

## Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 17 May 2024

The Year 5 Greek Workshop Write-up: Well Worth the Wait



You may have been wondering why there has yet to be a piece in the newsletter about Year 5's visit from the Openbox Theatre company. The answer is that the Year 5 children within their English learning have spent the last couple of weeks discovering how to create an effective newsletter article and working hard to write one about our Greek workshop to share with you. Here is one of their fantastic articles.

### **Year 5's Ancient Athletics Workshop**

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, the Openbox Theatre company visited Year 5 to teach them about the Ancient Greek Olympics in an intriguing workshop. Kenn, who was the host, brought great enthusiasm to the workshop as well as many fascinating facts to support the children's learning. In the morning, we entered the hall to share the knowledge that we already had in history. The humorous personality of Kenn made the children eager to learn more about the Ancient Greeks in a fun and informative way.

**The Greek workshop began with a game of focus it was a game where Kenn would try to make us laugh by singing upbeat tunes. Kenn would give out many stickers, raffle tickets and house points after children shared their knowledge. "I really enjoyed how Kenn was funny, generous and gave plenty of stickers to children," Hattie mentioned.**

Following the game of focus, the children were split into three cities: Athens, Sparta and Corinth. Each city was prepared to act out Olympic games and earn many points. In 776BC a tradition called the sacred truce commenced so whenever the Olympics began no one could fight or kill. In the Olympics, challengers

performed nude as woman were not allowed to compete (the Ancient Greeks didn't have gender equality). Athletes covered themselves in oil and after games they would scrape off the oil and sweat using a strigil to sell it as aftershave. No one 'nose' what that smelt like!

The Hellanodikai, who were judges in the Olympics, wore purple robes and used a stick to measure the long jump. Kenn was the Hellanodikai of the simulated competition. First, we did boxing and wrestling. In ancient times Spartans sometimes put metal in their boxing gloves but if the metal was discovered their city would have to pay enormous fines. After the physical sports, began equestrian. The equestrian sport we did was the chariot race; a few children pretended to be horses and one child was the racer. The pentathlon was next. The pentathlon was five races altogether which included the running race, the hoplite race and three more sporting events. We also had discus and javelin. Ben P stated, "Kenn was very funny while giving us loads of facts which I never knew about. I also liked the running as it gave me the chance to understand how the Olympics worked."

The workshop ended with a quiz against the host Kenn. He asked us questions about what we had learnt that day and if we got it right we would earn a point. The children earned seventy points and Kenn received one but sneakily he said that his points were worth seventy so the children answered five more questions and gain themselves 5 minutes of golden time. Overall, Year 5 had a great day full of facts. The children were joyful right up to the end of the day.

Written by James B 5TC.

## **INSET Days for the 2024-2025 Academic Year**

Our INSET days for the next academic year will be as follows:

- Monday 2 Sep 2024
- Monday 30 Sep 2024
- Monday 18 Nov 2024
- Monday 6 Jan 2025
- Monday 2 Jun 2025

We endeavour to work with Hook Infant School to align our INSET days when possible, however as both schools operate independently, follow different curricula and therefore have a different training need, it is not always possible for INSET days to be the same in both schools.



The poster for the Event Arena Summer Fair features a vibrant background of a grassy field with a crowd of people and trees under a blue sky. On the left, a vertical list of activities is overlaid on a semi-transparent green background. At the top right, the event is sponsored by Dentons Mortgages. A special guest, Barbie, is announced with a pink logo. The bottom of the poster is a purple banner with the event title and date.

**EVENT ARENA**

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SPECIAL GUEST:  
**Barbie**

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RECORDERS  
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HOOK SCHOOLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**SUMMER FAIR** **SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2024**  
& GREENER COMMUNITY DAY

### Help out with our Father's Day Sale on 13th June, 10:00 - 11:30am

The HSCA Father's Day Shop is returning next month and we are looking for volunteers to help out on the day. It's a lovely morning helping the children choose their gifts and a wonderful way to get involved. Volunteers help with setting up tables and gifts, selling gifts and clearing up. Please note the sale is outside, and you are welcome to join us for just part of the morning if your schedule doesn't allow the full time. If you're interested in getting involved or would like to learn more please email [contactus@hsc-a.org.uk](mailto:contactus@hsc-a.org.uk).

### HSCA Summer Fair 22 June

Our Summer Fair is only 5 weeks away now! At the heart of the event are performances by the children themselves in our Event Arena, sponsored by Dentons Mortgages. There will be performances from Stagecoach, Little Voices, and the school's Fuse Drumming Club, Recorder Club, and Choir. Make sure the date is in your diary!

If you're able to help on the day, maybe with setting up the site or running a game for an hour, please do signup at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hzca](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hzca).

### **About our Sponsor**

Dentons Mortgages provide a personal and professional service in all aspects of mortgage advice, both commercial and residential, along with support and suggestions on how to structure and protect your mortgage. They are locally based with a family connection to the school. <https://www.dentonsmortgages.co.uk/>

## **Class Photographs on Friday 24 May**

Class photographs will be taken at school on Friday 24 May during the school day. Please make sure that your child is dressed in their full school uniform – including their shirt and tie.

Children in 3LE and ZF who would normally arrive in PE kit should please arrive in full school uniform and bring their PE kit with them – children will get changed into their PE kit after their class photograph has been taken.

## Cricket Festival at Alton School



Children from Hook Junior School participated in the Alton School Cricket Festival. Grace P, William O, Caleb L, Arian B, Isabelle C, Isis B, Brody H, Sophie R all took part in a cricket festival at Alton School this week. It was an opportunity to learn the sport as a small team and play some friendly matches. Everyone had a wonderful experience. The staff at the Alton School highly commended our pupils on their behaviour saying "I would just like to say a huge thank you to you for joining us for the Cricket Festival yesterday. It was so lovely to have you and your pupils are such a credit to your school. I am really looking forward to having you at future events". They continued "I am so proud of the feedback we have received from 3 events now in the last 2 weeks about children's exceptional behaviour and how well they represent the school, as well as the actual success of the sports they have been doing!"

## Walk to School Week



Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (20-24 May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

This year's challenge, The Magic of Walking, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various magical beings along the way, they'll learn about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on week commencing 20th May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Roberts

## Friendship Bench Donation

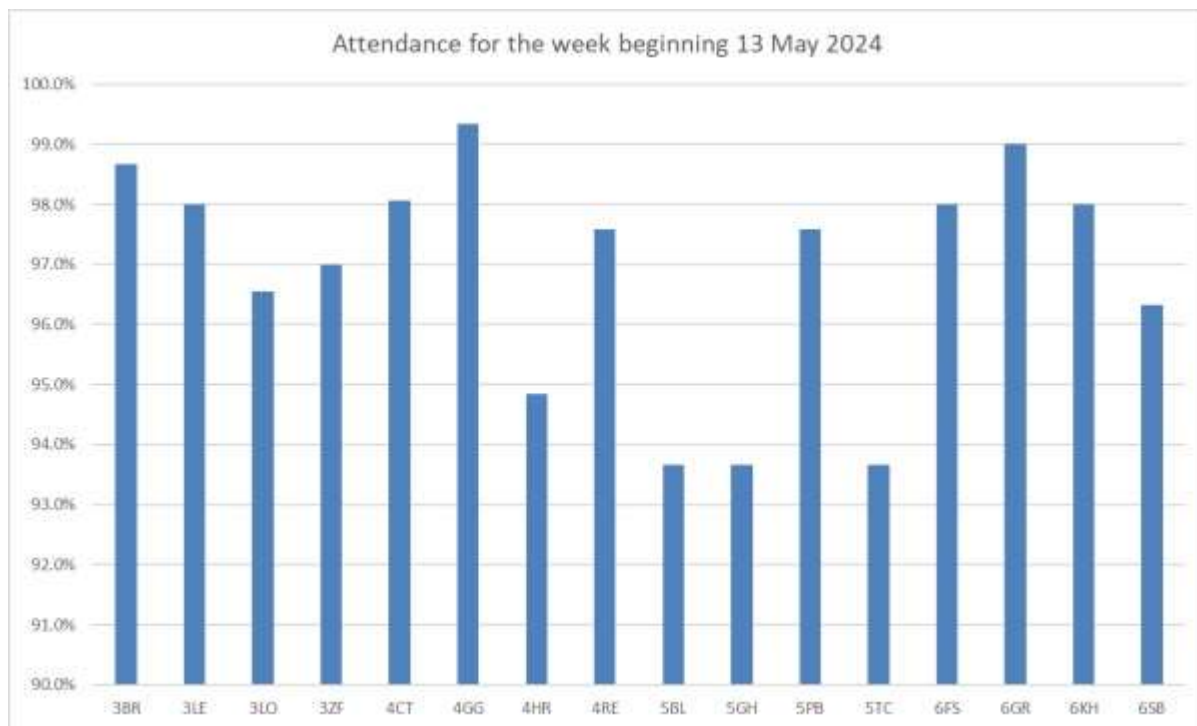


We received a friendship bench kindly donated by [Lazy Susan Furniture](#) for children to enjoy the outside space in our grounds. Children have already been using the bench during playtime and lunch and we hope they will continue to do so for many years to come. We would like to express our gratitude to Lazy Susan Furniture for making this generous donation.

## Shots Foundation Half Term Soccer Camp

The Shots Foundation will be running a half term football camp at Hook Junior School on Thursday 30th May and Friday 31st May. More details, including how to book are included in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

## Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 96%

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Rory H, Kian K, Oliver B, Teddy T

Year 4: Millie H, Emmy C, Megan D, Wiktor W, Henry K

Year 5: Sienna S, Brody H, Henry S, Nathaniel L

Year 6: Masooda, Emilia D, Ellie-Rose W, Ruby A, Edith B, Sam F

## House Points this week

Austen: 223

Brunel: 190

Nightingale: 206

Wellington: 139

House point winners this week: Austen

## Find out more...

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## Key Dates

- 19 May Hook Fun Run
- 20 May – 24 May Walk to School Week
- 22 May Year 5 RSHE Parent Information Evening
- 24 May Class Photos
- 24 May End of half term – 3:20 finish
- 27 May - 31 May Summer Half Term
- 3 Jun Back to School
- 3 Jun – 14 Jun Year 4 Times Tables Assessments
- 13 Jun HSCA Father's Day Sale
- 14 Jun Class Allocation Letters to Parents
- 17 Jun Sports Day
- 19 Jun Information Evening for Parents of Children in Year 2 - 5pm
- 21 Jun HSCA Non-school Uniform Day
- 22 Jun HSCA Summer Fair
- 24 Jun Robert May's Transition Day for Year 6 pupils
- 25 Jun Robert May's Transition Day for Year 6 pupils
- 25 Jun Whole School Transition Day, including Year 2 pupils
- 26 Jun – 1 Jul Book Fair in the Library after school
- 2 Jul Year 3 Learning Event
- 9 Jul Lepe Beach 4HR and 4CT
- 9 Jul Year 6 trip to Matilda the Musical in London, 4:15 departure, 11:30 return
- 10 Jul Lepe Beach 4RE and 4GG
- 10 Jul Strawberry Tea
- 11 Jul Year 5 Learning Event
- 12 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents
- 15 Jul Year 3 Samba Workshop
- 15 Jul Year 4 Learning Event
- 16 Jul 9:15 Year 6 Production - 6GR and 6SB
- 17 Jul Hampshire Fire Service visiting Year 5
- 17 Jul 9:15 Year 6 Production - 6SF and 6KH

22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Assembly

22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Lunch

22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Festival

23 Jul End of Summer Term – 1:20 finish

24 Jul - 30 Aug Summer Holiday

2 Sep INSET Day – school closed

3 Sep Back to School – Autumn term

30 Sep INSET Day – school closed

18 Nov INSET Day – school closed

6 Jan INSET Day – school closed

2 Jun INSET Day – school closed

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Miss L Powell (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher), Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) or Mrs Boardman (SENDCo) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via [www.NSPCC.org.uk](http://www.NSPCC.org.uk) or Childline 0800 1111. Any concerns may also be raised directly with Hampshire County Council Children's services phone line (anonymously if you wish) by calling 0300 555 1384. Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.



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## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

### SUMMER TERM 2

### Hook Junior School

Tue 4th Jun - Friday 19th Jul 2024

Tue - Football Yrs 5&6 - 7 weeks - £35  
Wed - Football Yrs 3&4 - 7 weeks - £35  
Thu - Basketball (all yrs) - 7 weeks - £35  
Fri - Football (all yrs) - 7 weeks - £35

**Booking opens Monday 20th May at 6pm**

**Sign up here:**

[jamco-coaching.pembee.app/](https://jamco-coaching.pembee.app/)

For more information please contact:



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Shots Foundation  
May Football Camp

**Thursday 30th May and Friday 31st May**  
10:00 - 16:00

Boys and Girls from Reception up to Year 6  
Maximum 35 children per day

£30 for 1 day  
£55 for both days

To sign up - <https://www.participant.co.uk/register/HookJrMay>

Email [jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org](mailto:jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org) for any questions.



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