



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

End of Year Newsletter

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another academic year draws to a close, I am filled with pride and gratitude as I reflect on the many achievements and milestones our school community has reached.

Our children continually impress; throughout this year they have demonstrated adaptability, perseverance, and a thirst for knowledge which is inspiring. From the classrooms to the sports fields, from artistic performances to science week, our children have excelled in various domains. They have grown not only academically but also personally; they are a pleasure to be around and privilege to work with.

Our sports teams, clubs, and organizations have also had a fantastic year. We celebrated numerous victories and memorable moments, from strengthening our position at tournaments to outstanding performances with music and dance. Participation in these activities has not only showcased our children's talents but also fostered teamwork and community spirit.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our incredible staff and governors. Their dedication, creativity, and passion for education is unwavering. Each contributes in their roles to provide a high-quality education for all children and I cannot thank them enough for all of their support in continuing to making Hook Junior School a great school. With that, we sadly bid farewell to **Gareth Evans (Chair of Governors) and Chris Bass (Vice of Chair of Governors)** both of whom were parents of children at Hook Junior School and served the school so loyally, supporting the senior leadership team to achieve the school's goals, vision and outcomes. Both have been a pleasure and a privilege to work with, and we have benefitted from their objective views and individual expertise to help shape the best provision and education for all of our children. Thank you, Gareth and Chris, for volunteering your time so generously to the school.

As we prepare for the next academic year, we are excited to build on this year's successes and innovation with the curriculum to engage and inspire children's learning and secure understanding particularly in core subject areas. We will continue to prioritize the well-being of our children; we are committed to continuing our focus on pupil mental health, well-being and inclusivity and will build further upon these areas from September.

Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our parents and guardians for your continuous support. Your contributions, whether through volunteering, attending events, or engaging in learning consultations, have played an important part in your child's achievements. To those of you who are members of the **HSCA** or have volunteered to support with their amazing events, a huge thank you too,

what you are able to achieve to garner the support and deplete the bank accounts of members of our community is admirable and much appreciated.

We can celebrate the end of this school year with pride and look forward to new beginnings and opportunities. I would like to wish you all a joyful and restful summer break making the most of precious time with your families. In September, I look forward to welcoming you and the children back when we do it all again!

Yours sincerely

Miss Powell

Headteacher

KS2 SATs results 2024 (4-year educational journey)

We are delighted with our Y6 children's' individual results and their SATs results overall which maintains our consistent pattern of high performance above national averages. This is the impact of teaching and learning over the past four years and the hard work and perseverance of our children who started Hook Junior school in 2020 with the many challenges of the pandemic. Congratulations to all of the children and staff who have contributed to ensuring that the children are ready for the next stage of their education.

Children achieving age related expectations and above (ARE+)

Children achieving ARE +	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined (RWM)	Grammar	Science
Hook Junior School 2024	84% +10% nat	81% +9% nat	91% +18% nat	74% +13% nat	83% +11% nat	93% +12% nat
National 2024	74%	72%	73%	61%	72%	81%

Children achieving greater depth (GDS)

Children achieving GDS (Exceeding)	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined (RWM)	Grammar	Science
Hook Junior School 2024	37%	29%	37%		44%	
National 2024	Unknown at this stage					

Goodbye and Good Luck for the Future Year 6

Dear Children of Year 6,

We are very proud of your achievements, you have been a very impressive group of pupils some of you are talented in the arts, some of you are talented with sport, some of you are particularly academic and some of you have exceptional social skills. Each one of you is unique, but each has added something special to this Hook Junior School Weekly Newsletter

school. Hook Junior School is a richer place because of the presence of each one of you and the contribution you have made.

You have 'inspired' us and one another, you know yourselves as learners and have achieved academically, socially and personally. But remember the qualities, character traits and aspects of your hearts and minds that tell the deeper story about you. I am confident that you are leaving Hook Junior School better equipped to be resilient, with the grit and determination to succeed, with ambition and optimism for the next stage in your educational journey.

As you move on to your secondary school, remember of all the things you have done here and how it has shaped you, whether it was representing the school in a sports team, having a role and responsibility, singing in a choir, performing in a drama production, dancing or playing an instrument in a concert, learning event or reaching your learning targets. All of these things are an important part of your education and a special part of growing up; they are years' worth of positive shared experiences, take a piece of the school with you, hopefully you will have positive lasting memories.

Your futures are wide open and I hope that at secondary you throw yourselves into all the opportunities that are available to you, enjoy the presence of every moment, challenge and possibility. Get the little things right: be on time, treat each other kindly, work hard and continue your love of learning, make it a habit – you will need it. More importantly and above all be yourselves, be optimistic, be confident, enjoy life and be happy.

It has been a pleasure and privilege Year 6 and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Warmest regards,

Miss Powell

Headteacher

Year 3 and 4, English

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the wonderful achievements and experiences the children have had. It's been a year filled with growth, learning, and memorable moments.

Year 3 Trip to London

One of the highlights for our Year 3 children was their exciting trip to London. The children had the incredible opportunity to see the sites of London, from the London Eye. Although the weather was bad one day, we were lucky enough to bump into the former MP for Hook, whilst he was moving between meetings. This was a stroke of luck and linked with their previous learning – when they wrote to him.

Our Year 3 children have had a successful first year in junior school, adapting wonderfully and showing great enthusiasm for their learning and new experiences. They have embraced the challenges of the curriculum with curiosity and determination, making significant progress in their academic subjects. Additionally, their participation in various school activities and trips has showcased their eagerness to explore and engage with the wider world around them. The resilience and positive attitude they have displayed set a strong foundation for their future years at Hook Junior School.

Year 4 Adventures

Our Year 4 students also had some remarkable experiences this year. Their visit to the Mary Rose Museum allowed them to explore the rich history of the Tudor navy and see the remains of the famous ship. Additionally, the trip to Lepe Beach was a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning about coastal environments and wildlife. These trips have undoubtedly enriched their understanding of history and science.

Impressive Year 4 MTC Results

We are incredibly proud of our Year 4 children's performance in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). An impressive 86% of our students achieved a score of 20 or more, with 54.5% scoring a perfect 25 out of 25. These results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our children, staff and the support both in school and at home.

Writing Achievements Across the School

This year, our students have produced an outstanding breadth of writing. From imaginative stories to informative reports, the quality and variety of writing have been exceptional. It's wonderful to see the creativity and skill our students display in their written work.

Successful Year 6 Moderation

We are pleased to report that our Year 6 moderation was highly successful. The Local Authority agreed with all our judgements and practices, affirming the accuracy and effectiveness of our assessment methods. This validation is a testament to the dedication and expertise of our teaching staff.

None of these achievements would be possible without the strength and commitment of our teaching staff. Their passion for education and unwavering support for our children have been instrumental in creating a positive and productive learning environment. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

As we look forward to the next academic year, we remain committed to providing the children with the best possible education and opportunities for growth. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr McLaren

Assistant Headteacher

Year 5 and 6

I would like to reflect on some of the wonderful achievements and experiences our Year 5 and 6 children have had throughout the year.

Year 5

In Year 5, the children have worked incredibly hard and it has been wonderful to offer a range of enriching learning through a range of trips, visitors and experiences – from the Cody Astronomical Society, to the Young Shakespeare Company's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, Swimming, our River Trip at the Gilbert White Centre as well as our outing to the Anvil and attend the Primary Proms concert.

A highlight of the year was the Spring term learning event, where the children had the chance to demonstrate and showcase their musical talents playing and teaching the ukulele. It was a joy to witness their confidence and enthusiasm throughout.

In English, they finished off the year with some fantastic, persuasive letters to SLT where they applied for their desired Year 6 job roles and responsibilities. The application letters they crafted, demonstrated maturity, creativity, and a strong sense of passion and pride. As they approach their final year at Hook Junior School, we very much look forward to seeing the many wonderful things they will no doubt achieve next year.

Year 6

Our Year 6 children have also had some amazing experiences this year. Their residential trip to Marchants Hill allowed them to explore and learn outside the classroom and partake in various enriching activities while strengthening their bonds with their peers. In the summer term they travelled to London and left completely captivated by the magical world of Roald Dahl's beloved story, brought to life on stage by such a talented cast. This experience was not only enjoyable but also valuable for their personal development as they prepared to bring the West End to Hook.

One of the many highlights of this year was watching the children as they delivered their outstanding performance in their production of Matilda the Musical, showcasing what a talented, dedicated, and creative cohort they truly are! The children captivated audiences on with their outstanding performances.

I cannot overlook the remarkable effort and commitment shown by the children in their academic pursuits. Their hard work in lessons, completion of home leaning tasks, and dedication to their studies have been commendable throughout the year. I would also like to commend the children for their achievements, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the year, particularly during SATs week. Their continued growth and development are a testament to their hard work and dedication, and of course, the unwavering support of you, as parents and carers. I wish them ever success as they begin the next chapter of their educational journey!

Have a lovely and well-earned summer break and I look forward to seeing you in the autumn term.

Miss Stewart

Assistant Headteacher

Personal Social Health and Emotional (PSHE)

We have had another successful year for PSHE in Hook Junior School.

Our efforts towards promoting positive mental health and wellbeing have been recognised with the Bronze Accreditation for My Happy Minds. This is a testament to our commitment to fostering mental well-being and resilience in our students throughout the curriculum and school life.

A focus of the year has been looking at different methods of recording learning to ensure that children who struggle with writing are still able to achieve in PSHE. This has been successful and will continue to be explored next year.

Throughout the year, our children have consistently demonstrated core values such as empathy, respect, inclusion and responsibility. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to continuing this vital work in the coming year.

Over the summer break, we encourage you to continue talking to your child about their feelings, worries, and aspirations. Encourage them to practice self-care, to stay active, and to connect with nature as well as loved ones.

Miss Evans, PSHE Leader

Design Technology

“Technology like art is a soaring exercise of the human imagination.” – Daniel Bell



What a fantastic year for Design and Technology at Hook Junior School! It is a subject that many pupils look forward to in the term and always request to do more of! As a school, we have worked hard to focus more on designing and creating products that have a clear user and purpose in mind. Our school social media is brimming with all of the products made throughout the year and the children should be so proud of their achievements.

All year groups adorned chef's hats to become contestants on MasterChef to make a two-course meal, bake delicious focaccia, make a vegetable curry with a symphony of flavours, or rustle up a refreshing, healthy salad. Many new cooking skills were learned in these units, including chopping, grating and zesting, as well as putting mathematical skills into action when weighing and measuring ingredients.

Year 3 showcased their historical knowledge about the Stone Ages by creating an interactive poster with different levers and linkages. They had fun creating prototypes of the different types of levers and chose wisely to make their posters appealing.

Alongside this, Year 6 designed and made wildlife shelters to encourage hedgehogs, birds and insects into our outdoor area. Their problem-solving skills were put to the test to adapt their designs once they were being made.

Year 5 loved creating their own bags with iron-on transfers in the summer term and were extremely proud of their sewing skills.

To conclude the year, Year 4 combined multiple skills in one of the more challenging units by creating an E-textile bracelet—simple circuits and sewing skills together. Hopefully, we might see some being worn in the darker evenings in the autumn term.

I have thoroughly enjoyed children coming to visit me from across the school with their achievements and final outcomes throughout the year. Hook Junior School certainly has innovative, creative and great problem-solving children and I can't wait to see what next year brings with the addition of graphic design to the curriculum.

If your child makes a Design & Technology related product over the summer break, please encourage them to come share it with me in the autumn term!

Mrs Barnes, Design Technology Leader

Happy's Circus is coming to Hook Junior School

Save the Date: Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 October

Happy's Circus will be visiting Hook Junior School during the autumn half term week with one show each day on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 October. The big top will open at 1:30pm and the show will end at 4:00pm. We'll let you know when tickets are available for purchase. Learn more about Happy's Circus [via their Facebook page](#).

Uniform for September 2024

If you require any new, branded school uniform for September 2024, you can [order this via Earth Uniform](#). Uniform requirements are set out clearly [on the Uniform page in the Parents section of the school website](#). An overview of the Earth Uniform offer is included at the end of this newsletter.

We are advised that the supplier of school ties will be shipping Nightingale ties (with the yellow highlight) in approximately three weeks. If you have ordered a Nightingale tie, please remain patient while your order is fulfilled.

The next HSCA pre-loved uniform sale will be on Friday 13 September.

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 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.