

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Summer 2023: Issue 10

Headteacher's Message

We had a visit from Amanda Webb from HfL Education on Monday, who worked with our teachers on how to tweak our reading practice to make it even stronger. She talked through individual interventions as well as whole class strategies. We are very lucky to have access to this excellent source of professional development for our teachers.

This week was the penultimate week of swimming for Oak class – they have really enjoyed it and I think will miss it on the last week of term.

Acorn class have been learning about money in maths and light sources in science. They are very much enjoying their sensory tent!

In Oak, children have been learning about the Bronze and Iron ages. Year 6 completed sex education with Mrs O while years 3 and 4 worked with Mrs Simpson. They have all learned about the Jewish ceremony of Bat Mitzvah in RE, too.

Mr Ricketts has confirmed that Team 2 were the winners of Sports Day 2023 – congratulations to Kami, Hugo, Iris, Oliver, Ben, Freddie, Ayla, Clark and Roman.

There are just two weeks left of the academic year and I can't believe how quickly it's flown by. We are starting to plan for the next academic year, and as part of this, next Thursday (13th July) is Hertfordshire's transition day. Year 6 pupils will be visiting their secondary schools for the day, Year 2 will be spending the day in Oak and our new intake reception children will be invited to join us for part of the day.

The next two weeks are really busy at Hexton. Next week, as well as transition day, there is the trip to the Natural History Museum and Around the World Day on Friday. The following week is our final week, and we have the whole school trip to Southend, Leaver's Assembly and non-uniform day on the last day. What a lovely end to the year it is set to be!

Dates

Date	Event
Tues 11 th July	Whole school trip to Natural History Museum, Tring
Sun 9 th July	HPA BBQ for families and staff 2-4p.m.
Thurs 13 th July	Transition Day
Fri 14 th July	Around the world day
Tues 18 th July	Whole school trip to the beach
Thur 20 th July	Leavers' assembly 2:00-2:30
Fri 21 st July	End of term (1:30p.m.) Non-uniform

Future Plans

Following the announcement of the consultation and possible closure of the school, there has been some understandable unrest among our families around school places. We understand that you will consider whether keeping your child at Hexton for the next academic year is the right decision, and respect that you will make the choice that is right for your family. However, we are keen to ensure that any children leaving Hexton get the smoothest transition possible, both in terms of visiting the setting and the sharing of information with other professionals. With this in mind, please do let us know if you have made the decision to accept places in other schools for your children. This will allow our office team to liaise with their new school, fill out forms etc. and for their new school to have all the relevant information for them to meet your child's needs ahead of them starting.

Awards

Congratulations to Ayla and Eliza who were 'talent spotted' at swimming and invited to join Active Luton's competitive academy. What a brilliant achievement! Congratulations also to Miss Webster, who received an 'Unsung Hero' certificate after being nominated for the Pearson Teaching Awards. Well deserved indeed.

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 **Friday afternoons**.

Acorn class: Ben, Hugo, Iris
Oak class: Gena, Ayla



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

100% Attendance

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

Ollie, Carter, Isla, Iris, Hannah, Hugo, Kami, Ben, Clark, Gena, Ed, Finley, Freddie, Eliza, Roman

Whole school attendance this week: **93.5%**

This Week's Letters

DSPL for parents/carers, HCC measles letter, moving on leaflet, 3x summer camp flyers.

House Points

Each week children collect house points in school. Our target is 750. This week, they earned 59 bringing the total to **660!** Just another 90 to go until our next whole school treat! Well done to all those whose efforts this week led to house points being awarded.

TTRS and Numbots

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

Acorn: Isla, Saffy (x2), Nancy, Hannah, Ben
Oak: Clark

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

Weekly Sports Star



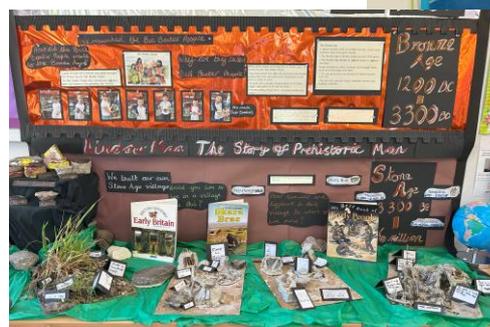
Congratulations to our sports stars:

Acorn: whole class
Oak: whole class

All children showed some of the Hex 6Rs in Sports Day this 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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