

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow...

November 2021



Mindfulness Classes

Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed learning mindfulness techniques during a four week program funded by the Hitchin Mental Health Recovery Team. The children have participated exceptionally well. Mindfulness is shown to have a positive impact on overall wellbeing and resilience in times of stress. Isobel said "I can use the 2 plus 2 or 2 times 2 strategy when I am stressed or in the yellow zone."

Golden Ticket winners



Congratulations to our 'Golden Ticket' winners. They have shown the school values and are role models to others.

Acorn class: Ellie J, Ollie B, Freddie J, Ben W, Iris M, Edward B

Oak class: Lanie I, Charlie W, Clark L, Isobel M, Lillie R-J, Roman S

Please send in any achievements outside school so that we can celebrate them in our celebration assembly each Friday.

House points

The average house point scores are:

St Faiths: 33

Manor: 32

Ravensburgh: 31

Please talk to children about house points and how they have earned them. The winning team will earn a house reward at the end of term.

Attendance

School attendance remains important. Please take note that the end of term in Hertfordshire is Tuesday 21st of December which is later than Bedfordshire. Good attendance is over 96% and our current attendance figure is: 95.3%



Everbridge

With winter approaching, please be aware the school are part of the Everbridge School Closure Notification System. In the event of severe weather or emergency situation, the school will notify parents via this system and ParentMail.

Reading Workshop

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Year 1 and 2 reading workshop on 17th November. Phonics and early reading are essential to pupil progress in school. Miss Murray is very pleased with her class and the progress they are making this term. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

Children in Need Day

Thank you for your generosity during Children in Need. As a school we raised £70! That will be shared between Gorgeous George and Children in Need. Both classes enjoyed the day and spent time thinking about the value of kindness.



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Virtual Sports Events

Before Christmas, all the children will have taken part in a series of North Herts School Sports Partnership activities. Already, Years 5 and 6 have completed the Cross Country Challenge where they ran 800m. A huge well done to them! Years 3 and 4 have taken part in the Football Challenge, where they showed off their fantastic dribbling skills. Next week, Key stage 1 and Reception will be undertaking the Multi-Skills Challenge! We are looking forward to that!

Dogs

We ask parents and carers, who bring dogs to school, to keep them off the school site and in the car park next to the playground. The school cannot be responsible for pets when pupils and their parents are on site. We thank you for your co-operation in this.

Nature Explorers

This half term Year 2 and 3 have taken part in 'Nature Explorers' sessions with Mrs Foot. Mrs Foot has been impressed with their curiosity. Emily said "I have enjoyed learning about nature and looking at plants and insects." Eliza enjoyed making a leaf inspired necklace in one session.

Christmas Production

This year Oak and Acorn Class are working on a joint production called 'Straw and Order'. We plan to record this and send it to parents.

As we cannot invite parents into school, we are planning to host an outdoor mini celebration when we switch on the school lights on Wednesday 1st December. The HPA will provide hot chocolate and children will sing one of the songs from their school production.

The Wildlife Trust

The children in Oak and Acorn Class enjoyed a visit from the BCN wildlife Trust as part of their learning in geography. In the spring both classes visited Pegston Hills with a conservationist to apply their learning in the local environment. Jack enjoyed finding out where different animal habitats were on Pegston Hills.

Library visit



The HPA will pay for a coach to take the school to Hitchin Library in the spring term. Hopefully this will inspire pupils' book choices and love of reading.

Dates

**New dates added/changed will be in bold*

Due to precautionary measures for COVID-19, some dates have changes or been removed over the winter period.

26.11.21 - Occasional Day – School Closed

01.12.21 - Reception hearing/eye tests

01.12.21 - Hexton Lights Switch On

04.12.21 - Christmas Tree Festival performance

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07.12.21 - Panto – Aladdin at the Gordon Craig

10.12.21 - Christmas Jumper Day/Santa Run

13.12.21 – Christmas Post Box

15.12.21 - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party

20.12.21 - 'Gratitude' – Theme Day

21.12.21 - Last Day of Term - 1.20pm finish

05.01.22 - INSET Day

06.01.22 - Spring Term begins

25.01.22 – Parent Workshop: Zones of Regulation

04.02.22 - Film Night

07.02.22 - Feeling Good Week

14.02.22 - Half Term

03.03.22 - World Book Day - Author Visit

01.04.22 - Last day of Term - 1.20pm finish

Thank you for your commitment and support, of Hexton School, over the past half term.

Best wishes from the Hexton Team.



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