

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Summer 2023: Issue 3

Headteacher's Message

This week was short but busy at school. Tuesday's gardening club created a wonderful den that all children have enjoyed for the rest of the week. On Wednesday, children enjoyed Coronation crafts in anticipation of the Coronation tomorrow. On Thursday our HIP joined us to highlight strengths and next steps in school practice. We agreed that there are many strengths to the curriculum offer at Hexton, such as creative teaching and learning opportunities. For example, we saw a lovely lesson on fractions in KS1 using sweets, KS2's work on Skara Brae involves looking at farming videos and analysing brochures for Cheddar Gorge and other places of interest and EYFS followed up their work on doubling and sharing by having a role play picnic outside during active learning. Our next steps are to further develop pupil's responses to marking and to ensure that interactions between staff and pupils support their understanding and enable strong progress.

The children have created some bunting and baked some cakes ready for this afternoon's party on top of their usual curriculum lessons. This afternoon, all children will be off timetable to enjoy the party – we do hope lots of you are able to join us for a picnic and crafts.

Gardening club

Gardening club has been very popular this half term. The children went out to the local area and collected sticks this week to build a den as well as doing some planting of wild flowers. Our small team of helper mums have also volunteered their time to tidy and ready our quiet area for further planting over the next few weeks. Thank you to both of them for their time and care!

Gardening club would love to develop the activities they are doing with the children. ***If anyone has any seeds, plants or watering cans they can donate, we would be really grateful.*** Do check out social media later today for some photos of gardening club from this week!

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
Mon 1 st May	Bank holiday
Fri 5 th May	King's Coronation Party
Mon 8 th May	Bank holiday
9 th -12 th May	KS2 SATs week
15 th -19 th May	Walk to school week
Tues 16 th May	Whole School Trip to Wrest Park TBC
15 th -26 th May	KS1 SATs taking place
Fri 26 th May	INSET day (no school)
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd Jun	Half term
Sat 10 th Jun	HPA Mad Hatter's Tea Party TBC
12 th -16 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week (KS1)
Fri 16 th June	Oak Class Assembly 2:40p.m.
Wed 21 st June	World Music Day
26 th -30 th June	Healthy Living Week
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day
Date TBC	School Fair
Fri 7 th July	Acorn Class Assembly TBC
Thur 13 th July	Transition Day
Fri 14 th July	Around the world day
Fri 21 st July	End of term (1:30p.m.) Non-uniform

Spring Fair thanks

Our Spring Fair was a great success at the weekend. We made over £300 profit and it was a very relaxed, happy occasion. The staff took a lot of photos and some of them will be on our social media later today for you to see. Thank you so much to everyone who gave up their time to volunteer, prepare and come along. We are so lucky to have such a committed group of families that join us on the weekends for fundraising events.

This Week's Letters

DSPL for parents/carers, Swimming letter and questionnaire, swimming kit letter, Musicly flyer.



Mighty oaks from little acorns grow...



Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to our 'Golden Ticket' winners for showing the school values. These children will have a tea party with Mrs Squires on **Tuesday afternoon**.

Acorn class: Isla, Jaś

Oak class: Clark, Finley, Roman



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

House Points

Each week children collect house points in school. Our target is 750. This week, they earned 94 bringing the total to **160!** Just another 590 to go until our next whole school treat! Well done to all those whose efforts this week led to house points being awarded.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance this week, coming to school every day, on time.

Ollie, Nancy, Isla, Jaś, Carter, Iris, Hugo, Ben, Ayla, Hennadii, Ed, Finley, Freddie, Clark, Eliza

Whole school attendance this week: **88.3%**

Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:



Acorn: Ben

Oak: Clark

Both showed some of the Hex 6Rs in their PE lessons this week.

TTRS and Numbots

This week, the pupils playing TTRS and Numbots for the greatest number of minutes were:

Acorn: Hugo, Ben, Carter

Oak: Clark

Remember to play for 5 minutes a day for your chance to win a certificate every week!

Walk to school week

Walk to school week is an annual event which is set for 15th-19th May 2023. With regular physical activity children improve cardiorespiratory fitness, build strong bones and muscles, control weight and reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression. This year's theme is *Walk with Wildlife*. Children will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot to school (or at least part of the journey) each day that week and classes will chart their journey on a wallchart. For more information about Walk to School week, please visit <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week>.

HPA Ball cancellation

HPA regret to inform you that the ball that was scheduled for later this term has had to be cancelled.

A Week in Pictures

A few snapshots of our week at Hexton this week: Nature explorers work, Coronation crafts, Life cycle of a butterfly and topic displays. Lots more will be on our socials this weekend so do check back there!



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