

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Summer 2023: Issue 8

Headteacher's Message

It's been so hot this week! We provide sun cream for all children at school, and have had to insist that some who do not want to wear it stay in the shade. There have been several very red faces after lunch each day, so we are also encouraging children to drink plenty of water.

On Monday, we had a visit from our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner (HIP) who looked with me at the foundation curriculum (non-core subjects – those other than maths, English and science). We looked at books, Hexton's skills documents and we chatted to children. One real strength was curriculum intent. This curriculum is new this year. We found it is well pitched, broad, balanced, relevant and diverse. The skills documents set out ambitious vocabulary as well as a range of knowledge and skills for each subject. However, it is very much in its infancy and it was clear that the strong impact of good planning and teaching is not evident yet. We have more work to do on vocabulary and helping children to not just know more, but remember more. This will be a focus for us over the rest of the term and next academic year. It was pleasing to see how much children are enjoying the new curriculum offer and that we are heading in the right direction.

World Music Day

World Music Day took place on Wednesday this week. We talked about its origins in assembly, and how it is celebrated by 10 million people around the world. Lots of children dressed up and looked fabulous as rock stars! In Acorn class, children listened to different genres of music, created dances and made their own instruments. In Oak class they researched and drew their favourite musical instruments.

This Week's Letters

None this week.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
26 th -30 th June	Healthy Living Week
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day
Tues 11 th July	Whole school trip to Natural History Museum, Tring
Date TBC	HPA BBQ for staff and parents
Thur 13 th July	Transition Day
Fri 14 th July	Around the world day
Thur 20 th July	Leavers' assembly 2:00-2:30
Fri 21 st July	End of term (1:30p.m.) Non-uniform

Healthy Living Week

Next week is our Healthy Living Week, ending with our annual Sports Day. You should have received an invitation to Sports Day this week, which is taking place next Friday. You are welcome to stay for the whole morning, and bring lunch for our picnic on the field at lunch time. After lunch, children will go back to class.

Around the World Day

On Friday 14th July, we are going to have our 'Around the World Day.' Children will be off-timetable for the whole day. There will be four countries in the morning and four in the afternoon for them to visit, and in each country, the children will complete a craft activity. Every child will have a passport to complete showing where they have visited. Our flexi-school children are welcome to join us if they would like to and we'd love to welcome any parent volunteers who speak another language! We will be visiting France, Spain, Germany, Greece, Poland, Ukraine, New Zealand and Japan. Please do speak to one of us if you would like to volunteer on the day – and do let us know if you speak any of the languages from the above countries.



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: Saffy, Carter
Oak class: Finley, Edward



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 52 bringing the total to **550!** Just another 200 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, Hugo, Kami, Ben, Hennadij, Ed, Finley, Freddie, Eliza, Hannah

Whole school attendance this week: **91.5%**

Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:



Acorn: Ollie
Oak: Eliza

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: Iris (x2!), Nancy, Hugo
Oak: Eliza, Freddie, Finley

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

Homework

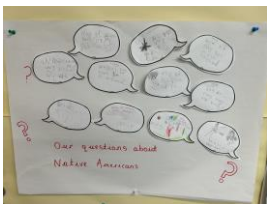
Just a reminder, please to ensure that your child completes the expected amount of home learning each week:

- Read a minimum of 3 times a week with/to an adult and record in reading record.
- To practise on Numbots or TTRS for 3-5 minutes a day, 4-5 times a week.

This will have a huge impact on their progress across the curriculum. Thank you.

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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