



Hatch Ride

Matters

Feb & March 23



Dear Hatch Ride Community

Spring has finally arrived and although we have not seen a lot of sunshine yet we are hopeful for some over the Easter break! We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter with updates on some of the activities the children have been doing in the last 2 months.

We enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day with children and staff dressed in their pyjamas. We had mixed class book buddies sharing stories together. We made dream catchers and the children had fun guessing the identity of the Masked Storytellers while enjoying milkshake and cookies.



Both Year 3 and 4 went to visit Ufton Court in March. Year 3 were learning about the Romans whilst Year 4 experienced their first residential trip learning about the Tudors. A wonderful time was had by everyone.

We had a productive gardening day, thank you to everyone who came and helped. Also thank you to Mr Watson, Mr Blair and Mr Hodgson for building our planters in the courtyard.

We bid a fond farewell to Anna Graham, our Sports Assistant who has been with us for 6 years. Thank you for all your hard work and we wish you lots of luck for the future.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to park considerately at drop off and pick up, this includes turning off car engines. Please also be aware that school is a no smoking site so please refrain from smoking near our gates.

I hope everyone enjoys the Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 17th April.

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School diary dates:

April	
Monday 17 th	Back To School
Friday 28 th	Year 3 Assembly
May	
Friday 5 th	Year 1 Assembly
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday
Tues 9 th	SATS Week Year 6
Mon 15 th	Healthy Minds Week
Friday 19 th	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 26 th	Whole School Assembly
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
Thurs 20 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly Last Day of Term
Fri 21 st	INSET Day – No children in school

Classroom News

Reception

Spring is blooming in Reception along with the children who continue to amaze us every day! The class is now full of confident learners who have smashed their way through the level three sounds in phonics, we had a little disco to celebrate, and we can now see the children applying all this knowledge when they write and read. These incredible mathematicians have been finding different ways of making numbers up to 10, we've used eggs, Numicon, animals, bears and numerous other things in the classroom and we so enjoyed investigating shapes that could slide and shapes that could roll when we explored 3D shapes. We are coming to the end of our topic 'Adventure is out there', and have visited lots of different places around the world along the way, Margot even took us to a Brazilian carnival! We have particularly enjoyed finding out about all the animals we might see in these countries and in P.E we practised moving like them and making gymnastic shapes. We are really looking forward to next term and all the new experiences it brings.

A big thank you to the lady who is now known as our very own Hatch Ride Nonna! Mrs Mountain-Town has been busy making lots of snakes to support our VIPERs skills across the school. As well as repairing our original, well-loved snakes in Year 1 and 2, Mrs Mountain-Town has also made a set for the Reception and lower key stage 2 classes. These snakes have become an invaluable part of guided reading at Hatch Ride and enrich our lessons every day.



Year 1

We have had a busy half term in Year 1!

We enjoyed reading with Year 6 as part of our World Book Day. It was great fun to wear our pyjamas to school! We got to have a break time in the snow and we made snowmen on the field. For our DT work, we had a whole morning designing and creating chick hand puppets. We used different joining methods like stapling, gluing and pinning to complete our puppets. Year 1 have not stopped singing 'chick chick chicken' all week! In Maths, we have been busy measuring length, mass and capacity. We used lots of different equipment for this and we loved investigating the capacity of different objects from the classroom. Happy Easter everyone!



Year 2

We have been busy! In maths, children have enjoyed measuring length, mass and time. With learning about animals in science, we have written animal riddles and explanation texts in English (life cycles of frogs, emperor penguins and butterflies). We also had a visit from the poet, Clare Bevan, and enjoyed performing some of her poems. A big thank you to Mrs Field and baby Reggie for taking the time to come in to illustrate the needs of a baby, supporting our science learning about the human body. In geography, we have been fascinated exploring what a village in Zambia, Africa is like. Design and technology is a particular favourite for the class, having made mechanisms for moving monsters. We have also learnt about eating a balanced diet, with children designing and making their own healthy wraps, followed by the joy of eating these! Finally, in art, we have used maps for inspiration and made our own felt artwork.



Year 3

In English, we have been working on Performance Poetry and enjoying both hearing and performing poems. Year 3 each wrote their own version of 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. There were some fantastic ideas of things that the children would put in their boxes. We chose our best ideas and put them together to create a class poem. You can find it in the 'Video Resources' section on the school website. We have also created Stone Age adventure stories and shared them with Year 1. In DT, we have designed a toy that uses a pneumatic system. We generated ideas using thumbnail sketches, developed design criteria and selected materials to build secure housing for the system. The children loved decorating them with eye catching designs and will be sharing them with younger children. A big thank you to all the parents who sent in junk modelling materials to help with this.

We will be starting swimming lessons our first week back – Thursday 20th April. Please see the letter on Parentmail for more details.

The children have worked so hard this term in all areas and we're sure they're ready for a good break! Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to more learning and fun in our Summer Term.



Year 4

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed a jam-packed Spring term at Hatch Ride. We have covered various topics such as the rainforest and the climate changes which face it. With this, we created balanced arguments and also held our debates! Alongside this, we have enjoyed making book sleeves in DT by practising our sewing skills and we have also explored various scientific topics such as states of matter and the wonderful world of electricity. We have recently built our own circuits and also investigated which objects are conductors or insulators!

Of course, we have also thoroughly enjoyed our Tudor topic. We have sung, danced, acted and performed a wicked Tudor assembly all about our residential trip to Ufton Court, returning to school full of confidence and resilience!

An account of our trip by Alfie and Ella

At Ufton Court, we got to sleep in cabins with our friends. We explored the manor house and found lots of suspicious objects. We also played Tudor games and learned about Sir Francis Drake. Before bed, we had a banquet with potatoes, sweetcorn and chicken as well as other sweet treats. We had an amazing time!



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have developed their skills in writing explanation texts on volcanoes and used their History knowledge of trains to write balanced arguments about whether the railways should be extended. Last week, we had a debate in class about this, counter-arguing their reasoning 'for' and 'against.' I think we have some future politicians in our class! In Design and Technology, we have been investigating bridges and in Science, looking at materials, reversible and irreversible changes. Outside of the classroom, they have thoroughly enjoyed Hockey and a new PE unit on Volleyball. Next term, we will be going on our school trip to Englefield Estate (14th June), where the children will participate in an exclusive schools day on Sustainability. More details regarding the trip will follow soon. We also have our next class assembly on Friday, 19th May, where we look forward to sharing more of their wonderful work with you. The children have worked really hard over the past few months and we wish you a happy, healthy Easter break.



Year 6

We have been busy preparing for our ATS which are held next half term in May (w/c 09 05 2023). We ran a mock SATS week last week to practise what it would feel like to be in the hall when in exam conditions. Also, we've been going back through our errors to learn from our mistakes and build our growth mindset.

On returning to school, we had pancakes the day after Shrove Tuesday so that we could revisit our learning from Year 5 around irreversible and reversible changes. The pancakes definitely took longer to prepare than to eat!

Also, over Fairtrade Fortnight we learnt about cocoa farmers and Fairtrade growing. We have planted potatoes to take care of and harvest in the summer term to appreciate the work that goes into growing our food. Hopefully our harvest will go well!

Many of us took part in our Bikeability training as well this term. This involved instructors teaching us the rules of the road (whilst safely on the playground) and cycling our bikes around the local area so we know how to ride correctly on the road and to secondary school (should we wish to).



Sports News

This term, children have been enjoying learning Hockey and basketball skills with EPC and have been progressing their skills in gymnastics, yoga, fitness, athletics and dance with their class teachers.

Hockey club is also up and running again and we have been to an exciting hockey event. A group of children from Year 5 and 6 and participated in the School Games In2Hockey tournament in March, hosted at Reading Hockey Club. Putting their skills they'd learned from PE and after school hockey practice to the test, the team successfully clubbed together and managed to win 3 games! Across the games, the team scored 4 excellent goals and all put in a brilliant effort. It was great to see them cheer each other on, play as a team and show a great attitude to the game even when things got tough.

Our Year 5 Sports Leaders have also been busy organising activities for other children at lunch times and it has been great to see lots of children more active on the playground as a result. We look forward to a great term for sports in the summer.



Community News

My Journey

The My Journey Wokingham team will be running an Easter Bike Bonanza on Thursday 13th April from 11.00 - 15.00 at the FBC centre, Finchampstead. This free family event is suitable for all ages, from young children who would like to try a balance bike, children who are learning to ride a pedal bike, or confident cyclists who would like to tackle the bike obstacle course. Adults or children can also bring their bikes to be checked by our Doctor Bike. There will be prizes and freebies for participants!

Further details of the event can be found here:

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bike-bonanza-thursday-13-april/>

Bikeability holiday courses

For any children who missed out on Bikeability training at school, Avanti Cycling will be running Bikeability Level 1/Level 2 courses in Woodley in the Easter holidays (open to children in Years 5, 6 or 7.)

See details here: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-easter-courses-at-woodford-park-leisure-centre/>

For confident riders who have already passed Level 2, there is the opportunity to take a Bikeability Level 3 course, to improve their confidence cycling on busier roads, roundabouts and more complex junctions. These one day courses are open to pupils in Years 6, 7, 8 or 9.

Details at this link: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-easter-courses-at-woodford-park-leisure-centre/>

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EASTER EVENTS

Our website is jam packed with ideas of things to do this Easter. Get hands on with One world Animals or pop to the Easter Fair at Home Grange Craft Village. Check out our website for lots more ideas. We also have a whole section on parks and walks for those seeking some spring fresh air.

[Check out our events tab here](#)

EASTER TRAILS

There are lots of Easter Trails on this holidays. These offer a fun low cost activity. Kids love a map and trail. From the famous Binfield Easter Egg hunt to The Mega Egg Hunt at Wellington Country Park.

To check out local Easter Trails check out our Easter Article [here](#).



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Wokingham Borough Council

Dotty about drama? Adore animation? Giddy over gigs? We want to hear from you!

We are putting together some new plans to develop arts and culture across the borough and want to hear from you what you enjoy, what you'd like to do more of and what's stopping you.

Although we often think of arts and culture as quite traditional things, it also includes everything from slam poetry to all styles of music to drama and film making.

If you could spare a few minutes to help us understand more about what it is you would like, then we can make sure our plans have something for everyone.

To take the survey, visit - <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/arts-and-culture-for-young-people>

