



# HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 10 March 2023**

### **Year 5 River Trip**

Last week, Year 5 went on their much-anticipated river trip to the Gilbert White Field Studies Centre in Selborne. There they took part in a river studies workshop where they measured the cross section of the river, used a rubber duck to measure the water's velocity and conducted a survey of species found in the water. The children were fascinated by what they found as they discovered a wide variety of animals in their nets: freshwater shrimps, dragonfly nymphs, bullfish and even caddisfly larvae.

In the second half of the day, the children walked up the zigzag path that Gilbert White built which runs up the steep side of a hill and took in the well-deserved view of Selborne and the surrounding countryside having tackled the tough walk and over 60 steps to the top. They then returned to Gilbert White's garden to put their map skills into practice with orienteering. Using the map proved harder than anticipated for many. With only needing to locate 5 specific boxes out of the 26 boxes scattered around the garden, they soon learnt that it was better to rely on their map to find the ones they needed rather than running to every box in sight.

The children said they really enjoyed the trip and it was wonderful to see them apply what they have learnt in the classroom to a real river. The centre staff who led us were full of praise for the children's politeness and knowledge and, as a Year 5 teaching team, we are really proud of how well they represented the school.



## Year 3 Trips to London

Year 3 had a very exciting week with 3 classes venturing up to London! Whilst 3ZO were very disappointed that the snow scuppered their trip on Wednesday, they are looking forward to going when it has been rescheduled.

Inspired by their trip, some children created acrostic poems!

Lucious London trip,

Over the bridge, we had some fun!

Now it's time to share with everyone,

Do you want to see Big Ben?

Or have some fun as it chimes ten!

Now it's time to end this poem- off to London, we better get going!

*Henry. K 3LO*

Lots of buildings we could see,

Over the bridge, Big Ben saw we.

Nothing uninspiring and lots of fun,

Day not done, we walked on and on!

Over we walked to the memorial wall,

Nice views everywhere, on the way for all.

*Sophie. J 3LO*

## **Inset Days for 2023-2024**

Our planned INSET days for the academic year September 2023 to July 2024 have been agreed. These are:

- Friday 1 September 2023
- Monday 25 September 2023
- Monday 30 October 2023
- Tuesday 2 January 2024
- Monday 19 February 2024

All are published on the Events page in the Parents section of the school website.

## **Gastroenteritis**

We have had a higher than usual number of gastroenteritis (stomach ache and vomiting) cases in school this week, but thankfully not an outbreak. Controlling the spread of gastroenteritis and other infections is most easily achieved with good hygiene practices which we promote while children are in school. In addition to this, children who are unwell may need to stay at home. To help establish when it is necessary for your child to stay at home, we encourage you use the NHS Live Well pages, which include [an easy to interpret list of conditions and recommended actions](#). Knowing why your child is unwell also helps us understand whether any additional information needs to be shared with other parents, and whether any changes to our cleaning and hygiene routines should be made.

## **Community Centre Car Park**

Please can we remind drivers using the Community Centre Car Park to drive within the 5mph limit, effective from the roundabout at the community centre and use considerable care. We are aware been near misses in the car park and we want to avoid any accidents. Please be considerate of other drivers when entering and leaving the car park and when manoeuvring in and out of spaces. Thank you for your support with this request.

## **International Women's Day**

As part of International Women's Day and to promote sporting achievements of female staff members in school, Mrs Ellwood organised a sporting achievements quiz for the children to take

part in this week. Children were asked to guess which members of staff were proficient in certain sports or who had taken part in specific sporting events like The London Marathon. The winner, who got the most correct answers, was Eleanor D in 5BL. Read more about the sporting achievements of our female staff at the end of this newsletter.

## Primary Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Ian and James in Year 5 and 6 who represented Hook Junior School in the Primary Cross Country Championships event this week. Ian placed 4th out of 89 runners and James was recognised for running in the rain, on muddy terrain without any shoes! What great determination, James – well done and well done to Ian too! We are very proud of you both.



## Red Nose Day Friday 17th March 2023

Red Nose Day 2023 is just around the corner and we've decided to join in the fun! This year's theme is 'Dress for Joy'. The children are invited to dress in red, comic relief merchandise or an outfit that makes them happy.

Anyone wishing to make a direct donation to Comic Relief via the following Just Giving page: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hjsrnd2023](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hjsrnd2023)

You can purchase a red nose by making a payment of £2.50 via Scopay only - donations to the Justgiving page are not to be used for nose purchases but as an optional additional donation to Comic Relief.

The money we raise will be used to change countless lives, both here in the UK and worldwide.

In addition to wearing our red noses and 'dressing for joy', the children will participate in some Red Nose themed activities throughout the day.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping us raise lots of money for Red Nose Day.

## **Well done!**

Congratulations to Aidan B in 5SB who passed his Grade 1 piano examination earlier this month with merit. Well done Aidan!

## **Spring Concert**

Parents of children learning the piano and keyboard in school are invited to a Spring Concert at 2.30pm on Tuesday 21st March. Please contact Mrs Hamer to confirm attendance.

## **Administration Support Officer**

Fleet Town Council is looking for a super organised, community minded, people person to join our busy team as an Administration Support Officer. For more information visit the [Fleet Town Council website](#).

## **Support Staff Vacancy – still open for applications**

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: Thomas B, Lucy P, Ethan C, Quinn H

Year 4: Guy, Shyann, George G, Isabel R, Jamil G-H

Year 5: Charlotte T, Isabelle E, Noah S, Ruby A, Charlie K

Year 6: Joseph H, Farhan S, Yvette W, Hugo L

## **House Points this week**

**Austen** 169

**Brunel** 194

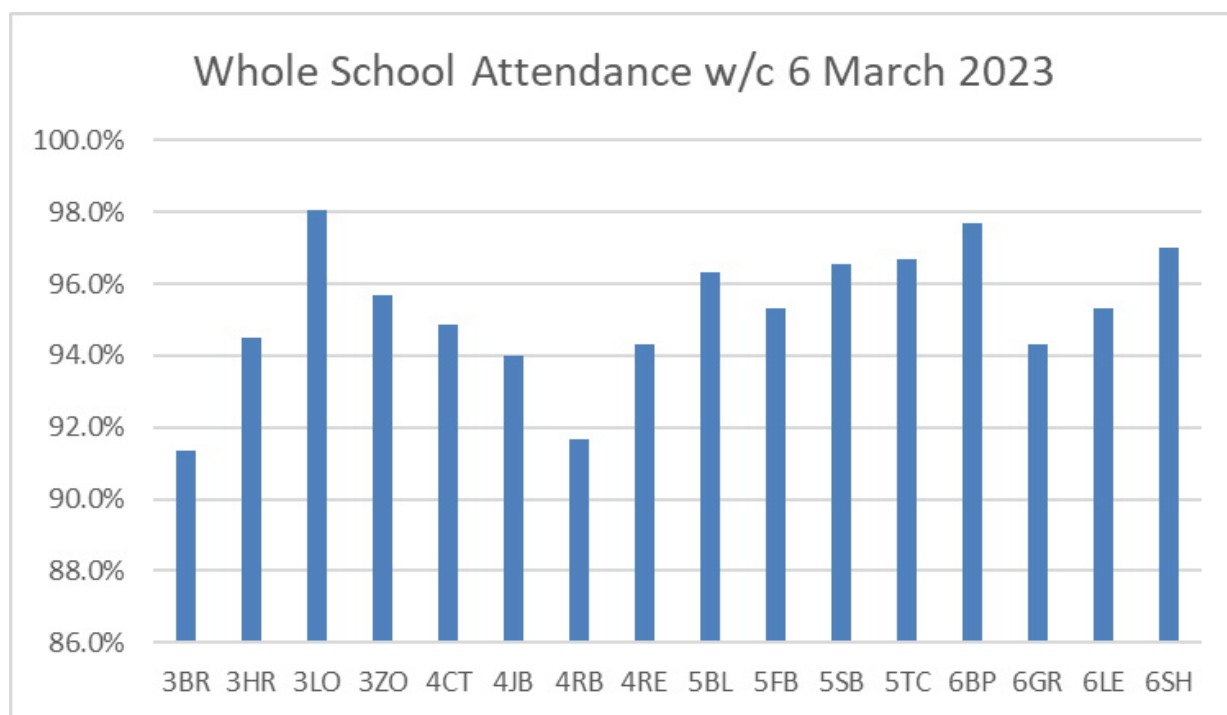
**Nightingale** 163

**Wellington** 144

**House point winners this week: Brunel**

Reading Raffle Winner: No winner this week

## Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 95.18%

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

**13 Mar** Inter-house Sports

**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)

**20-23 Mar** SCARF PSHE Workshops in school

**23 Mar** Iron Age workshop with Year 3

**24 Mar** Iron Age workshop with Year 3

**25 Mar** HSCA Beer Festival

**27 Mar** Year 6 Learning Event – 6BP and 6SH, 2pm – 3pm

**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 – 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)

**4 May** King's Coronation Lunch Menu

**8 May** Bank Holiday – The King's Coronation

**9 - 12 May** Year 6 SATS

**21 May** Hook Fun Run

**22 May** Inter-house sports

**23 May** Year 6 Marchants Hill and Sex and Relationships Education Meeting for parents

**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

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**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](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.