



Hatch Ride Matters

June 2024



Dear Hatch Ride Community

We've had a brilliant and busy month in school, full of fun and learning! We've had some wonderful trips in the last few weeks; Year 6 had a fantastic week at PGL, Year 5 learnt lots about space at the Winchester Science Museum and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely day exploring Odds Farm. We were visited by some cute police dogs, the Crowthorne Fire Service and learnt about goats with Jan from Newbury Farm.



Our very sunny sports day was a great success, all the children showed their passion, determination and teamwork. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTO for selling refreshments, EPC coaches and Mr Mendoza for setting up the field.



Unfortunately, one of our most beautiful trees has had to be removed. We will miss its beautiful blossom every year outside the Year 4 classroom. However a big thank you to Fernoak Tree Surgeons Ltd who have very kindly donated a replacement flowering Cherry tree to the school and we look forward to watching it grow.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Pratt who will be joining her new school having successfully completed her teaching qualification here at Hatch Ride. We wish her lots of luck for the future.

The Giving Tree has been planted in reception and many of our wishes have already been granted! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated, please see full list of our new resources after our class news section below. The Class Teachers and senior leadership team will continue to fill our tree with new tags requesting much needed items.

I'm looking forward to seeing our school take part in the Crowthorne Carnival on 6th July, thank you to the parents who have helped the children create artwork for the parade. The flower festival is also at St. John's Church from Saturday 13th – 15th July, Mrs Mallett has worked hard with the children to create a beautiful display and it would be wonderful if as many of our school community as possible could go and see it. Every child has made something to add to the display!

We have a few more weeks to go before the end of term, we know the end of the school year can be a stressful and emotional time so please be assured that staff will do all they can to support children.



Thank you,

Ms Sparrowhawk

School diary dates:

July	
Thurs 4 th	Year 4 Trip to Rushall Farm
Tues 9 th	Year 6 Production
Thurs 18 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly Year 6 BBQ
Fri 19 th	End of Summer Term – school finishes at 1:15pm
Mon 22 nd & Tues 23 rd	INSET DAY – no pupils in school
September	
Mon 2 nd Tues 3 rd	INSET DAY – no pupils in school
Weds 4 th	Start of Autumn Term

Reception

What a busy half term so far! We have been learning about people who help us and have been so lucky to have lots of visitors join us in class and tell us about their roles in the community. First, we had enjoyed a visit from PC Joyce and Sergeant Wells of the Met Police, who brought along their police dogs. It was amazing to see the skill that the dogs had to find things. Most of the children loved meeting the dogs and I was so proud of those who were a little nervous initially but plucked up the courage to stroke them. Next, we had a visit from Fire Fighter Mitchell. We found out all about the work she does. Afterwards, we got to have a look at the fire engine and then we got to use the hose to spray water across the playground. We got a little bit wet but had SO much fun! On Friday, Nurse Laid joined us for another fun session. She told us about the work that she does and we were able to dress up as patients and nurses in scrubs, she also bandaged us up and we even got to listen to our heart beats with her stethoscope! We had lots of wonderful questions for our visitors and it was great to have them all answered. We had a fantastic day at Odds Farm! We saw lots of animals – Our favourite animals were the sheep, that we got to feed, but the rabbits were popular too. We also had a tractor ride and such good fun in the playground! What a great day! We would also like to say a big thank you to all our visitors and Mrs Divall for giving up her day and helping as a parent volunteer on our school trip.



Year 1

June has been a busy month for Year 1, with lots of exciting learning happening. We have worked really hard on securing our Phase 5 phonics and are so proud of how confident the children are with their sounds. We have been working on recounts in English and are enjoying using the story of 'Meerkat Mail' to help us

write a postcard from a character. In Maths, we have been learning about our money system and working on place value to 100. Our PE lessons have consisted of cricket skills and team building challenges, including working as a class to use our parachute. In computing we have been learning coding and the children have created a program to make fish move. We had a brilliant time at Odds Farm, learning about the different animals and how to care for them. Our second Hatch Ride Sports Day was a great success and we were very proud of the behaviour of Year 1 at both this event and our school trip. We have got lots coming up in our last few weeks, including making moving vehicles in DT, creating some Art for the Crowthorne flower festival with Mrs Mallet, and some lovely outdoor tasks too.



Year 2

Our topic driver this half term is based on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, famous nurses from history. The children have been fascinated by the challenges both faced and how they overcame these through their skill and dedication.

We have been growing bean plants and writing a bean diary during science and are currently investigating what plants need to survive. Our trip to Odd's Farm was an enjoyable way to consolidate our learning about animals as well. Thank you to Mr Haley, Mrs Metson and Mrs Loyal who accompanied Year 2.

Maths has featured statistics including children making and reading tally charts, tables, bar charts and pictograms.

In English, we have been writing a combination of suspense stories, letters of complaint (The Day the Crayons Quit) and recounts of school events.

For PE we have enjoyed team building on Tuesdays, alongside striking and fielding with EPC on Fridays (thank you, Charlie).

Finally, the children are currently preparing fabric pouches to be sewn in the coming days. They have shown good care and resilience so far and we will be using a running stitch. If any parents would like to help one afternoon with threading children's needles, you would be very welcome! Please do contact us if you would like to help.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a jam packed June! We finished our 10 weeks of swimming lessons at the Bracknell Swimarium. All of the children made great progress with their swimming and their confidence in the water. The Swimarium also commented on the children's excellent behaviours and we had the best attendance they have seen! This month, we also walked to Crowthorne high street as part of our Geography topic on 'Local area'. We were able to see many key human and physical features while on route and we have used our observations to plot key features on a map of Crowthorne. Year 3 have also been working on new skills in Art and DT. We created pattern using Batik and we programmed Micro:Bits using code. We all loved working with our colour group during Sports Day and Year 3 were excellent at cheering on their teams. We also wanted to give a big thank you to the PTO for letting us help with decorations for the Crowthorne carnival!



Year 4

This half term, we have been writing fables. The children have been investigating a variety of morals and they have adapted classics such as The Hare and The Tortoise to support their own writing. It has been lovely to see their pride in writing their fables up neatly in preparation for our class book of fables.

In maths, the children have been learning to tell the time and convert between 12hour and 24hour time. Next, the class will be focusing on co-ordinates, position and direction of shapes on a grid. The children have completed their times table tests and should all be very proud of themselves.

In wider curriculum subjects, the children have enjoyed starting their new topics. In Science, the children have begun to use Venn diagrams and classification keys to group animals based on their key characteristics. The children particularly enjoyed researching the characteristics of more unusual animals such as a platypus, axolotl and capybara. In History, the children have begun to investigate how law and order has changed from the Anglo-Saxon time period to present day. It has been interesting to explore historical laws that still exist today as well as the differences in the laws between different countries. In ICT, the children have been exploring 'if' statements in coding to help position guards accurately to save a castle. They have worked well together in pairs and small groups to help diagnose problems within the code and solve them.

The children have created some brilliant rainforest props, masks and tissue paper animals for their class assembly. It was amazing to see their confidence in delivering their lines and their smiles when dancing some samba moves. A lovely end to June, Well done Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 have had an action packed June. Between translating coordinates and exploring negative numbers in maths to reading Stig of the Dump and writing monologues, we have managed to squeeze in a whole host of exciting moments! We enjoyed a visit from Jan at Newbury Farm to teach us all about goats and also had an excellent day at Winchester Science Centre where we explored space in their incredible planetarium. We also created, rehearsed and performed our final class assembly of the year which was all about trains and the Industrial Revolution. And finally, along with the rest of the school, we braved the much welcomed heat to enjoy a successful sports day. We are very grateful to all of the adults and helpers who have supported us through a busy few weeks. Three weeks to go!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy month, not just with our fabulous trip away to PGL, but also with numerous visitors to school over the last week. So far this term we have had a visit from the Newbury Agricultural Society and their goat Clover which broadened our understanding of this species and involved a goat's cheese tasting as well as an opportunity to milk our goat visitor! In addition, two Metropolitan Police Dog Handlers visited us with numerous well-trained police dogs. The children really enjoyed the demonstration

of how the dogs work alongside the police and got to watch them in action tracking down a burglar's discarded evidence.

As part of our preparation for our transition to secondary school, we have also welcomed the Careers Service from Edgebarrow who came to run a session about jobs and careers. This enabled some children to explore jobs that they would never have thought about and ask questions around salary and working hours. Finally, we also welcomed the Head of Edgbarrow who came in to talk to the children about their transition day. The children asked lots of questions and clarified some of their worries and concerns before next week.

We are preparing our production at the moment and are learning our lines and songs at home to help rehearsals in school.

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Mrs Firth

An account of our PGL trip by Dolu

At the start of June, we went to PGL. When we were there we met Brendon who was our group leader. He was the best, he would always make jokes and makes us laugh all the time. We all loved our activities: giant swing, rifle shooting, trapeze, archery, campfire, Jacob's ladder and paddle boarding. Our activity leaders were all great too! We loved meeting Maddi, Izzy, Yoshi, Holly and Charlie. At lunch, the food and flavoured water were big hits! A big thank you to PGL for making our trip so much fun!



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Hatch Ride Giving Tree June Donations - Thank You!

Item	Donated By
10M Bundles of Mixed Ribbon off cuts	Remi Blair
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Buttons for Craft 1000pcs	Leo Swiatek
Pack of 3 String - 50M (164 Feet)	Elizabeth Baron
Baker Ross Rainbow Colours Pom Poms (Pack of 200)	Elea Blair
I am a Buddhist Religious Education A1 Poster	Ariella, Sienna, Axton Sangha
I am a Christian Religious Education A1 Poster	Olivia Ilinca
Plastic Straws, 250 Pack	Lola Reading
Self Adhesive Googly Eyes 1220pcs	Leo Swiatek
30m Extra Long Aluminum Foil Roll	Dennis Thompson
A3 220 gsm Card - Assorted Bright Colours (Pack of 50 Sheets)	Miles Collis
A3 220 gsm Card - Assorted Bright Colours (Pack of 50 Sheets)	Harrison Davies
A3 220 gsm Card - Assorted Bright Colours (Pack of 50 Sheets)	Isabella Riddett
500g Chrome Scale Weight	Andrei Miroshnichenko
Energizer Aa Pack Of 24 Alkaline Batteries	Elea Blair
Energizer Aa Pack Of 24 Alkaline Batteries	Sophia Riddett
30 Biodegradable Balloons	Ariella, Sienna, Axton Sangha
60pcs Felt Fabric Sheets	Isabella Riddett
Gardening Gloves age 9-12 (2 pairs)	Leila Collis
Gardening Gloves age 6-8 (2 pairs)	Olivia Ilinca
Gardening Gloves age 6-8 (2 pairs)	Elizabeth Baron
Coloured Paper Card A4, 100 Sheet Pack 230gm 20 Assorted Colours	Remi Blair
Coloured Paper Card A4, 100 Sheet Pack 230gm 20 Assorted Colours	Mark Velegi
Learning Resources Metric Weight Set	Matilda Adams
Masking Tape 12 Rolls (25mm x 20M)	Mia Munday
Scale Weight Set with Case (10g,20g,20g,50g,100g,100g,200g,500g)	Sherlock Adams
School Colouring Pencils - Box Containing 180 Assorted Colours	Austin & Maxwell Morison
School Colouring Pencils - Box Containing 180 Assorted Colours	Elouise Goldberg
Scola Reinforced Air Drying Modelling Clay (Stone), 12.5Kg	Ariella, Sienna, Axton Sangha
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Educational Globe - Diameter 30cm	Edie Thompson
Educational Globe - Diameter 30cm	Edith & Owen Tzourou
304 Pack Washable Felt Tip Colouring Pens	Elouise Goldberg, Sherlock Adams, Grace Macbeth

Community News



Free summer 2024 holiday activity for children age 7-16, every Tuesday and Friday morning

Come and try 'Real Tennis' at Wellington College this summer. The game of Real Tennis is described as a mix of tennis, squash, and chess! It is fast-paced, played indoors using a net as well as the walls of the court. It is great fun for girls and boys of all ages and you don't need to be good at normal tennis to enjoy it. [Here is a short YouTube video](#) of some of the Wellington College pupils (year 9) playing Real Tennis.

We are offering free coaching sessions for children **every Tuesday and Friday** in the summer holidays. The first session is Tues 23 July, the final session is Fri 30 August. Your child can attend just one session to try it out, or come along to many sessions and get their play better over the summer. No tennis experience is needed.

Sessions are 50 minutes and children will be split by age:

0930 start: 7-9 years*

1030 start: 10-12 years*

1130 start: 13-16 years*

Location: Wellington Real Tennis Club, by the Wellington Health and Fitness Club (RG45 7PT).

Sessions are free, we just ask that you book in advance – and if you do book, to let us know if you can't make it after all, so that we can give your space to another child.

To book, please email Dan Jones on dpi@wellingtonfitness.co.uk stating the dates that you would like your child to attend, and their age. They will need to wear shorts, T-shirt and trainers, and bring a bottle of water. Everything else is supplied.

The 2024 real tennis sessions are offered free of charge by Wellington College to enable more children to try new things. Should your child enjoy it, there may be opportunities to continue in September.

*Age groups / timings may be rejigged according to numbers and will be confirmed on booking.

Wokingham Borough Council's SEND Local Offer newsletter

Wokingham Borough Council have launched a SEND Local Offer newsletter to bring news and updates about what's on offer locally for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.

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](#)

Get extra support for your child

Registering for free school meals if you're eligible means you can help your child have a healthy lifestyle.

This support helps feed millions of children in schools across the country every day and thousands locally.

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:

- [Income support](#)
- Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)
- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [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.

Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education

Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.

We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough.

Importantly, it also means schools can get additional funding to support pupils.

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