



Hatch Ride Matters Oct & Nov 23



Dear Hatch Ride Community

Welcome to a bumper edition of Hatch Ride Matters, we have been so busy over the last 2 months with many fabulous activities taking place and achievements being celebrated in school. As I write this newsletter the classrooms are filled with an air of excitement as the tinsel and glitter start to appear and everyone is practicing for their upcoming festive performances.

You will have hopefully seen the recent improvements made to our playground, thank you to the PTO who have donated money to buy the new markings, repair the monkey bars, large equipment netting and replace the chain walk. Most of this money came from the 'Grow a Pound' fundraiser and the children were involved in choosing some of the markings through a vote organised by the Pupil Leadership Team (PLT). We also have 3 new playground gates, 2 of which were funded by a grant offered by Mrs Esin's employer, we were very grateful for the opportunity to submit a bid and be awarded £5,000. We still have some funds left to purchase new outdoor resources for our Reception class which will be coming soon.

With thanks again to the PTO, we have been able to purchase 120 new chairs. Now all classes have modern, sturdy furniture to sit on. We simply couldn't make these improvements without the generosity of our school community, thank you to everyone who contributed! Would you like a say in how PTO funds are spent? If so please join a meeting and speak to the committee, details are on our parent Facebook group page or you can email pto-enquiries@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk for dates.

Another huge thank you to the PTO who put on a fantastic Christmas Fayre on Saturday, we know these events take a lot of time and work to put on. We all had a fun afternoon and look forward to seeing how much has been raised!

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent school book fair, we have received a £235 award to buy books for school. We have also been fundraising for several charities recently, please take a look at the update below the class news.

We took part in Anti-Bullying Week, we had daily activities, an assembly and everyone took part in discussions about what bullying means to us and what we can do to stop it. We enjoyed 'Odd Sock Day' and loved seeing the children joyfully wearing their odd socks and talking about how they should be allowed to be themselves without fear of being bullied. We also created an anti-bullying pledge for our school.

Our new school clubs have been popular and I would like to thank the staff and Mrs Esin for giving up their time to run them. Please look out for a parentmail with details on how to sign your child up for clubs next term. Please see this term's club end dates below:

Club	End Date
EPC Football 5&6	Monday 4 December
Aerobics and Yoga	Monday 4 December
Sewing Club	Tuesday 12 December
Board Games	Wednesday 6 December
Q Dance Club	Wednesday 13 December
Lego	Thursday 7 December
EPC Football 3&4	Thursday 7 December
Relax Kids	Friday 8 December
EPC Football Rec, 1&2	Friday 8 December
Judo	Friday 8 December
Drawing & Colouring	Friday 8 December
Beehive ASC	Friday 8 December available 1.15-4.15pm

I'm pleased to formally welcome Mrs Branchflower who joined us as an LSA after half term. The KS2 children have been enjoying getting to know her.

I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of term and I look forward to seeing you at the various performances.

Reminders:

Now the cold weather is here, please remember to send children in with named coats, gloves and hats etc. We will grit pathways but please be careful whilst on school site to avoid any slips.

Thank you to everyone for being more considerate when driving and parking at drop off and pick up, I have noticed an improvement. Please continue to be aware of your speed and parking near school.

Thank you,

Ms Sparrowhawk

Pictures include the children enjoying our playground improvements and using the new chairs





School diary dates:

December	
Weds 6 th 2pm	KS1 Christmas Play
Thurs 7 th	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation to Save The Children (jumper worn with usual uniform)
Fri 8 th 9am	Reception class seasonal singsong
Mon 11 th	Year 4 Egyptian Day
Weds 13 th 6pm	KS2 Christmas Festival
Thurs 14 th	KS1 Christmas Party (children may bring a change of clothes)
Fri 15 th	Christmas Lunch (Christmas Mufti – jumpers, accessories etc) End of term – school finishes at 1:15pm
January	
Tues 2 nd	INSET Day – no pupils in school
Weds 3 rd	Start of term
Fri 12 th	Year 5 Assembly
February	
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	Half term
Mon 19 th	INSET Day – no pupils in school

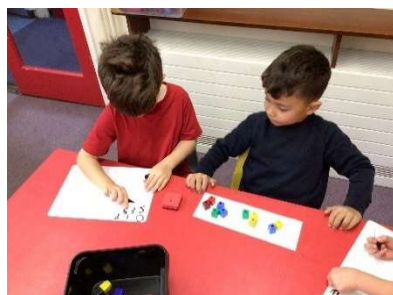
Reception

What a busy half term! We have loved all the opportunities that we have had to get out and enjoy our beautiful grounds this half term. We've enjoyed observing the seasonal changes, scavenger hunts in the woods, lots of opportunities for land art, we've made repeating patterns using natural objects and Rangoli patterns too. We've even searched the woods for things to build houses with! We have loved finding out about Diwali, the festival of light. We've enjoyed dancing and singing along with some fabulous stories, full of colour. The highlight of this was our very special 'Walk of Light.' This involved us dancing through a pathway of our very own Diva lamps. Since then we've immersed ourselves in the world of Fairy Tales! We've had a visit from a giant, who wanted us to measure his great big feet, and a Big Bad Wolf (aka Mrs Joyce and her leaf blower!) who wanted to blow down our houses of straw, sticks and bricks. We've also made and enjoyed porridge, just like that of the Three Bears. We had so much fun when we dressed up as fairy tale characters on Once Upon a Time Day. The children looked amazing! Now, we are very excited as we are starting to think about all the Christmas fun that is coming up!



Year 1

We have all become authors recently in year one as we wrote our own story of Hansel and Gretel. What a talented bunch they are, remembering their finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We have been showing off our maths brains too as we learn to add numbers together. Mrs Metson is teaching them all about different mechanisms in D&T so maybe we have some future engineers amongst us? In PE, we have been enjoying Tag Rugby and yoga and we have loved going to the computer suite where we have learnt to log on and use some of the activities on Purple Mash. Thanks for your continued support with reading and spellings. It really does make a difference. Time is flying by and the children have come a long way since they joined us in year one. Our journey continues as we head towards Bethlehem for our Christmas production on 6th December. Hopefully your children are singing our Christmas songs to you as we are very busy practicing!



Year 2

The approach to Christmas is upon us! With Year 1, we have been singing and rehearsing our acting skills for our festive production in recent days – we hope you can make it. Also, we have enjoyed welcoming Mrs Mallett to the class, but will be sad to see Miss Ulliyatt leave us by this Friday. We wish Miss Ulliyatt much happiness as she moves to her new school.

Our usual learning routines have been in full swing. Our topic theme this half term is continents and oceans. Children have enjoyed using atlases and making maps, along with the help of a song or two. Children's writing in English is developing well, particularly with improved stamina and neater handwriting. They have been well engaged writing shape poems and adventure stories. We have started to use non-chronological reports about the continents and will shortly be writing our own. For maths, we have been adding and subtracting. I have been impressed with how children have performed this including when to exchange 10 ones for 1 ten or vice versa. E-safety has been the focus in computing. We have learnt about staying safe when using 'connected devices' and the SMART rules that are linked to these. Using different materials to insulate warm porridge has been a particular highlight in science. Finally, the children have taken great pleasure practising their skills using clay in art. Keep up the great work children!



Year 3

Year 3 have been continuing to impress in Key Stage Two! We have learnt lots of new notes and songs on the recorder and we did an excellent job playing during our sharing assembly and during the KS2 recorder assembly with Mr Woods. The children were so enthusiastic and excited to perform! We had a table tennis taster session this half term and the children loved learning a new skill. We have been getting stuck into our Science topic of 'Rocks and Soil' and we have been exploring during types of rock and looking into how they are formed and their features. Finally, we have started our D&T project of sewing using cross stitch and applique and we will be making our own cushions before the end of term.

We have lots to look forward to for the last few weeks of term. We have a Rabbi visiting us after our RE topic of Jewish celebrations. We are looking forward to performing in our first KS2 Christmas festival and we have already been practising and getting festive!



Year 4

In year 4 this half term the children have enjoyed learning about the Egyptians and the curse of Tutankhamun in preparation for writing an Egyptian newsletter in English. They are particularly looking forward to Egyptian day! In art, the children have been designing Egyptian scrolls and learning about the process of making papyrus paper. It is amazing to see so many children excited about books they are reading at home and sharing these with the class as well as sharing interesting Egyptian facts they have been learning. The children have loved exploring states of matter in the water cycle by using chalk to draw the water cycle and completing a puddle investigation where they were able to plan their own investigation to answer their own questions about the topic. Within science, the children were lucky to participate in an online factory of the future workshop. This involved designing a sustainable factory to reach net zero - their ideas to reduce global warming were incredible. Maths has been a tricky half term with the learning of factor pairs, the associative law within multiplication and subtracting 4-digit numbers however the children have taken on problem solving challenges and worked together to enjoy our maths learning. In DT, they have constructed their slingshot cars and used their prior science knowledge of friction to test the cars on a range of surfaces. Anti-bullying week allowed the class to discuss the importance of 'make some noise', create amazing posters for the classroom and to share our favourite qualities of ourselves. It was great to see so many children's crazy odd socks!

This half term, Year 4 were lucky enough to receive multiple PE workshops. They began the half term with 5 weeks of a golf workshop provided by Wellington College. The children practiced their place value and vocabulary whilst learning how to putt and drive the ball – their enthusiasm was contagious! The children were also able to participate in a table tennis lesson in which they learnt the rules of table tennis and how to control the ball. They have already requested more opportunities to play table tennis following a great session!



Towards the end of this half term the children have enjoyed the start of practicing for their Christmas festival with lots of Christmas singing. Skittles has arrived and continues to support the children in earning table points for their class teams. Year 4 are excited to begin the December advent activities at the end of this week and to perform the Christmas festival!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a jam packed few weeks! Whilst studying key topics like multiplication and division as well as working on writing at length, we have also had some excellent events days both in and outside of school. To complete our space topic, we were fortunate enough to complete an excellent Space Day focussed around rocket studies which concluded with launching our own on the playground! We all looked excellent in our space costumes too. As well as this, we also thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon with Crowthorne Fire Services who gave us a tour of their fire engine and even let us fire the water cannons! To top things off, we finally made it to our Harvest Celebration at Oaklands Juniors where we enjoyed learning about different fruit and vegetables, how to bake with cooking apples and the importance of looking after our crops.



Year 6

We have been creating art that makes our voice heard with our final piece containing a message about something we feel passionate about. Some of us used a new technique called chiaroscuro to create strong tonal contrasts especially with our lettering.

In addition, this term's PE unit has been dance and we have been working on our rhythm and awareness of the beat. We have now begun to learn some Bhangra motifs and tried to create our own joyful dance celebrations using these as stimuli.



Thank you to all the parents who came to our Viking assembly. We enjoyed our performance and rounding off our History topic for this term.

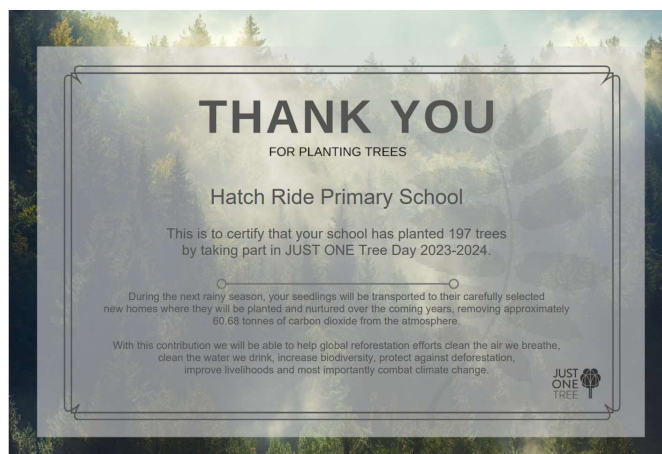
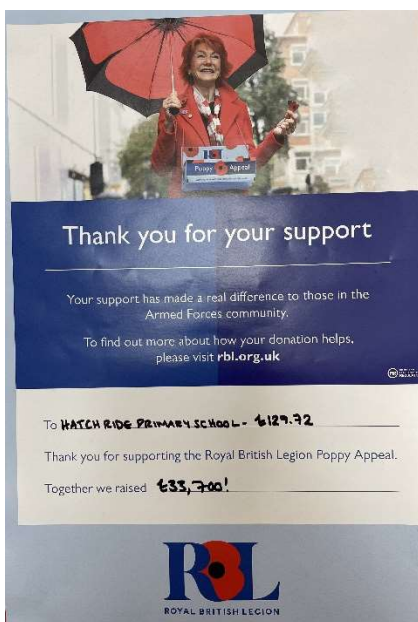
Sports News

So far this year our football team have played two matches winning 3-2 and a whopping 9-0 respectively, featuring goals from several members of our increasingly large squad!



Our Charity Fundraising Update

In early October we celebrated Harvest and we have received a thank you card from the Crowthorne Food Bank for the donations they accepted from us. For our One Tree Day collection we had confirmation that we planted 197 new trees! We also raised £129.72 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year for Children in Need we supported BBC Radio Berkshire's afternoon presenter, Bridgitte Tetteh, with "The Ten-Times Thames Challenge". The children ran, walked, skipped and jumped along the playground to add miles to Bridgitte's total. Ms Sparrowhawk joined Bridgitte live on air to reveal our total, we all listened in the classrooms with great excitement!



Dear Hatch Ride
Just wanted to say a very
big THANK YOU from everyone
at Crowthorne foodbank for
your incredible harvest
donation - So many people are
struggling with the cost of
living - we couldn't operate
without local support, and we
are extremely grateful for
everything you have collected
Best wishes Crowthorne
Foodbank

Community News

**Festive fun at
Christmas Holiday
Clubs 18-22 December**

**Birds of Prey
Bubble Entertainer
Build a Snowman Soft Toy*
The Grinch Christmas Party
Italian Pizza Making Class*
Face Painting
...and much more!**

Times & Prices 8am-1pm £22 incl. activities & snacks*
All Day £38 Activities with * incur additional £5
Open to all children aged 3-11 years

www.beehiveclub.co.uk

Get help with the cost of living

The **Household Support Fund** www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living/household-support-fund can help you pay for food, energy, bills and other essentials. It's open to:

- Families where children receive means-tested free school meals can get £20 per week during the school holidays until Easter 2024
- Anyone struggling to pay household bills or buy food can apply for £240 or £120 depending on the size of their household

If you've already applied for the Household Support Fund you do not need to apply again.

Other cost of living help options

There's a range of help and support options you can use to help you this winter:

- Check the cost of living hub www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living, including our guides
 - Help for people with children
 - Help for single people
 - Help for pensioners
 - Help if you're in an emergency
- SHARE Wokingham offers fresh produce, like bread and vegetables, for those who need it. These are surplus stock from local supermarkets. More than 2,000 people use it each week and it has saved more than 1,000 tonnes in food waste since it was launched a few years ago. View the food map to see SHARE's 15 locations and find your nearest.
- Follow these top tips for households www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk on how to lower your energy bills this winter. Or you can try:
 - The council's new home energy advice www.wokingham.gov.uk/news/2023/offering-residents-free-advice-make-their-homes-more-energy-efficient service to see how to lower your bills
 - See if you're eligible Great British Insulation Scheme www.gov.uk/apply-great-british-insulation-scheme is offering free or cheaper insulation to reduce your home's energy bills
 - Check if your home is eligible www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme/check-if-youre-eligible for a Heat Pump Grant a part of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme – up to £7,500 on offer towards the costs
- We're encouraging people to register with power, water and gas suppliers if they are potentially vulnerable this winter. These are known as priority services, which mean you get help faster if you are cut off or additional warnings if there are outages like loss of water pressure or power cuts
- The Winter Warmers scheme <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living/help-essentials/get-energy-efficiency> can help you get free items, if you're struggling with the cost of living. This includes things like air fryers, slow cookers, heated airers and more. These will lower your energy usage and bills
- Contact Citizens Advice, Wokingham, to find the most appropriate support for your situation. Use the online referral form www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/onefrontdoor or call 0808 278 7958, Monday to Friday.

Sports in Mind

Sport in Mind[®] is an award-winning mental health charity (unaffiliated to Mind and not part of the local Mind network) that was formed in Reading, Berkshire in 2010. They provide free and fun sessions to help improve and support the mental wellbeing of young people by using sport. It is a great way to build confidence and self-esteem, as well as being a great opportunity to meet new friends.

- Every Thursday during term time there is a session running at Wokingham Leisure Centre 4:00 – 5:00pm for young people aged 10-14 years.
- They now also have an older session running at St Crispin's leisure centre on a Monday at 5:00 – 6:00pm for young people aged 14 – 16 years. ***(They are currently having trouble with number of uptakes with this age range so they may have to cancel the session if they don't get further bookings, so anything you can do to promote would be brilliant)***

Link is here: <https://www.sportinmind.org/why-attend-a-sport-in-mind-session>

Phase Two

They will return to Nine Mile Ride on 3 January 2024 to replace the gas pipe network in the carriageway between **Old Wokingham Road** and Palmer Close. To ensure the safety of everyone around the worksite Nine Mile Ride will be closed in phases around the work area where the pipe is being replaced. The phases are planned as follows

- Nine Mile Ride Roundabout to The Nine Mile Ride/Lupin Ride footpath
- The Nine Mile Ride/Lupin Ride footpath to Palmer Close (including Palmer Close) This work is expected to last until late May 2024.

Access will be maintained for residents and businesses and a signed diversion will be in place. Access will be signposted and please speak to the engineers on site if you have any special requirements.

Updates regarding the project can be found at <https://www.sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works/major-planned-projects/finchampstead-nine-mile-ride>