



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10 February 2023

Year 5 RAF Project Bottle Appeal

Year 5 need your help! We need clean, empty 500ml plastic water bottles in order to participate in the STEM project organised by RAF Odiham and Robert May's School after half term. We would be grateful for bottle donations to be sent to the school office in a labelled bag or to a Year 5 classroom via your child any time between 21 February to 18 March to be used for their projects. Thank you for your support.

Schools' Football Week

This week, we have been taking part in the Schools' Football Week initiative in partnership with Pro Direct Sport. The week aims for schools across the country to celebrate and embrace school football and the wellbeing benefits it provides to pupils and players. The key to this week is to promote the game to ALL, with a particular focus of promoting the women's game.

Each class has completed a football related piece of work which has ignited a spark of curiosity in many of our pupils. Many individuals have also taken on the role of becoming our 'school newspaper reporters' and have produced some brilliant reports on this week's activities. They have also had an opportunity to take part in some exciting football challenges during their lunchtime breaks. An atmosphere of fierce competitiveness has swept over the school as the pupils took on the teachers in a Crossbar Challenge. The leaderboard swung back and forth with the pupils beginning to inch ahead as the week progressed. However, a stunned silence fell amongst the pupils when Mrs Martin stepped up and smashed the crossbar with ease on Thursday. Great fun was had by all throughout all of the lunchtimes this week.

It has been so encouraging to see so many people take part in these activities. We have had a fantastic turnout with 245 children having a go at the challenges this week. That is just over half of the school. We are so pleased to say 30% of these are girls too so you never know, we may have unearthed our next Lioness.

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Everyone is so proud of all of the pupils for taking part this week, the enthusiasm shown and even revealing the wonderful skills of the teachers too.

Have a wonderful sport-filled half term!

Young Person's Safe Haven

A safe space for young people aged 10-17 years who need support with their emotional and mental health. See the flyer later in this newsletter for more information.

Year 5 Learning Event

Thank you to everyone who attended the year 5 learning events this week – we hope you enjoyed the experience. One parent commented *“I'd like to thank the staff for setting up the Learning Event in Year 5 yesterday. It was lovely collaborating with my daughter and meeting her helpful and well-mannered classmates. We had so much fun completing the project. Many thanks to everyone who made it possible.”*

Science Week 13-17 March 2023

We are planning on setting up a mock career fair for Science Week next month and need parents' help! If you have a job related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths) or work for a company related to STEM and would be happy to come in and speak to the children about their role, please contact the school office, giving your availability between 13 and 17 March. We are planning on setting up a career fair where parents come in and talk to different classes about their jobs and how they use STEM in their role.

Matilda workshop at Alton School



Five schools (50 children) participated in the workshop which was run by Alton School's drama and music teachers. The school were preparing the Matilda show for a performance themselves and six year 10 students helped with this workshop.

The children were encouraged to work with children from other schools. They learnt the Chokey song from Matilda, then worked out choreography for the stage performance. A playground scene was created with all the children playing various playground games. A few children had some lines to say and groups of children made the shape of a Chokey whilst singing the song. Miss Trunchbull was played by scary year 10 student and the children learnt to express shock, confusion and horror on their faces.

To finish the event, parents were invited into the hall to see the performance.

Sporting News

Football- Girls' league fixture

Well done to Ishwyn, Ruby, Charlotte, Samy, Isla, Norah, Eibhlin, Alithea and Hope who represented the school in our League fixture on Friday. The team showed excellent determination and grit as they faced Westfields Junior School at home. The girls provided an inspired performance leading to a comfortable 1-0 win. They should be extremely proud of their defensive solidity and intensity throughout the game. The only goal of the game came from an opposition goal kick which was pounced upon by Ruby who danced around a defender before firing a low strike into the bottom-right corner. Throughout the rest of the game, the girls continued to cause problems for our opposition while remaining firmly camped in the Westfields half. Our keeper, Charlotte, was only called upon once when she came to claim a floated corner from the right-hand side. Mr Bower and I were particularly impressed with the attitude shown by the girls throughout the game. Every single player gave their all in every single minute and their tenacity was rightly rewarded. The togetherness and team spirit shown was key to the performance and the victory.

Football - Aldershot Foundation U11 cup

Congratulations to Ruby, Ishwyn, William, Bryce, Sam, James C, Oliver, Adam, Bobby, Lewis, Bertie, Hayden, Joseph, Zac, James N and Tom who represented the school in the Aldershot Foundation U11 cup on Tuesday. Our brilliant teams battled hard in the five-team tournament, and both played some nice football throughout the afternoon. We watched some magnificent pieces of play throughout the afternoon with each team picking up one win each. Well done to all of the children and thank you to all of the parents that transported the children to and from the event, as well as the ones who stayed and supported from the touchline!

Football - Aldershot v Dorking Wanderers 04/02/23

In partnership with the Aldershot Football Foundation, pupils from the school were able to enjoy the Vanarama National League fixture of Aldershot Town v Dorking Wanderers free of charge in the Aldershot Community stand on Saturday. Many children, as well as parents, were luckily enough to view a 2-0 win for Aldershot. We were also joined after the game by one of Aldershot scorers, Ryan Glover, with the children able to have a few pictures with him. A great afternoon was had by all and what a fantastic opportunity it was. We look forward to offering this opportunity again later in the year!

Chelsea Football Clubs after Half Term

Chelsea Foundation will be running their football clubs on Tuesday and Friday after half term – details below, including the invitation code. Please follow this link and enter the **Course** & **Invitation** codes found below to sign up to the correct club: [Chelsea FC Foundation | Soccer Schools \(chelseasoccerschools.co.uk\)](https://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

Tuesday Football Club

- Year' 3 - 6
- 15:30-16:30
- Feb: 21st, 28th
- Mar: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
- Course Code: **ASC-HJS-H-34**
- Invitation Code: **HJSTFS2**

Friday Football Club

- Year's 3 - 6
- 15:30-16:30
- Feb: 24th
- Mar: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
- Course Code: **ASC-HJS-H-35**
- Invitation Code: **HJSFFS2**

Calling for keen singers!

Places are available to sing at the Anvil 20-21 June 2023 – 'The Joy of Music' performed by Basingstoke Primary Schools' Music massed choir.

If you love singing then why not take part in 'The Joy of Music' show at the Anvil this June? The choir will be joining together with other local school choirs to perform a fantastic range of songs – with big hits from musicals and shows including: We Will Rock You; The Lion King; The Greatest Showman and The Rhythm of Life.

The choir is hugely excited about taking part and rehearsals are starting for the show songs. We are delighted to be able to offer some more places for keen singers who join the choir. Your child will need to join by February half-term if they want to sing in the Anvil Show. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and a highlight in the choir's calendar!

The choir is open to pupils in Years 4, 5 & 6 and rehearses every Tuesday after school until 4.15pm. If your child is interested in joining the choir, please contact the School Office in the usual way. The cost is £2 per child, per week for choir.

Mrs Laird and Mrs Linehan-Hill

School Council: Chosen Charities

The school councillors have recently taken a vote in their classes on the charities which we would like to support as a school. The charities which we will be supporting this year are:

Global: Red Nose Day, Children in Need

National: Guide Dogs UK

Local: Shooting Stars UK (A children's hospice, based in Guildford)

Here's what the school council said about the charities they would like us to support.

Alp, Year 3: "I feel that it is important to support people with disabilities, by raising money to help them train dogs".

Sienna, Year 3: "Guide dogs are important as they help to give people freedom and independence".

Colette, Year 5: "Shooting Stars do an important job giving both children and families the support they need during difficult times".

Amelia, Year 5: "Supporting the children's hospice is important to ensure that children quality of life is as comfortable as it can be".

We shall be holding fundraising events for these throughout the year.

Bag2School collection - Wednesday 1st March

This term's Bag2School collection organised by the HSCA will be on Wednesday 1st March, ideal if you're having a clear out over half term. They will take good quality second hand clothes and linen - a full list of what can be donated is available

here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. Place any donations in bin bags (not bags distributed by other charities) and leave in the parking space directly adjacent to the skate park before 9am on the day. The Bag2School charity will not accept any branded uniform items, however the HSCA team will gratefully receive these for their pre-loved uniform sales at future HSCA events. Any good quality uniform bearing the Junior school logo can be left in the green bin outside the Junior school office.

Children's Mental Health Week

Get children talking about mental health and wellbeing

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health week. There are a range of resources available to help parents and carers to support young people who are struggling with their emotional health and wellbeing.

Visit [CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://CAMHS (hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk)) which has a range of support and resources for children and young people, written to help them with life issues and common problems they may be facing

[Help! I'm in crisis – CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](#) has a flow chart which offers clear guidance if a young person is in crisis

Text SHOUT to 85258 - Shout is a free, 24/7 text service available to support people of all ages with their mental health and wellbeing

The Hampshire *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services* (CAMHS) **AIM** card has a variety of support for parents and carers to help their young person

[Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](#) has a directory of support for families in Hampshire

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk has official resources for Children's Mental Health Week

Support Staff Vacancy

We are looking to increase our team of lunchtime supervisors; please see below for further details.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a friendly, caring person who enjoys working with children to join our hard working and supportive team of Lunchtime Supervisors. The position involves working from 11.45am until 1.30pm on four or five days of the week.

For further details of either post and an application pack, please contact the school office via email or call 01256 762468. Find out more about this role [on the Hampshire Education Jobs website](#).

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Harry I, Ethan M, Hattie S, Vasaakh

Year 4: Alfie J, Syon S, Logan W, Lila S

Year 5: Edie M, Amber P, Abeeshca, Taylor-Jane F, Magda C

Year 6: Chloe S, Jacob A, William K, Emma H

House Points this week

Austen 179

Brunel 174

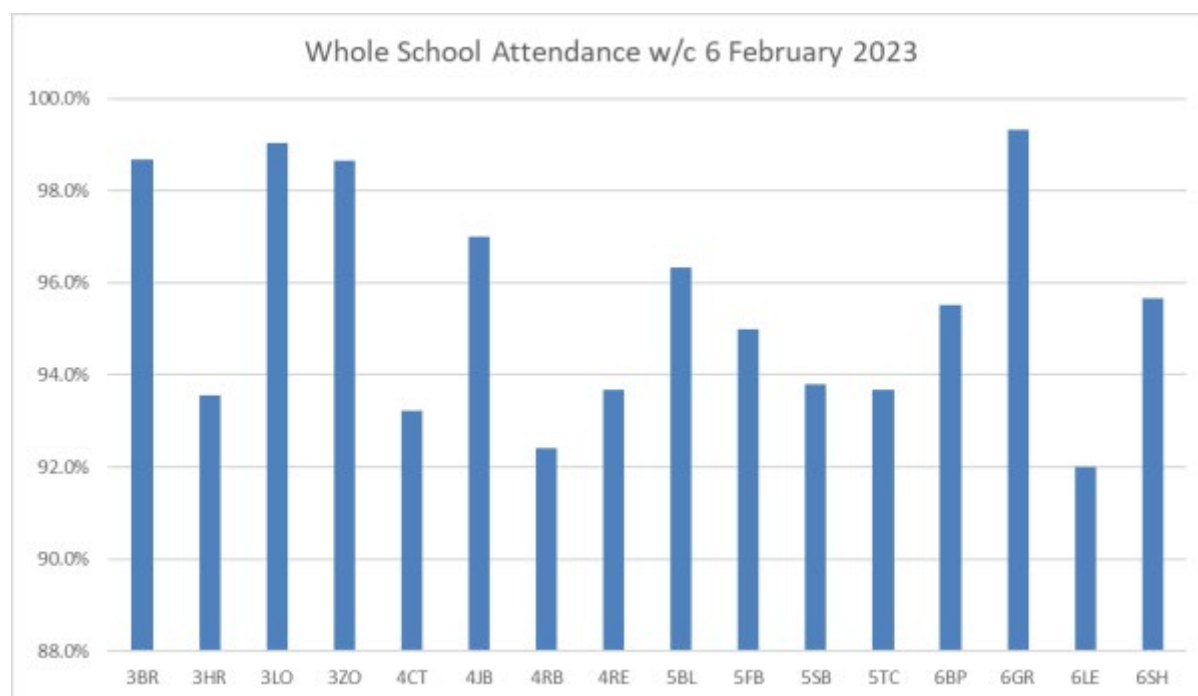
Nightingale 226

Wellington 199

House point winners this week: Nightingale

Reading Raffle Winner: Avinash

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 95.48%

Find out more...

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Key Dates – New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

13 Feb Spring Half Term

20 Feb INSET Day – Hook Juniors (please note that the Infants do not have an Inset day)

21 Feb New School Lunch Menu starts

22 Feb Learning Consultations

23 Feb Learning Consultations

1 Mar Whole School World Book Day – dress up as a fictional character

1 Mar Bag2School collection

2 Mar Year 5 River Trip, 5TC and 5SB

3 Mar Year 5 River Trip, 5FB and 5BL

6 Mar Year 3 Trip to London – 3HR

7 Mar Year 3 Trip to London – 3LO

8 Mar Year 3 Trip to London – 3ZO

8 Mar Year 5 Marchants Hill and Sex and Relationships Education Meeting - 5pm

9 Mar Year 3 Trip to London – 3BR

13 Mar Inter-house football (PE kit for whole school)

16 Mar Mother's Day Sale – Junior School

17 Mar Red Nose Day

20 Mar Young Shakespeare Company performing to Year 5 & 6 (letter sent on 7 Feb)

23 Mar Iron Age workshop with Year 3

24 Mar Iron Age workshop with Year 3

25 Mar HSCA Beer Festival

28 Mar Easter Service to Parents – 3HR and 3LO

28 Mar Year 4 Learning Event, 2.15pm – 3pm

29 Mar Easter Service to Parents – 3ZO and 3BR

29 Mar Year 6 Learning Event – 6BP and 6SH, 9am – 10am

29 Mar Year 6 Learning Event – 6GR and 6LE, 2pm – 3pm

30 Mar Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting (information sent on 7 February)

31 Mar End of Spring Term - 1:30pm finish

3 Apr Easter Holiday

17 Apr Summer Term – Back to school

17 Apr Year 4 Viking Workshop – 4JB and 4RE (Viking Dress-up Day)

18 Apr Year 4 Viking Workshop – 4RB and 4CT (Viking Dress-up Day)

24 Apr Inter-house cross country (PE kit for whole school)

8 May Bank Holiday – The King’s Coronation

9 - 12 May Year 6 SATS

21 May Hook Fun Run

22 May Interhouse sport (PE kit for whole school)

29 May Summer Half Term

15 Jun Father’s Day Sale – Junior School

16 Jun Bag2School collection

19 Jun Sports Day

22 Jun Year 4 Trip to Lepe Beach (4JB and 4RE)

23 Jun Year 4 Trip to Lepe Beach (4CT and 4RB)

24 Jun HSCA Summer Fair

26 Jun Year 6 Transition Day to Robert May’s School

27 Jun Year 6 Transition Day to Robert May’s School

4 Jul Year 6 Production

6 Jul Year 6 Production

7 Jul Annual pupil reports circulated to parents

10 Jul Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill

18 Jul Strawberry Tea

18 Jul HSCA End of Year Disco (Years 3,4 and 5)

20 Jul Year 6 Leaver Assembly

20 Jul Year 6 Leavers Festival

21 Jul End of Summer Term – 1:30 finish

24 Jul Summer Holiday

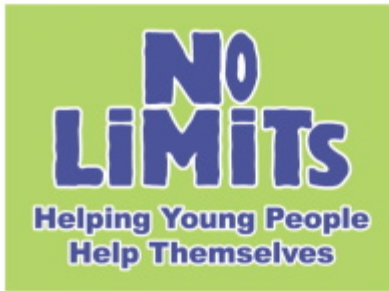
16 Oct Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill

4 Nov HSCA Firework Show

2 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Mrs L Martin (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher), Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) or Miss E Smith (SENDCo) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via 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.



Young Person's Safe Haven

A safe space for young people aged 10-17 living in Farnham and North East Hampshire* who need support with their emotional wellbeing and mental health

*covering areas including Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet, and Yateley)

- Out of Hours crisis support with mental health.
- Help to explore your current situation
- Learn self-management techniques
- Enable you to make positive changes

Monday's

Group drop-in session - 6:30-8pm
 One to one support - 6:30-10pm (by appointment only)
 Virtual and phone support - 6:30-10pm

Wednesday's

Virtual and phone support - 5-8pm

Thursday's

Group drop-in session - 6:30-8pm
 One to one support - 6:30-10pm (by appointment only)
 Virtual and phone support - 6:30-10pm

Saturday's

Web chat support - 10:30am-1pm



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