

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Summer 2023: Issue 5

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy, delightful week at Hexton this week. Our Scarecrow Day, planned and organised by the lovely Mrs Simpson, was a huge success.

Children in both classes have also started their new topics this week. Curriculum newsletters will accompany next week's newsletters. In Acorn class, their topic is Powhatan People – The Story of Pocahontas. In Oak, they will be learning about 'Lindow Man' – the story of Prehistoric Man. We will keep you updated about how these topics progress over the coming weeks.

We also welcomed a new member of the team this week – Mrs Duncan has settled easily into Acorn class and they have enjoyed getting to know her.

The curriculum pages have finally been launched on the school website. These have been a long time coming, but should outline in greater detail each area of our curriculum. Visit [here](#) to check them out.

I hope to see many of you next week at the parents' meeting – I will be there with you.

Scarecrow day

Scarecrow day (and the follow-up work) took place this week. There are lots of photos on social media, and I'm sure you have seen our wonderful scarecrows. The idea behind scarecrow day is that they become the basis for a unit of work on geography. The children learn about everything that the scarecrows can see e.g. physical features, weather, crops etc. as well as a whole host of cross-curricular learning. What a brilliant idea.

This Week's Letters

DSPL for parents/carers, Hitchin summer sports camp flyer, Oral health poster.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
Sat 10 th Jun	HPA Mad Hatter's Tea Party 12-2
5 th -16 th June	Multiplication check (Year 4)
12 th -16 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week (KS1)
Thurs 15 th June	Clean air day
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
Tues 11 th July	Whole school trip to Natural History Museum, Tring
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

Ready, set, read!

Hertfordshire Library Service is delighted to announce Ready, Set, Read! - the Summer Reading Challenge 2023.

Designed to keep children reading over the summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free activity that broadens reading horizons, improves mental well-being, encourages a healthy reading habit, and helps to maintain reading levels ready for the start of the next academic year.

Children are encouraged to read six library books of their choice during the school holiday, returning to their local library to share what they have been reading with staff and volunteers. Each participant receives a themed folder and is awarded stickers for every book they read. Children who complete the challenge are presented with a certificate, a medal and a special finishing gift.

Further information and a link to the national Ready, Set, Read! website can be found [here](#).

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 **Monday afternoon**.

Acorn class: Hugo, Kami

Oak class: Gena, Clark



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 122 bringing the total to **455!** Just another 295 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, Isla, Carter, Iris, Hannah, Ben, Kami, Gena, Ed, Freddie, Eliza.

Whole school attendance this week: **79.4%**

Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:



Acorn: Iris

Oak: Finley

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

Statutory assessments of KS1 and Y4

Next week, both our phonics screening check (Y1 and 2) and multiplication tables check (Y4) will be taking place. Children have had lots of practise for these over the year, and they will be carried out by familiar staff. If you would like more information on these checks please visit the following links:

[Phonics screening](#)
[Multiplication tables](#)

TTRS and Numbots

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

Acorn: Ben, Carter

Oak: Eliza, Freddie, Roman

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

A Week in Pictures

A few snapshots of our week at Hexton this week
(larger versions will be shared on our social media):



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