



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25th March 2022

Iron Age Workshop



This week Year 3 have been extremely lucky to have a visit from Matt Russell (an Iron Age expert). The pupils took part in a full day workshop, where they got to examine historical artefact, make their own flour using a kern stone and discover what life would have been like in this period. They decorated their own shields and spear tips ready for warrior training. During warrior training they undertook a range of challenging tasks from learning how to throw a javelin and aiming at a target. As a result, we now have a fully trained group of Iron Age Warriors in Year 3.

Here are some quotes from some of the pupils about their experience:



"We learned why they had the champion and the chief. I really enjoyed being chief and meeting Matt!" Caitlin 3ZO

"I enjoyed learning how to throw a javelin and how to use a spear!" Pavil 3OC

"I have enjoyed the Iron Age workshop the artefacts were fascinating and I loved the warrior training!" Josie 3HR

"I enjoyed trying on the armour. I loved the warrior training, using the javelin and aiming at a target!" Xander 3RB

Science week

The children all really enjoyed Science week, here are some of their highlights:

3OC: I loved learning about Mary Anning and I loved seeing all the fossils and learning about rocks and soils and doing experiments as well as doing light and doing the experiments about light too.

3OC: I liked it when we planted our Sunflowers. My favourite thing was seeing the ducklings. I loved watching them hatch and holding them, spending time with them in the pool. I loved drawing my own bacteria microorganism.

4RE I loved getting to watch the ducklings hatch, stroke them and watch them play in the paddling pool.

5LO I really enjoyed our lesson on viruses, fungi and bacteria, because at the beginning of the lesson, 3 people started with glitter on their hands and by the end it was EVERYWHERE! This proved to us just how quickly viruses (glitter) spreads!

6LE: I liked seeing the ducklings as they were cute. I loved holding them and now I know a lot more about ducklings. I'm looking forward to seeing Colin and Cuthbert (our caterpillars) turn to butterflies

Duckling update



The ducklings enjoyed their time at Hook Junior School and we all enjoyed having them here! They were named by the children: Hawkins, Sindi, Hamilton, Gilbert and Attenborough, and have now gone off live on a farm.

'Jensen has found the duckling experience absolutely magical, he hasn't stopped talking about them since they hatched. I'm sure all the children will have and cherish such wonderful memories of their time interacting with the beautiful fluff balls.'

'My children, Seth and Colette, have been absolutely full of it and it's been wonderful to hear them talk about the ducks hatching, holding them and seeing them splash in the paddling pool. We were so happy to be invited in during Science week to spend some time with Colette in Year 4 too, as part of Science Week and to see the ducks for ourselves. It's been a really fantastic and memorable experience for all the children. Thanks for going the extra mile to make the learning really fun for the children.'

A big thank you to Mrs Boardman for organising the Ducklings visit to Hook Junior School.

Red Nose Day 2022

Thank you all for all your donations last week, as a school we have raised an impressive £379.63 Comic relief.

2012 Olympic torch bearer



This morning, we had a lovely visit from Miss Clarkstone (Tom P's Mum in 4IS) during celebration assembly. In 2012, Miss Clarkstone was nominated to carry the torch due to her voluntary work within the local community. Luckily, she was successful and became one of the 8,000 torch bearers within the whole of the United Kingdom which is an incredible experience! Miss Clarkstone also explained that she was pregnant with Tom at the time of being a torch bearer where she was able to carry the flame for 300 metres. She was able to keep the torch (once the gas canister had been removed) because her manager was able to secure funding so that she could remember this incredible event for the rest of her life! The children asked some thought-provoking questions and we hope to invite Miss Clarkstone in again in the near future where the torch can be passed around the classes so that the children get to hold this amazing beacon! Archie P in 6HP commented, "It was quite amazing! I couldn't believe that we had a torch bearer in our assembly: I didn't think I would see the day come!" I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Clarkstone for taking the time to come in and speak to the children.

Lunchbox reminder

Please make sure that the children's packed lunches do not contain nuts.

Year 6 Home Learning Event Spring 2022



This term, the children have been busy designing and building their own elastic band powered cars as part of the rubber band car championship. Not only have they been working together as a team, they have been developing their design technology skills of measuring and sawing, as well as their problem-solving skills to ensure their car is the best it can possibly be! During lessons, the teams have been working extremely hard to modify their vehicle before being entered into a series of challenges including speed, distance and strength.

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited in to support them with their final challenge ... strength and aesthetics.

Our learning events will take place in the hall on the following afternoons:

Monday 4th April from 1.45 – 3.15pm (6LE and 6TC)

Tuesday 5th April from 1.45 – 3.15pm (6HP and 6DK)

Message from the Year 6 Prefects

As we all know some families have found it particularly tough during Covid therefore we have been thinking of ways we could help those in our local community.

We would like to support the Hart Foodbank and are asking for people to bring in food donations such as dried and tinned food from Thursday 31st March.

Please do not donate food that is out of date, needs to be stored in a fridge or unhealthy food like crisps, sweets and chocolate.

We would really appreciate your help so that we can give to others and so everyone can have food on their table.

Tesco token collection

There is still time to vote for Hook Junior School to win the Tesco community grant for us to develop a new planting and growing area for pupils, the store vote closes next Thursday. Our aim is to develop a well-resourced outdoor gardening space for children to plant and grow their own produce with sensory planting to introduce new smells, taste, texture and colour.

KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Club

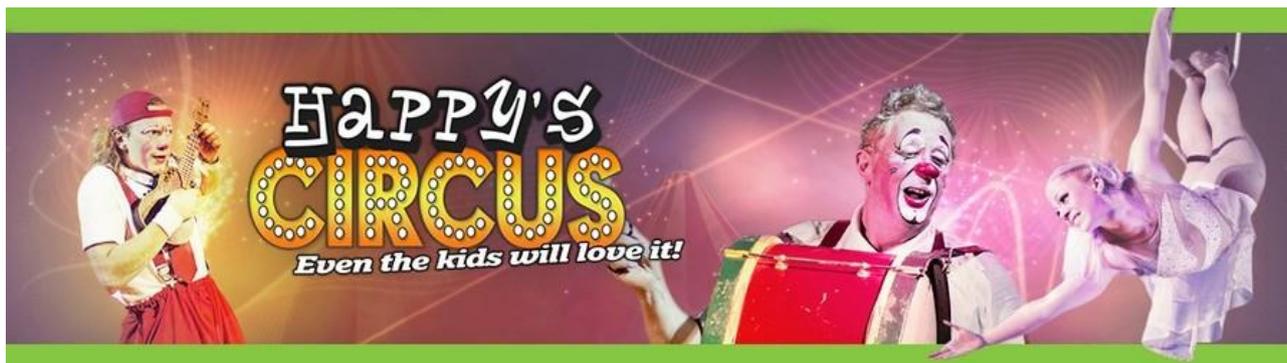
Two Weeks of Unlimited Fun Ahead at KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Clubs (11th to 22nd April).

KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Club programme is set to excite and delight your children with our Mini Beast Madness and Easter Eggstravaganza themed weeks. Your children will be taking part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama and imagination. All from just £24 per child, per day (10.00am to 4.00pm)!

Whether you need essential childcare or are looking for a fun day out for your children, we will ensure your children have so much fun, they will be itching to come back again and again! Bookings for May Half Term and Summer are also open.

Call 01276 21884 or visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information.

Happy Circus are BACK!



The HSCA are very excited to be welcoming back the fabulous Happy Circus! The circus visited us back in 2019 and both nights SOLD OUT fast! The reaction from the children who attended was fantastic (the parents loved it too, especially Mr Slinky!) so we have really been looking forward to welcoming back Mr & Mrs Happy, with their amazing team.

This year's theme is CABARET! This is an all-human show where family-friendly Cabaret meets razzle -dazzle Chicago! Bringing the magical world of Circus to every event, with international artists from around the world, who will entertain audiences with a stunning range of aerial and ground acts, including some very rarely seen unique performances.

The spectacular Big Top will be situated on the Hook Junior field and there are 2 nights to see the show - Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th April. Gates open at 4.30pm with hot food available, as well as the HSCA bar and some sweet treats - so make it a fun family night out! The Big Top itself opens at 5:30pm, with a show warm up soon after that and the actual main show starting promptly at 6pm.

Tickets will be available online and go on sale on Friday 25th March at 7am. This information will not be shared on any wider public social media until the following week, to allow Hook parents a chance to login and purchase tickets first. Tickets are £10 each or £36 for family/group of 4 ("Babes in arms"/children under 2 are FREE). To purchase tickets please go to <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca> (be sure to select the correct performance date)- be quick as tickets are limited!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer (sign up also available during ticket purchasing process) please get in touch contactus@hs-ca.org.uk

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Lunchtime Supervisors vacancies

Would you like to come and join our team? We are looking to recruitment some Lunchtime Supervisors to work everyday from approximately 11.45am, for 1.75 hours per day. You'll assist with the overall lunch service, either in the hall or outside supporting the children at play. If you're interested, please contact the school office for an application form.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Isabel R, Charlie G, Jamil G, Jobe M

Year 4: Rajvir P, William B, Mary-Anne V, Nyla W

Year 5: Tom L, Evie C, Vansh C, Mikey S, Nora W, Jerrick L, Elara D, Zachary S, Norah W

Year 6: Grace B, Cerys-June H, Sofia G, Honor M, Seth W, Ruby H, Freddie R

House Points this week

Austen	210
Brunel	183
Nightingale	197
Wellington	158

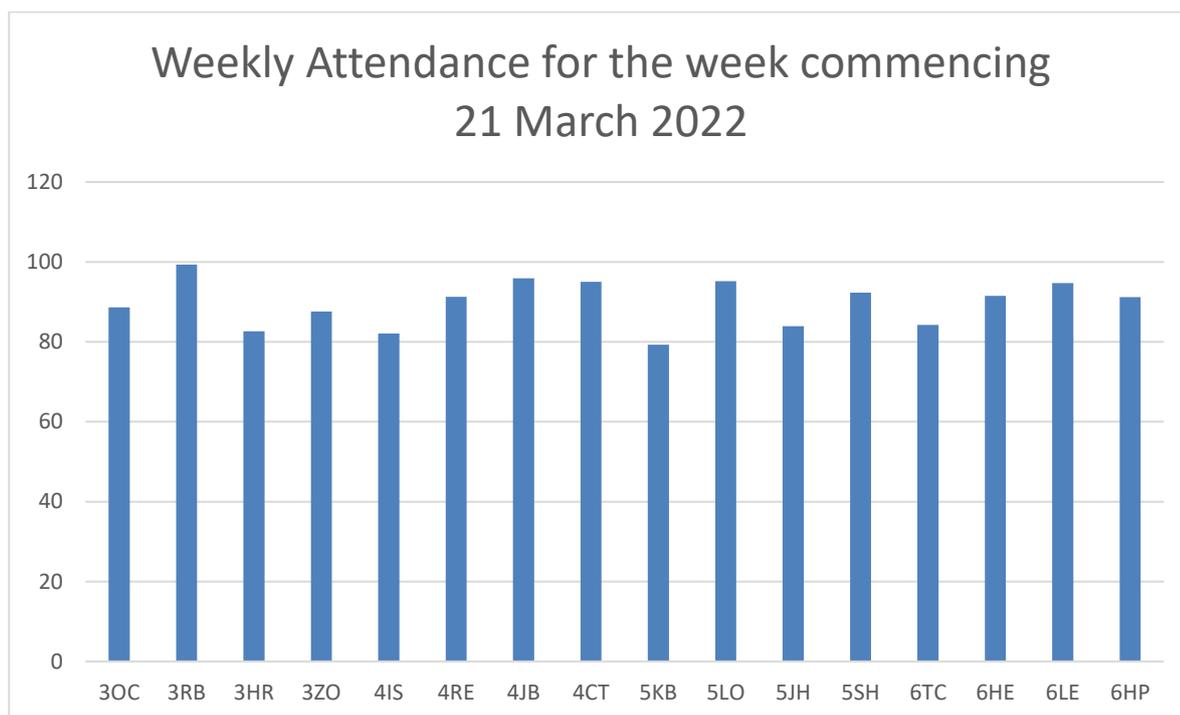
House point winners this week: Austen

Reading classes of the week: 6YC

Reading Raffle Winner: Finn E

Attendance This Week

Every day counts... Your child's attendance matters!



Overall attendance this week: 89.6%

Find out more...

Follow [@hookjunior on Twitter](#) and [visit our Facebook page](#) for more updates and photos.

Key Dates

31 Mar	Reading Rockets Basketball Workshops
31 Mar	Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit
4 Apr	Life Education Wessex LifeBus visits for the week
5 Apr	3RB and 3ZO Easter Service to Parents, 09:00
6 Apr	3OC and 3HR Easter Service to Parents, 09:00
6 Apr	Governor Day
8 Apr	End of term – 1:30 finish
11 Apr	Easter Break
25 Apr	Summer Term – back to school
27 Apr	Happy's Circus
28 Apr	Happy's Circus
19 May	Class Photos
23 May	Year 3 Roman Workshop
30 May	Summer Half Term Week
8 Jun	HSCA Bag2School
9 Jun	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
10 Jun	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
14 Jun	HSCA Father's Day Sale
16 Jun	HSCA Father's Day Sale
22 Jun	Sports Day
25 Jun	HSCA Gin Festival
27 Jun	Year 6 Transition day to Robert Mays School
28 Jun	Year 6 Transition day to Robert Mays School
11 Jul	Year 6 Residential trip to PGL Marchants Hill
16 Jul	HSCA Summer Fair
20 Jul	Year 6 Festival
21 Jul	End of term – 1:30 finish

P.A.C.E

2022

PARENT, CARER & PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

A FREE HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT FOR ALL PARENTS, CARERS & PROFESSIONALS WHO SUPPORT OR WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

PACE events consist of two main components:

1. A number of **specialist workshops** on young people's emotional health and wellbeing.
2. **Information stands** from local and national organisations.

Attendees can choose which sessions they would like to attend; select as many or as few as you would like to attend.

11TH MAY 2022
THE ARC, JEWRY STREET,
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PLUS! Get a free information pack which has useful summary sheets of each session along with links of where to access further information and support for each session topic

Book your workshop space at hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

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Do something amazing and help a family in Hampshire today!



Home-Start Hampshire in Rushmoor & Hart, is a local charity supporting parents who are going through challenging times. Trained volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

At the heart of Home-Start Hampshire is our fantastic network of volunteers and as demand for support continues to increase, we are looking for new volunteers to join our team.

The next prep course for new Family Support volunteers living in Rushmoor & Hart, starts on Thursday 28th April
The course will be a mixture of face to face and virtual training.

To register your interest, please visit www.home-starthampshire.org.uk/volunteering or email info@hshants.org.uk

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Bridges

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Sunflower

PLANTING



Initiated by Bridges Estate Agents to celebrate **30 YEARS** of St Michael's Hospice, Hook in Bloom will be helping to distribute and plant sunflowers around the village.

If you would like to help by planting seeds and bringing them to flower, pop into Bridges Estate Agents as soon as possible. Your sunflowers will stand a better chance of survival because optimum planting time is April.

“LET’S MAKE HOOK LOOK JOLLY FOR THE SUMMER!”

