free school, so please avoid send in snacks or lunches which include nuts or nut products.
- Please note that Sensory Circuits has now finished for this term.
- In the event that anyone in your family tests positive for Covid, please report this immediately to the office. Out of hours, please leave a voicemail on the Absence Line.
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A huge thank you for the contributions to Enterprise Day. The children all had a great time, in spite of the weather!

Congratulations to William and Isabelle Reavell who successfully competed in the UK National Junior Orienteering finals recently. Well done for a great effort!

Headteacher's Bulletin

There is nothing quite as wonderful as seeing children becoming accomplished in their own right; an enjoyable aspect of reviewing reports this time of year. Enterprise day was an enjoyable time for everyone: the children were so motivated to attract customers to their stalls and to give them a fun and 'rewarding' experience. Although it has been necessary to make COVID changes to sports day this year - it has been a great day for the children; thank you for your understanding. I can't deny, I'm getting a few butterflies, as the number of days to the end of term diminishes!

Graeme McLeod

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Parent Governor Vacancy

We are urgently seeking a new parent Governor to replace an existing Parent Representative who unfortunately due to a change in personal circumstance is unable to complete their term of office.

The Governing Body are keen to ensure a broad range of skills and stakeholder engagement and value parental contributions as part of this. The role of a Governor is extremely rewarding and can be a good opportunity to share skills and to give back to your community. If you would like to know more about the role of a Governor, then please do get in touch.

Any queries or to have an informal chat please contact- Paula Durrant Chair of Governors - chairare@haslingfield.cambs.sck.uk

Applications are now open. **Deadline for submission of applications 17th September 2021**



New Violin Teacher

We are excited to have a new Violin teacher who is able to offer lessons at the school from September.

Margaret Scourse teaches with Cambridgeshire Music and bookings should be made via their website: <https://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk/>

Early Years and Key Stage 1



Ash – Mrs Lightfoot:

It's been another busy week in Ash Class. The children enjoyed visiting the year 6 enterprise fair on Monday morning and having a go at the different stalls. We continued learning about Australia and the children wrote a fact about an Australian animal. There were some fantastic extended sentences, even using words like 'marsupials' which they learnt meant an animal that carries their babies in a pouch. We have done more work on number formation this week and recapping maths work done this term. The children enjoyed having a go at some aboriginal art work where the pictures are made up mainly of dots. We had some brave swimmers on Tuesday afternoon who chose to swim in the rain but sadly our Thursday session was cancelled due to the chemicals not being balanced. We practised sports day on Thursday so the children knew what to expect today and they all took part brilliantly.

English: To write a sentence which can be read by others.

Maths: Recapping from the term.



Birch – Mrs Williams:

It's been another busy week in Birch Class. We have been busy running around the field and managed to swim some lengths of the pool for our Biathlon. All the children have been fantastic and taken part really enthusiastically.

In Maths this week, we have practised the things we have learnt this year, by doing a fun booklet with lots of addition and subtraction, multiplication and division in. We have also practised lots of counting in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s.

We completed our Big Write Peter Pan this week, by re-telling a scene from the book. Some of us tried to re-tell this part of the story from another character's point of view. We did some fabulous stories.

In Science, we planted some beans and cress so that we could watch them shoot and grow and in topic we looked at two different castles and compared them.

There is no homework this week but the books have been sent home so they can learn their spellings. Our spelling test next week will be on the 'or' 'aw' and 'au' phonemes.

We would normally be swimming on Monday 19th July, but as this is our History day we will be swimming on Tuesday 20th July instead, so please bring your swimming kit in.

Maths: To practise + - x ÷

English: To re-tell a story



Hazel – Mrs Chapman-Burton:

What a week it has been! You've been such superstars once again so thank you for that.

This week, we have had a focus on transition and getting ready for year 3. We've spent time talking about what you are looking forward to but also what you are feeling a little worried about. You've written some wonderful letters to your new teacher telling them all about yourself, your family and your hobbies. Mrs Williams is going to love reading those letters as much as I loved watching you write them.

This week, you also finished your maths topic of mass and volume by adding amounts together using a range of different methods. I'm so pleased that you are gaining confidence in using column method with regrouping.

Our week ended with much excitement as we had our annual sports day! It was my first and last sports day here at Haslingfield and I am so pleased that I got to share it with you Hazel class because you are all amazing. I was able to see such fantastic team work and co-operation today - I am so proud of you all.

It's been a wonderful week Hazel class and we are now on the home stretch with only a couple of weeks left to go. I can't wait for you to start your research projects next week. It's going to be amazing!

Have a wonderful weekend!

P.S we'll be taking it easy on Monday as I know we'll all be watching the football!

Maths: To use the four operations with mass and volume

English: To write a letter

Lower Key Stage 2



Hawthorn – Mrs Lees and Mrs Keen:

It seems hard to believe that there are now less than two weeks left in Hawthorn. This week in English we have been writing non-chronological reports about an animal we saw at Woburn Safari Park, making sure we used sub-headings and paragraphs to group information.

In Maths we have been thinking about using mass to measure how heavy an object is in grams and kilograms. We have converted between the two and compared different weights.

In Science we have learnt about different fossils and made our own ammonites out of clay. We also made trace or mold footprints in the clay as well.

Everyone has been taking part in our daily run, our record has been 29.25 miles so far in a day! We also been practising skipping with a rope ready for sports day.

Next week we are completing our Design Technology task about kites. It would be great if the children could examine and fly 'shop bought' kites before designing and making their own. If you have any kites at home that we could use for this could the children bring them to school on Wednesday.

Hope we get a sunny weekend!

English: To write in paragraphs.

Maths: To compare the mass of objects using grams or Kilograms



Oak – Miss Kimberley and Mrs Siddall:

We have a great week this week, the highlight for me being the class trip to Wicken Fen on Thursday.

In English we have continued watching 'A Midsummers Night's Dream.' We have been looking at the character of Puck and examining his role in the play. The children were asked if they thought Puck was cheeky, mischievous, naughty and a bit of a joker OR whether his character is darker and more malevolent and conniving. The children drew, annotated and then wrote their own description.

In Maths we have been revisiting telling the time to 5 minutes and one minute intervals on an analogue clock. We have also been looking at the 24 hour clock.

The children have looked at the features of rivers and plotted these on a river diagram and explained what the features are. The children were also asked to write a story of a raindrop and detail its journey as it joins a river at its source and travels along its course, encountering examples of its features, animals and plants along the way. They were encouraged to use the correct vocabulary.

In science the children have been learning about the planets in our solar system with Mrs Siddall and they were intrigued with the differences between the lengths of years/days of the different planets. The children came up with lots of very probing questions worthy of any astrophysicist!

At Wicken Fen on Thursday the children were split into 3 groups. All the children were able to take part in all three planned activities which were led by National Trust Volunteers; pond dipping, mini-beast hunting and connect with nature. All the activities were pacy and very well organised and they were able to explore the different habitats at Wicken. Always a favourite is pond dipping and it didn't disappoint. Between the 2 groups we managed to collect a magnificent great diving beetle, the lesser diving beetle, a Common Newt, dragon fly larvae and many more invertebrates. The mini beast hunting was great fun and involved looking under rotting sawn slices of tree trunk. We learnt the difference between centipedes and millipedes and sorted the invertebrates we caught into 6 legs or less and more than 6 legs. The children were an absolute credit and it was commented upon by the National Trust leaders. A big thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Reavell who accompanied us on the trip.

Have a good weekend!

English: To describe the personality of a character in a story

Maths: To tell the time using the 24 hour clock and be able to convert to analogue time using am and pm

Upper Key Stage 2



Willow – Mr Brown:

We have had another great week in Willow class where the children have continued to work hard and enjoy the activities set for them. In this week's Maths we introduced the children to translation which is the movement of shapes from one position to another. The children learnt how to read and follow a set of translation instructions to plot a new position for a shape and also write a set of instructions for two positions of a translation using directions and amount of spaces. They built upon and applied their knowledge of coordinates as the class translated across the first quadrant which they were able to do confidently. They then recalled their previous learning to solve problems related to a theme park allowing them to share all they have learnt in geometry.

In English we continued to produce writing inspired by the book 'The Journey' and at the beginning of the week we learnt of how sadly the war had taken away the Dad in the family and how the family had become more and more worried. It helped inspire us to write sentences involving comparatives and superlatives, abstract nouns and personification. We then discovered the family have a plan to run away to somewhere new and escape the war and we wrote complex sentences, rhetorical questions to capture a character's inner voice and used alliteration to describe three positive things about a new environment. To end the week, we read how the family don't want to leave but knew they had to. The class wrote sentences which included coordinating conjunctions, passive voice and repetition to show how the family is torn by the decision, how they feel like their life is on hold and how they had to say a painful goodbye.

In this week's Science we learnt about Jane Goodall's work with the chimpanzees in Tanzania and of how she studied their behaviours. We discussed how the chimpanzees have become endangered and how their numbers have been significantly reduced within the last hundred years due to a range of threats to the species. The class learnt how the Jane Goodall Institute works to protect the remaining chimpanzees inspiring us to write persuasive advert posters to encourage people to donate money to help educate and preserve the lives of chimpanzees in the wild.

The class have been superstar runners this week managing to rack up lots of laps in the daily mile as part of their biathlon challenge. They also did a good job in swimming this week too which contributed to the whole school's total. The children had a fun time practising all the different events in a warm-up to sports day and were great team players by cheering each other on with encouragement. I'm sure they will all have had an enjoyable time if they put in the same amount of enthusiasm to the main event as they did with their practice.

Have a lovely weekend and to all those people who will be watching the football – come on England!

English: To write atmospheric sentences.

Maths: To translate shapes across a coordinates grid.

Beech – Miss Peck

Wow, what a busy and super exciting week! We started our week with our enterprise days, that we were fortunate enough to share, at a safe distance, with the rest of the school. We were blown away by the organisation of all of the children's stalls and how much preparation they had completed to ensure that all of their stalls were COVID safe and as fun and exciting for the children as they possibly could be. It was an absolute joy to watch the children on their explaining to the younger members of our school community the rules or more about their stall. Miss Houghton and I have had lots of feedback from other members of staff from across the school about how kind, supportive and generally awesome our children were and how much all of the children in their classes enjoyed it too! I think lots of the children were hoping that it would be enterprise day every day! The children's hard work and dedication was definitely recognised and the children managed to raise a grand total of £456!!!! This is an absolutely incredible total and very much deserved.

The children have been very busy rehearsing and perfecting their wonderful acting and singing ready for our production of Aladdin Trouble next week. We have been so incredibly impressed with the determination and perseverance shown by all of our lovely Beech class when learning their own lines and the words to all of the songs too! We have been very ambitious with our choice of production this year and there really has been a lot to learn. You are all in for a real treat though and the children can't wait to perform it to you all.

Another Year 6 leavers tradition is for the children to write a speech for their leavers assembly to share on their last day at Haslingfield School. The children have started to write their speeches this week and all I can say is wow! They are full to the brim of humour, memories and emotion and they have been just wonderful to read - they have made Miss Houghton and I laugh out loud but also shed the odd tear too!

We ended the week with our sports day and I am pleased to say we ensured that we made it one to remember. The children enjoyed sharing their picnic lunch with their class buddies and the added novelty of an ice lolly too. The children were incredibly enthusiastic when completing all of the carousel activities and were very supportive and encouraging of each other. Lots of fun was had with our flat races at the end, and lots of shouting could be heard with all of the children supporting and cheering on their houses. Well done for, as always, making the most of the changes that we are currently faced with, and making it a sports day to remember. You are all sports superstars!

The children should have all come home with tickets for our production this week, if you haven't received yours please do let us know as soon as you can. Have a wonderful weekend with your families.