



Hatch Ride Matters

April & May 2024

Dear Hatch Ride Community

Another half term has flown by and the school is full of the sound of happy children enjoying their learning. We have all been appreciating the warmer weather and the opportunities it brings for the children to be outside more. We have had a wonderful Healthy Minds week ending with the arts and crafts fayre today. We will be continuing to share photos on our website.

We are very proud of our Year 6 children for sitting their SATs with such positive attitudes, it has been lovely to see them wearing their new hoodies around school. I'm sure they are all looking forward to their next adventure, the residential trip to Marchants Hill PGL centre, when we return from half term.



As usual, I have some notes of thanks to share, firstly thank you to the PTO for funding our new ventilation system in the ICT Suite which was installed during the Easter break, it is making such a difference to everyone's well-being when using that room. Another thank you to the PTO for funding our new hall lights which will be fitted during half term. We are all so grateful to the PTO committee and everyone that contributes to the fundraising, without it we wouldn't be able to update these essential facilities in school. Our thanks also go to Mr Middlemist who generously bought the staff room 2 new microwaves as we no longer had working ones. We also need to say a big thank you to Mrs Sweetland who kindly gave up her free time to provide the teaching staff with micro bit training.

We are very lucky to have such generous parents in our school community. Mr Macbeth undertook the daunting challenge of running 10 marathons in 10 weeks and raised enough money to buy 5 full computer workstations for our children to use in school - thank you so much! We are all in awe of your determination Mr Macbeth!



We recently said a fond farewell to Mr Haley our Lunchtime Supervisor, although as he remains a school governor we will still be seeing him in school. Before he left, Mr Haley ran the London Marathon in an amazing 4 hours and 4 minutes to raise an incredible £1064 for our school! Well done Mr Haley and thank you for all your hard work and playground fun over the last few years!

I hope everyone has a relaxing half term break and I look forward to seeing you in June.

Thank you,

Ms Sparrowhawk



School diary dates:

May	
Fri 24 th	INSET DAY – no pupils in school
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Half Term
June	
Mon 3 rd	Back to School
Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th	Y6 PGL Residential Trip
Weds 19 th	Y5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Thurs 20 th	Infant Trip to Odds Farm
Fri 21 st	Year 5 Assembly
Weds 26 th	Sports Day afternoon
Fri 28 th	Year 4 Assembly
July	
Thurs 4 th	Year 4 Trip to Rushall Farm – parentmail to follow
Thurs 18 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 19 th	End of Summer Term – school finishes at 1:15pm
Mon 22 nd & Tues 23 rd	INSET DAY – no pupil in school

School Clubs

Our school clubs remain popular and will all be continuing after half term with the exception of hockey club that has finished this week.

Reception

We have had so much fun marvelling at the miniature world of minibeasts this half term. We've enjoyed searching for bugs in our beautiful grounds. We have painted minibeasts, danced like minibeasts and written the most wonderful minibeast riddles. We have created some fantastic bug hotels, my personal favourite being 'Btingham Palace!' Mrs Rogers, a local beekeeper, came and taught us all about bees. We got to dress up like beekeepers and were amazed to learn that she had 50 000 bees! She kindly left us with a pot of her delicious honey so we enjoyed making and eating honey sandwiches afterwards. A big thank you to Mrs Rogers for her time and honey! We have also been learning about lifecycles. We have investigated the lifecycles of plants, bees, spiders, ladybirds and caterpillars. We have all named and cared for our very own caterpillars. Some of our most interesting name choices include *David* (as in David Attenborough) and *Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar!* They have now turned into chrysalises and we are very excited for them to emerge as butterflies. It has been a very busy half term that has included Reception giving their very first assembly show, making us all very proud.



Year 1

It is hard to believe we are about to enter our last few weeks together. Time flies when you are having fun!

We have been so impressed with the learning recently and they are very nearly ready for year 2!

In Maths, we have been learning about capacity and volume and more recently finding half and a quarter. In English, we have been writing fact files about animals. This has linked nicely to our science topic 'Animals including humans'. The class were very enthusiastic about this topic and it was a joy to see!

We had fun looking after the chickens again and were particularly fascinated with the pool!

We have been exploring our local area in Geography and went out on a walk up the road and back. The children are very knowledgeable and can tell you which features of our local area are human features and which are physical.

As part of our PE athletics unit, we have been learning to play tennis and also practicing changing directions and speeds. We have learnt about different Hindu celebrations in RE and how to get on well with others in PSHE. We are looking forward to lots of interesting activities during Healthy Minds Week, where we will explore how to express ourselves in different ways.



Year 2

Our topic this term has been driven by the Victorian seaside, learning about what traditions developed and why going on holiday became popular. Our English has featured the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and the children created alternative versions with different settings and roles for the main character. The children did a great job writing these! Fractions can be a tricky area to learn in maths, but the children have demonstrated good understanding and I am genuinely impressed by this.

Our trip to Ufton Court was enjoyed by all and we had fun learning about habitats alongside team games. I trust children slept well that evening.

We are currently in the middle of Healthy Minds Week and have enjoyed playing steel pans, decorating 3D butterflies and reflecting on our feelings with the book, 'Colour Monster'.

Wishing you all a restful half term.



Year 3

We had our last class assembly for the year. It was a totally terrific time-travelling tale from the Stone Age to the Romans. We have absolutely loved the topic and we are still finding out about Romans in other areas like Maths when we have learnt roman numerals to 12 (or XII).

We have made simple circuits with a battery and light bulb and incorporated this into posters all about Romans for our DT. We have really enjoyed Healthy Minds Week too. We made our wind chimes which took a lot of resilience and hand eye coordination! We loved talking with Lily and making our own decorated stones to express ourselves. We learnt to play the steel pan and sang 'Three Little Birds' and 'Ole, Ole!'. It has been a fantastic half term where the children have continued to work hard and show good progress in their learning and their learning behaviours.



Year 4

This half term, we have been working on writing recounts of the story 'the journey' and explanation texts of digestion. It was great to see their pride in bringing their work home and using their best handwriting.

In maths, the children have been applying their fraction knowledge to decimals and exploring multi-step problem solving. Next, the class will be focusing on using their decimal knowledge to calculate with money. At the end of this half term, the students have been practicing completing a new times table test. Their determination to beat their personal high scores and challenge themselves has been lovely to see.

In Science, the children have enjoyed understanding digestion through a bread practical. They have also explored the different types of human teeth. It has been a great opportunity to apply their prior learning of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores to allow them to compare a variety of animals. Thank you for all the time and effort put into their digestion posters, they were excellent! They enjoyed sharing the facts they had learnt to the class.

As we were finally gifted with the sun, the children enjoyed some outdoor learning. They began by comparing the pictures they saw in the clouds to understand how unique each of our brains are and how amazing this can be. Next, they revisited their water cycle and states of matter learning by discussing the formation and changes in clouds.

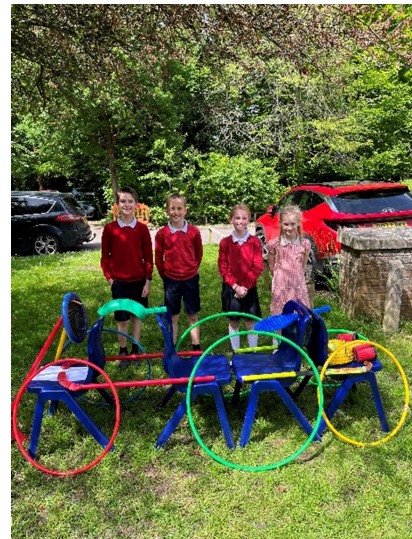
Next half term, the children can look forward to their sharing assembly and trip to Rushall Farm. We are also cooking pizzas in DT and coding in ICT.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful half term!



Year 5

Year 5 have had an action packed half term filled with a host of special events. We have explored many areas of learning such as volcanoes, religions in our community and life cycles and also written explanation texts, stories from different perspectives and even got to grips with decimals! We've also explored installation art work, creating our installations made from everyday objects. Away from the classroom, we have enjoyed an afternoon visit to Wellington College to see their performance of The Lion Boy which we thoroughly enjoyed. We have also had a fantastic Healthy Minds Week in which we created some incredible artwork with Miss Sparrowhawk, a workshop with students from Edgbarrow as well as an excellent musical experience from Solid Steel, a traditional Steel Band!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy month in the build up to SATS week. As well as ensuring we were prepared for our tests, we have been exploring new foundation subject topics such as mountains (Geography) and classification (Science). We have managed to utilise the outdoors through the latter topic; exploring our woodlands for species of trees and plants to generate our own classification key.

Our art topic this term has been photomontage and we have enjoyed using the ipads to generate art that uses photography - recreating famous photos and making album covers. We have learned a lot of new skills including: macrophotography; using and changing colour saturation; editing with pens and paintbrushes; monochrome imagery and airdropping photos to share our work.

Last week, we also enjoyed receiving our hoodies and are looking forward to wearing them through the summer term! As well as this, we have PGL to look forward to straight after half term where we will be undertaking adventurous activities, challenging our team work and resilience. Also, we will be working hard until the end of July on our class production and learning so that we continue to make sure we are confident and ready for secondary school.



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It is quick and easy to sign up, just visit www.wokingham.gov.uk/newsletter and select the 'Local Offer – update for SEND families' option.

You can [read the latest edition here](#)

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Your circumstances may have changed, which means you could now register for free school meals.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

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- [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends
- [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child's school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

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