



Hatch Ride

Matters

April & May 23



Dear Hatch Ride Community

This half term has flown by very quickly with so many activities happening in school. We had a great time celebrating the Coronation and coming together for a special whole school lunch. Thank you to everyone who entered the crown competition. Mr Elsey, Corvus Trust CEO, took a while deciding on the winners and remarked on the brilliant creativity displayed.

The children had a wonderful Healthy Minds, Healthy Planet week which included some special visitors. Classes went on sensory walks, took part in a yoga session with Relax Kids, listened to a Healthy Habits assembly focussing on having a positive mindset, produced woodland art projects and everyone particularly



enjoyed the presentation from NADAS who gave a very engaging talk, boosting knowledge of the British farming industry and education on the origin of food. The children also took part in walking to school and daily skipping challenges, thank you to everyone who collected sponsorship money. Please see photos below.

We are very proud of our Year 6 class for sitting their SAT tests with such a positive attitude and fantastic behaviour. They are now joyfully wearing their leavers hoodies at school.

We invited ARC Wokingham Youth Counselling Group to run a workshop covering Children's Anxiety and Transition to Secondary School for Year 5 and 6 parents from our school and Oaklands Juniors. We hope everyone who attended found it helpful.



We were the lucky recipients of £1000 grant from the Wellington College Arts Fund. We are using this money to purchase 4 lavalier microphones, sound mixer and set of percussion instruments. Reception class were very excited to help unpack the instruments! If anyone is aware of any similar opportunities please let us know.

Thank you to Mr Watson, Mr Thompson and Mr Hodgson for their help in our courtyard garden. A special thank you to Mrs Wilson-Constance for her ongoing efforts to improve our outdoor space.

We'd would like to say another huge thank you to the PTO for our new dining tables! Both children and staff really appreciate them and they make a big improvement to daily school life.

We are saying farewell to Miss Jones who is leaving us to prepare for new adventures. We will miss her and wish her all the best for the future.

I hope you have a sunny half term break and I look forward to seeing everyone on June 5th.

J Sparrowhawk

Reminders:

No scooters or bikes are to be ridden on site, this includes younger siblings.

Dogs are not permitted on site at any time.

Now we are experiencing warmer weather please ensure your child is dressed appropriately with a sun hat. Sun cream should be applied before school and children can also bring some to top up throughout the day, please note they must be able to do this themselves.



Healthy Minds Week





School diary dates:

May	
Monday 29 th	Half Term Week
June	
Mon 5 th	Return to school Year 6 PGL Week
Fri 16 th	Year 4 Assembly
Fri 23 rd	Reception Class
Thurs 29 th	Sports Day
Fri 30 th	Year 2 Assembly
July	
Weds 12 th	Year 6 Leavers Production to be held at the Christopher Lee Theatre at Wellington College – more details to follow
Fri 14 th	School reports
17 th	Class Transition Day
Thurs 20 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly Last Day of Term – school finishes 2.45pm
Fri 21 st	INSET Day – No children in school

Classroom News

Reception

We have loved our growing topic! We have enjoyed a visit from Mrs Field and her baby – we asked her many interesting questions. We found out about the lifecycles of lots of different animals, including butterflies and frogs. We were lucky enough to watch our very own caterpillars metamorphosize into butterflies, that we then released. We enjoyed a tea party fit for a king as we celebrated the Coronation and we had a great time during Healthy Minds week, learning to skip!



Year 1

In Year 1, we have had a very busy start to the Summer term. We had our 'Oscars' assembly where we celebrated our favourite topics of Year One and we had the best time dressing up and giving out the awards. We have been creating 3D sculptures in Art using paper and we worked together to create 'tube towers'. We worked with Year 3 to do a Coronation hunt in the playground and we loved having a royal picnic with the school. We ended the half term with a walk along Hatch Ride and Hinton Close as part of our Geography topic on the local area. We had to find out about the different types of houses around our school.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been working hard and applying our best efforts. Our 'booklets' have been completed with composure and the children's character has made staff proud. Our topic this half term has been about the history of seaside holidays; it has been fascinating for the children to recognise how things were different 150 years ago, as well as similar to now. In English we write a biography of the Victorian heroine Grace Darling as well as making our own versions of the story, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. In maths, we have been learning about fractions and time. Do ask children to read time from a clock (quarter an hour intervals, then 5 minute intervals). Our science topic about habitats has been a great opportunity to explore the woods (seeing a robin feeding inside the outdoor classroom, the entrance to a fox's den, ladybirds, spiders, worms, bluebells). Finally, Healthy Minds Week has been rewarding, whether skipping, collecting litter, making a hedgehog shelter, meeting Jan and Rasher the pig as well as Alison and her Relax Kids workshop.

We'd like to share our poem about what we think makes a happy home –

Happy Home Recipe By Year 2

A pinch of joy
A little bit of squabbling
A spoonful of love
A handful of gratefulness
A bowl of manners
A jar of happiness
A plate of kindness



A gram of play
A pound of laughter
A jug of cuddles
A bucket of kisses
A measure of respect
A squeeze of jubilation
A cup of friendship
A teaspoon of fun
A tin of goodness
A teacup of people
A drop of silliness
A tablespoon of sweetness
A kilogram of fantasies
And a sprinkle of smiles



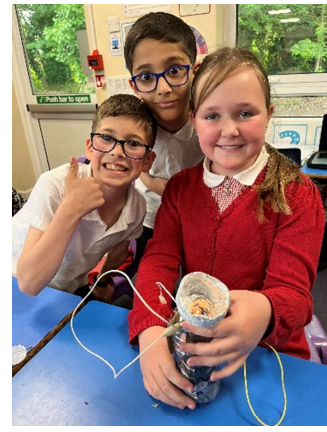
Year 3

In English, Year 3 have enjoyed writing their own mystery stories. We explored a spooky story and then adapted it to make our own versions, using lots of techniques to build up suspense. There were some brilliant stories created. Our Science topic on plants has caused daily excitement as the children carried out an investigation to see how roots grow – they loved checking their plants and seeing the changes. We are so proud of how hard Year 3 worked on their assembly and how much enthusiasm they showed. Swimming lessons are going well and the children are making good progress. Our Geography topic is exploring the local area and we are planning a walk around Crowthorne after half term. More details will follow. Thank you to Mrs Collis for supporting us with our reading. If there are any other parents who are able to spare any time to pop in and hear readers, we would be very grateful. We hope you have a restful half term and are looking forward to our final half term in Year 3!



Year 4

Since Easter, Year 4 have enjoyed a wide range of topics, ranging from athletics in PE to building torches and pavilions in DT! We've worked hard on various designs whilst still keeping up our progress in maths and English, particularly focussing on decimals, shape and fronted adverbials! We also thoroughly enjoyed our school Coronation Day. As well as this, we were fortunate to spend lots of time outside during Healthy Minds Week! We made labrynth out of things we could find and completed team building exercises such as the blindfold challenge. Furthermore, we loved participating in a Relax Kids session and taking part in the daily skipping challenge! Looking forward to a great final term.



Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have written a narrative about the Oktopodi story and are currently working on a non-chronological report on a newly discovered “fictional” creature. We had a wonderful Healthy Minds week, skipping every day trying to beat our previous daily count. We had a visit from Rasher the pig and were lucky enough to make sausages, which we later cooked over the campfire and were also treated to toasting marshmallows. We went on a hunt for the oldest tree in the wood and made a musical instrument from sticks. The week ended with Relax Kids and we left feeling very calm and tranquil. Year 5 are very much looking forward to their trip next month to Englefield Estate.



Year 6

We have continued to work hard this term so we are ready for our SATS on the week of the 15th of May. Although they were challenging, we showed good perseverance and resilience to these tests. On Friday, we celebrated our achievements by having a campfire with smores. This was followed by us receiving our leavers hoodies which we are all now proudly wearing. The week after was Healthy Minds week and we took part in sessions with RelaxKids, gardening in the courtyard, a sensory walk, sponsored skips as well as a session from Newbury and District Agricultural Society which included a sausage making demonstration. They were enjoyed later over a campfire - the second in two weeks!

Ice Hockey Nationals

One of our Y6 classmates took part in the National Hockey Championships! Having won the South East league with their u-12s team, they made it all the way to the Ice Hockey Nationals Final coming home with a silver medal! Well done, Alfie.

