

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th May 2022

Assembly visit from Major Jen Price



Major Jen Price is a previous student at Hook Infant and Junior School, she has been in the British Army for the last 10 years and is currently fundraising for the Veterans' Foundation by completing 12 extreme, adventure challenges throughout this year. On Wednesday, we were honoured that she came to speak to the children in assembly and provided us with a truly inspirational talk. The challenges are multi-discipline and include a canoe marathon, an ironman, a multistage ultra-marathon, and she is cycling the length of the UK. In total she will cover over 2500km and climb 2 of the 7 Summits as well as the famous Matterhorn.

She has so far completed 4 of 12 having just finished the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race and is about to start the cycle from Lands' End to John O' Groats. The Veterans' Foundation (VF) is one of the country's fastest-growing military charities; they work with over 300 smaller military charities and charitable organisations across the UK that share their passion: to provide a better life for our Armed Forces family. If you would like to support Jen you can find out more at: <https://jennevolve.co.uk>

You can also follow her on instagram <https://www.instagram.com/jennevolve/> and Facebook :

If you would like to donate you can do so through her Just Giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jennevolve1212>

Hook Junior School awarded Eco School Green Flag with distinction

Since September, Mrs Macdonald has been running an Eco Warriors group and they have been working towards achieving the Green Flag award.

We found out the very exciting news yesterday that we have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag with distinction!

The Eco Schools team gave us the following feedback:

You clearly took great effort to share the progress of the Eco-Committee across the school. Displaying minutes on the Eco-Board, delivering assemblies and relaying info back in class are all great methods. We liked the professional approach that you took to appointing Eco-Committee members. You have really ensured representation from across the school. We also loved seeing examples of your meeting minutes.

The group were clearly a very mature and proactive bunch! It was brilliant to see the pupils hard at work planting trees and vegetables. What a great initiative. We loved seeing the enthusiasm and fun in the images. The group seemed really inspirational and we're sure that they prompted pupils to be more environmentally-minded. Great work! It was really great to see how your Eco-Review provided the basis for your actions, especially as it helped you to spot gaps in your existing activity. It shows the reflective and considered approach that you've taken throughout – this is a great skill that many adults can learn from!

Hook Junior Horticulturists and Eco Warriors sound like brilliant groups. We really like how prestigious the groups have been made with certification and presentation in assembly. Recognising great eco-actions is a brilliant way to inspire others. Your Eco-Committee clearly followed a fair and diplomatic approach to agreeing on actions and topic areas. This inclusive approach is incredibly heartening and another example of where Hook pupils can teach adults! Your curriculum links were really clear and creative. They were also very fun which is great to see! They challenged pupils to think outside of the box and approached topics in a fresh and different way.

We were really impressed by this evidence. Your Eco-Board is a really strong! It's visually stimulating and does a great job of hooking passers-by and engaging them with the contents. There is real substance to add to the style too and it's a great example of 'informing and involving'. Overall, this is a terrific application and a great year's work. The Eco-Committee and the entire school should feel very proud. The Eco-Schools team is delighted to award you a Green Flag with Distinction.

We are so proud of our fantastic Eco Warriors and wish them congratulations for this amazing achievement. A huge thank you to Mrs Macdonald for the time and effort she has spent with the Eco Warriors and the Hook Horticulturists and for gathering all of the evidence needed to apply for this award.

We have been awarded a Tesco Community Grant

If you are a regular visitor to Tesco, you may have noticed that earlier this year the Community Grant voting boxes included one for Hook Junior School. We are very pleased to have been awarded a grant of £1500. Thank you if you voted for us!

With the grant, we intend to establish a well-resourced area for planting and growing produce and sensory plants. This will be comprised of multiple raised beds for easy planting and care, a poly tunnel to enable year-round growing and the required tools, accessories, plants and seeds for children to plant / sow and care for. Children who are members of the horticulture club will care for



their plants, supported by school staff. When beneficial as part of the curriculum, children learn first-hand about the growth cycle, observe plant growth, learn to care for plants and taste the fruit and vegetables where they have been successful. Where sufficient produce is grown, children may also cook with this.

We would be delighted to receive support from the community through regular volunteering alongside our young horticulturalists. If you would like to help install our poly tunnel and raised beds, or you (or someone you know) has experience of growing produce at home or on an allotment and would like to get involved, please contact Mr Grant in the school office.

SATS test

If your child is in year 6, please look out for an email from Miss Cooke regarding the SATS tests taking place next week.

Sports day

Sports day is planned for Wednesday 22nd June (weather permitting!). The children will be competing in their Houses, so siblings will be in the same group. Sporting activities will start at 9:15am with the cup presentation at approximately 12pm. There will be a community picnic between 12:15pm and 13:00pm when the children return to their classes for afternoon registration. Year 5 will still be going swimming in the afternoon, they will be leaving school at 12:45pm.

Nut-free lunches

Please can you ensure that your child's packed lunch contains no nuts or nut products; there have been occasions recently with children having chocolate spread that looks like Nutella. Please help us ensure our children with nut allergies are kept safe whilst at school.

COVID-19 vaccines for children aged 5 to 11

All children aged 5-11 will now be eligible for their first jabs as the COVID-19 programme rolls the vaccine out across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The vaccine is a specially developed paediatric version for children. Parents are able to access the vaccine through vaccination centres, local pharmacies and GPs.

There has been an overwhelming response from parents who would like to vaccinate their children, and teams across Hampshire and Isle of Wight are working hard to provide additional capacity.

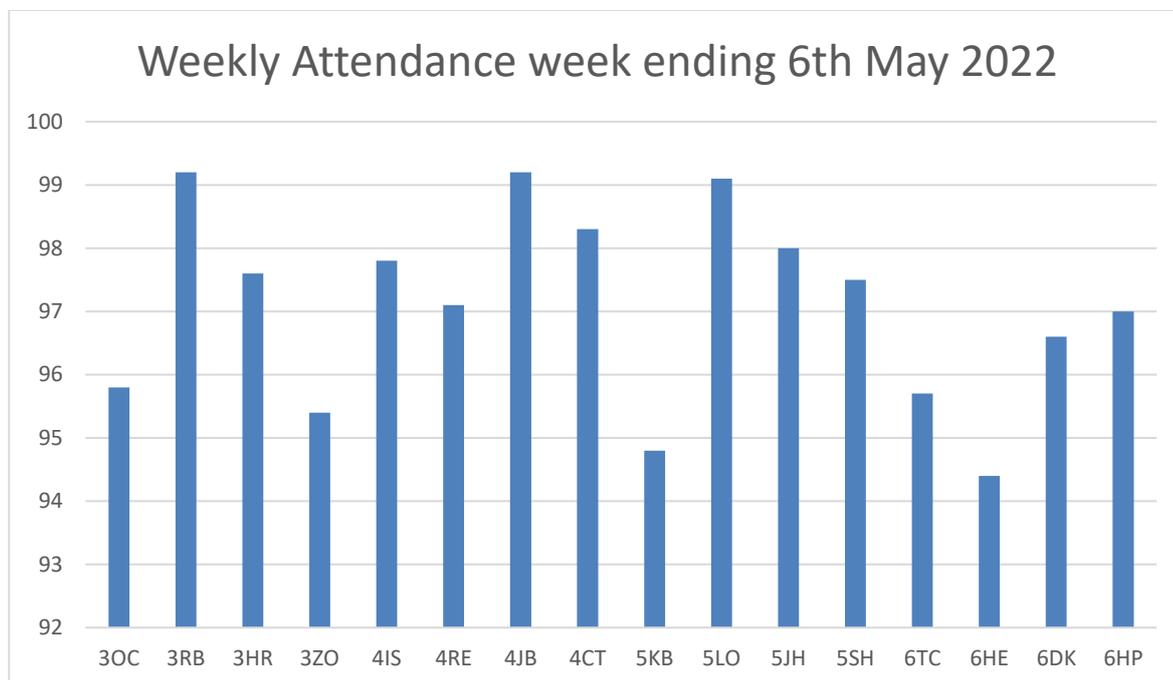
Parents are able to find their nearest vaccination site via:

- the NHS website
- by calling 119
- by calling the Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 helpline on 0300 561 0018 which can help find and book slots or direct you to your nearest walk-in.

New sites and vaccination slots are uploaded all the time so please check regularly.

Attendance This Week

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



Overall attendance this week: 97.1%

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Louis H, Will O, Isaac T, Jobe M

Year 4: George M, Dorothy C, Eleanor D, Archie H

Year 5: Quinn E, Hayden L, Lara W, Daniel P

Year 6: Morgan F-H, Violet D, Maisie D, Sophie W

House Points this week

Austen	203
Brunel	178
Nightingale	188
Wellington	156

House point winners this week: Austen

Reading classes of the week: 6TC

Reading Raffle Winner: Bavanish M

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Key Dates

19 May	Class Photos and siblings
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 Levers assembly
20 Jul	Year 6 Festival
21 Jul	End of term – 1:30 finish
1 Sept	INSET day
2 Sept	INSET day
5 Sept	Children return to school