February 2024

Huish Headlines

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Dear Parents / Carers,

As I write this message, we are nearing the end of the first part of the spring term. Since returning from Christmas, we have had a productive time with lots going on. Year 6 celebrated the end of their History World War 2 topic with a special VE day celebration; Year 1 started their topic on Toys with a special afternoon workshop where their Grandparents came in to school to talk about the toys they used to play with; we also held a whole school International Day, with all children learning about Poland and Polish traditions. Thank you so much for those children and families from our Polish communities who shared their experiences and traditions with us.

This week and last week have been particularly busy with children across the school enjoying Art's week and studying a focus artist or style and producing some fantastic art work for our displays. We have also joined in with Safer Internet Day and Mental Health Week. This Thursday also marked our annual vocabulary day where children have come to school dressed as a particular word – this is always a fun way for children (and staff!) to learn some new and interesting vocabulary.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to attend parent's evening this half term. It is always good to have some time to share with you your child's progress and how they are doing in school.

A huge congratulations goes out to both Mrs. Webster (Class 10) and Mrs. Parkin (Class 14) who, this January, have both welcomed gorgeous baby boys! We wish them every happiness and can't wait for them to visit with their new little family members.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to two of our staff members: Emma Thompson who has been working with us as a Learning Support Assistant for many years and has lovingly supported many children throughout her time here. Lucy Waclawik has kindly supported many of our EAL pupils, supporting their language skills and progression. She has also been working as Teaching Assistant in year 5 this year. We wish both of them every success and happiness in their new roles and adventures.

We will return to school on Monday 19th February. Have a happy and relaxing half term break!

Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th February
Inset Day

Monday 12th– Friday 16th February
Half Term

Tuesday 20th February
PTFA Meeting at 3 pm

Friday 1st March at 2.30 pm
Work Share Afternoon

Wednesday 6th March at 2.30 pm
Year 4-6 West End in Schools Workshop

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day—Dressing Up this year!

Friday 15th March
Wear one thing red for Red Nose Day

Wednesday 27th March
Yrs R, 1, 2, 3—Kate Wakling Poet Visit

Friday 29th March
Good Friday

Monday 1st—Friday 12th April
Easter Holidays

Monday 13th—Friday 17th May
Y6 SATS week
Y5 PGL Osmington Bay Trip

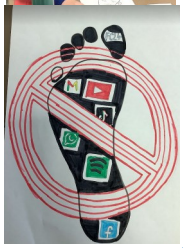
Monday 27th—Friday 31st May
Whitsun Holidays

Monday 3rd June
Inset Day

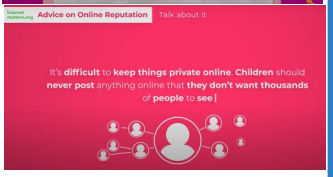
Wednesday 24th July
Inset Day

Safer Internet Day

This year, Huish focused on what makes up a 'Digital Footprint', and how this can be used. Children learned about how a trail is left when you go online, and that it is difficult to truly delete this trail. Using this work they demonstrated how easy it is to find out all about someone from their digital footprint, and that care needs to be taken on what we are doing online. It was also highlighted at how potential employers or strangers could access or use this data, finishing with an activity to display their own digital footprints.Classes also completed a questionnaire about how they use technology and the internet in their lives. This will be used to help direct the school's efforts to ensure that all children know how to stay safe online.



As the focus of this year's Safer Internet Day was 'Digital Footprint', here are some websites that will help you talk to your child about what a digital footprint is and how to educate them. further



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email: office@hps.huishmat.org

View the news pages of our website for further details and pictures of your children in class

Year 6 WW II Day

To end their WW2 topic, Year 6 took part in a themed WW2 day in which they completed several activities: Blitz art, cipher making and decoding and VE Day celebrations. They dressed as evacuees/ children from the 1940s or in patriotic red, white and blue for the celebrations. They learnt about the work of Alan Turing and how VE day was a time of bittersweet emotions for people living in Britain at the time. Finally they ate some delicious scones and had a game of Beetle-drive for their party.

Mental Health Week

This week, the school has been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week and the theme has been 'My Voice Matters. Children took part in a range of activities to provide them with the tools they need to express themselves.

Year 5—Skills Health

As part of their PSHE, Year 5 shared their skills. They are a very talented year group and they taught their friends their skills and demonstrated them across the year group. This has been a great way for the children to learn new skills and given them inspiration to try new things at home.

International Day—Poland

This year, our International Day focused on Poland. Across the school, pupils explored the geography and culture of Poland. Lots of our Polish pupils shared things and food from home and they even helped us to learn some Polish.

In **Reception**, pupils began by learning facts about Poland, including its location on a map, its capital city and interesting places to visit. They then studied and made their own Polish flags before learning a Polish folk dance and ways to say hello and goodbye in Polish.

In **Year 1**, pupils explored where Poland is in the world and what it is like to live there. They looked at special places in Poland, including a very artistic region called Kaszuby. They then had a go at making some symmetrical flower pictures based on the art from this region, as well as learning how to say hello, goodbye, please and thank you in Polish.

in **Year 2**, pupils began the day by learning a bit about the country and where it is located in the world. They invited members of our class to share what they know about Poland and discussed some items they brought into school. After this, they had a go at learning some Polish greetings and practised saying them to one another. Finally, they listened to some music composed by Chopin and completed some mindfulness drawings.

In **Year 3**, pupils learnt some phrases in Polish such as hello and goodbye. They also learnt about a composer called Chopin and did some mapwork looking at where Poland was in relation to the UK and its surrounding countries. Finally, they used the iPads to complete some further research about Poland.

In **Year 4**, pupils started the day by learning about the history and culture of Poland. They then explored the geography of Poland and used DigiMap to plot their findings. After learning some Polish with the help of our Polish-speaking pupils, they looked at an exciting parcel from a new link school in Warsaw, before writing letters back to the pupils who had written to them. After lunch, they enjoyed a visit from a parent, who talked about life in Poland.

In **Year 5**, Polish pupils taught their classes about Polish currency, culture, places and even some language! They then spent some time learning and researching Poland and then created a travel guide. In the afternoon, pupils learnt about the Polish Folk Art called "Wycinanki". They looked at a range of designs and then created their own paper art.

In **Year 6**, pupils enjoyed a lesson taught by their Polish-speaking classmates. They were taught about Polish phrases and greetings, as well as the geography, food and culture of Poland.

Vocabulary Day

Huish's focus on increasing children's vocabulary and exposing them to a range of new words that they can apply within their learning saw them hold their second Vocabulary Day, following last year's success. The response on the day from the children was brilliant. The children came into school dressed as a wide range of ambitious vocabulary and it was lovely that they were able to share these words through their connected class and other children on the playground. As always, thank you to the parents for supporting us with this day!

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Keigan	Class 4— James
Class 5— Sidney	Class 6– Henry
Class 7— Jade	Class 8— Edith
Class 9— Neve	Class 10— Freddie
Class 11— Jayden	Class 12— Masaki
Class 13— Szymon	Class 14— Erica

Congratulations also to Hunter (8), Ella (9), Luca (9) and Reuben (13) for achieving Millionaire status .

Y3—Oracy

Year 3 have been focusing on oracy, and reading with expression and excitement this year. As part of this, we have each been reading texts and poems out-loud to the class during Guided Reading lessons, including a shape poem about a magical and non-sensical shop.

Year 1 Grandparents Workshop

As part of their History unit, Year 1 enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the hall sharing toys with their grand parents. They shared memories of what they used to play with when they were little. The children enjoyed asking questions about their toys. Some toys from the past were very different to the toys of today, although some were very similar!

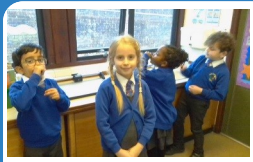
Bedtime Story Evening

Children in Year R and Year 1, put on their best pyjamas brought their blankets and came along for a Bedtime Story Evening with their teachers. The children all enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie, before being collected by their parents. This raised over £200 for Year R and 1 resources.

Year R—Gingerbread Man

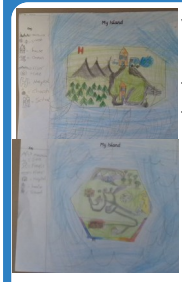
Reception, have been learning about the story of The Gingerbread Man. They talked about why the Gingerbread Man made the choice to ride on the fox rather than going in the water. The children observed what happens to a gingerbread man in water – it absorbs water and falls apart. They used a range of materials to make a coat for the Gingerbread Man to protect him from the water - testing tin foil, cling-film and cotton fabric to see which was most effective in keeping him dry.

Y2—Easter



During the Spring term Y2 have been learning about Easter. They started by looking at pictures of people expressing different emotions, and decided whether they were happy or sad. They made a list of things which made them happy and sad and then recapped the Easter story. In groups we reenacted different parts of the story, and discussed how each person in the story might have felt and why. Overall they learnt that the Easter story had both happy and sad parts.

Y2—Islands



Y2 used their knowledge gained from the previous few lessons to create their own islands! They discussed what makes a good map, acknowledging the importance of keys, compasses and symbols. They then tested their knowledge of different symbols and discussed how to use clues to work out what they represent.

Red Nose Day

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

(suggested donation £1)

WEAR SOMETHING RED FOR COMIC RELIEF

Children are invited to swap **one** item of their school uniform/PE kit for something red for Comic Relief.

RED NOSES are available to purchase via TK Maxx, Homesense, Amazon and Holland & Barrett.

Year 4 Science

In their science lesson, Y4 conducted an experiment to see which temperature water would be best to use to melt the chocolate. In order to do this, they took three trays and filled them with 3 different temperatures of water, cold 15°C, warm water 39° C and hot water 59° C. They then placed one square of milk chocolate into each tin and floated them on the water, waited 3 minutes to see if the chocolate would melt. The results showed that the hot water completely melted the chocolate and then warm water had started to melt the chocolate. However, the cold water had not melted the chocolate at all. From the results we could tell that it had quite a low melting point.

House Cup

The winners of this term's House Cup were **Skakespeare** House

Arts Week

This week, all children have enjoyed participating in the Art Week .

Year R—In Reception, linking to their 'Once Upon a Time' topic the children have been creating fairytale castle collages using coloured paper in a variety of 2D shapes, inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk.

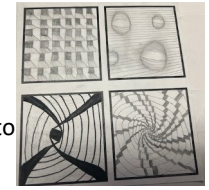
Year 1 have been creating milk bottle elephants linked to their History topic of toys, using tissue paper to cover the milk bottle like Elmer. They experimented painting and applying colour with tools.

Year 2 have been inspired by the work of John Dyer to create brightly coloured paintings. They practised their sketching skills with a focus on birds, boats and daffodils and incorporated these into their paintings.

Year 3 have been focusing on the French post-impressionist artist Henri Rousseau, best known for his jungle fantasy pictures. They started off using water colours for the background, adding the rainforest outlines before finally adding the toucan.

Year 4 have been exploring different textures within art. They have used a variety of different materials to form a multi-textural piece of art based on their Geography topic of 'What Makes the Earth Rumble'.

Year 6 studied the artist Bridget Riley, who is a famous English Op Art artist.
Children copied her style to make optical illusions in their Art books.



Year 5 will be completing our art week after half term. They will be exploring the artist William Morris, creating printing blocks and printing our own repeated pattern using nature as our inspiration.

Year 5 Basketball

Students in year 5 enjoyed a taster session in basketball. After a quick lesson on the basics of the game they then took part in a tournament playing against 8 other schools! They tried their best and managed to score some great baskets! They are looking forward to putting their new skills into action again!

Cross Country

The third Yeovil and District Schools race was held at Yeovil Showground on Wednesday, a large group of children undertook this undulating rough ground course. 9 year 2/3 girls set off, all finishing with big smiles on their faces despite the tough conditions with Olivia finishing 8th overall. Again there were 9 Hush pupils in the Year 2/3 boys with Jaxon finishing 1st overall. Poppy continued her dominance in the Year 4 girls race finishing 1st, with Isabelle and Frederica also competing. A big shout out to John completing his first race in the Year 4 boys. In the year 5/6 categories, Bella finished 3rd overall in the girls and Alfie 9th overall in the boys' race.

The next Cross Country race will be on the 21st February at Bucklers Mead Academy.

Y5 Motiv 8

Two groups of children from Year 3 and Year 5, were fortunate enough to be invited to the Yeovil College to take part in an Motiv8 afternoon organised by their sports leaders. The session included several games including asteroids, Mario kart and their favourite one - SPACE INVADERS!!!

PTFA

January saw the installation of the artificial grass surface funded by the PTFA. This was installed by TK Landscapes who have done a fantastic job. The children look forward to enjoying this space to enhance their learning during outdoor play.

Please come along to support our next meeting on

Tuesday 20th March at 3 pm
in the ICT Suite.
Children welcome!

Clubs—Spring 2 Half Term

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3 - 6 The Voice	Monday	3pm - 3.45pm	19th Feb	25th Mar
Year 5 and 6 Portuguese Club	Monday	3.15pm - 4pm	19th Feb	18th Mar
Year 3 and 4 Football	Monday	3.15pm - 4pm	19th Feb	18th Mar
Year 2 Multi Sports	Tuesday	3pm-3.45 pm	20th Feb	19th Mar
Year 2 The Voice	Tuesday	3pm - 3.30pm	20th Feb	26th Mar
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance	Tuesday	3.20pm - 4.15pm	20th Feb	19th Mar
Year 3 - 6 Cross Country (Year 2 siblings are welcome)	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	21st Feb	20th Mar
Year 5 and 6 Computing Club	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	21st Feb	20th Mar
Year 3 - 6 Yeovil Town Football	Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	21st Feb	20th Mar
Year 5 Table Tennis	Thursday	3.15pm - 4pm	22nd Feb	21st Mar
Year 3 Dodgeball	Friday	3pm - 3.45pm	23rd Feb	22nd Mar

Computing Club

During Computer club this term, children have worked hard to make some Lego WeDo characters. To begin with they used the instructions on the iPads, towards the end of the term they no longer needed the instructions and were able to make their own.

Portuguese Club

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed learning a new language with support from Mrs Collins and Mrs Pretorius. They have learned how to say hello, how are you, what is your name, how old are you, a range of different colours and the days of the week.

Art Club

During this half term, year 5 and 6 have enjoyed art club with Miss Horsfield. They made their own superhero comic strips. They enjoyed creating crazy characters and dramatic story lines.

House Sports

To finish this terms work students have taken part in house Sports in gymnastics and Team Building. Students put together a routine to include all the skills they have learnt during gymnastics. For team building they had to travel from one end of the muga to the other without touching the floor unless inside a cones square!

Year 6 Basketball

Students in year 6 took part in a round robin basketball competition at Westfield. After having a brief session on the basic rules of the game they went on to play competitive games against Oaklands and Countess Gytha. They played with brilliant skill and managed to win all but 1 of their games!

Music Lessons

Huish Primary is pleased to offer the following Music lessons in association with Somerset Music, Judy Juggins and Fiona Bennett.

For lessons in, **Ukulele, Guitar, Clarinets and Drums** please follow this link to sign up for lessons.

Recorder lessons are available for those in Year 3 and above with Mrs Judy Juggins, please follow this link for further details and to sign up.

For further information about **piano** and **keyboard** lessons with Mrs Bennett, please contact the school office in the first instance.