July 2024

Huish Headlines

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we near the end of another very busy year, the sun is shining and children are playing on the field! Summer Holidays are nearly here!!!

I would just like to end the year by saying thank you to all of our Huish families and friends who help to support our school and show appreciation throughout the year of all of the wonderful activities and events taking place. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated staff who always go above and beyond to ensure our children have the wonderful education that they are so lucky to experience. A massive thank you also to the whole Huish team!

The end of term is always a very busy one, with the summer term being even more so…. Sports events, music concerts, assemblies, choir performances, design technology projects, Art's weeks, trips and visits, have kept us all very busy - Huish children have worked hard and achieved very well.

Sadly, at this point in the year, we always have to say some goodbyes to both staff and children. This year, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Keating and Mrs Frost, as they both move on to teaching posts in other schools. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Barrow who will be taking up a new opportunity in another school. We wish everyone well in their new roles and will miss them greatly.

We have a small number of children who will be moving to new schools as we start back in September – we wish them well and hope they have a very positive start to their new school year.

Finally, our year 6 children have now performed their Leavers' assembly, attended their prom and signed their shirts … They are ready to move on! We are so proud of them and all that they have achieved and wish them all very happy and successful futures.

From all of us at Huish, have a wonderful summer break. We look forward to welcoming our children back and introducing our new starters to Reception in September.

With best wishes,

Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th July
Inset Day

Thurs **25th July - Mon 2nd September**
Summer Holidays

Tuesday 3rd September
First day of School
Year 1-6 Meet the Teacher
6 pm and 6.30 pm

Monday 9th September
Year 6 Swimming commences

Tuesday 24th September
Year 4 Trip to The Newt
PTFA Meeting at 3.15 pm

Monday 7th October
Year 3 BugMan visit

Wednesday 9th October
Individual/Sibling School Photographs

Wednesday 16th October
Year R-6 Flu Vaccinations

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October
Parents Evenings

Mon 28th October -Fri 1st November
Half Term

Monday 4th November
Inset Day

Year 6—Prom

What a fantastic leavers prom the children had, arriving in an array of different vehicles and dancing the night away whilst enjoying a wonderful selection of sugary snacks!

Leavers Awards

Four awards are handed out to our Year 6 leavers. This year they were awarded as follow: The Snell Award for Sciences won by Frank,, the Toal Award for Arts to Reuben, the Fossey Award for achievement in English to Mia and the Hillier-Nickels award for Maths to Nikita.

Information for 2024

SCHOOL START /FINISH TIMES

8.30 am/3 pm Years 1, 2, 3, 6
8.45 am/3.15 pm Years R, 4, 5

UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform including appropriate footwear, details of which are available on the school website. Preloved uniform will be available to purchase on MCAS in September. If you have any logoed uniform that you can donate please drop it in to the school office.

PE KIT

Children in Years 1 to 6 will need to attend school in their PE kits on their PE days as follows:-

Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday
Yr 6	Yr 3 Yr 2	Yr 4	Yr 1 Yr 6 Yr 5	Yr R Yr 5

SCHOOL MEALS

School Meals can now be booked for September; please ensure you have booked meals for the first week back by **Monday 26th August**. Reception parents will receive their logins in September.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast Club can be booked in advance for September. If you normally pay by Childcare Vouchers, please ensure you email the office with details of payments so these can be uploaded prior to booking.

Year 2 -Haynes

Year 2 had a very exciting day at Haynes Motor Museum! They took part in 3 different activities; learning about the parts of a car, then having a go at making one - soon realising it worked better as a production line, as there are so many parts and some of them were very fiddly. They enjoyed a tour of the museum, and were set the challenge to find as many car mascots as possible. The then finally enjoyed a guided tour and looked at lots of different cars throughout the ages.

Year 1 Art

Year 1 were inspired to make sculptures from natural materials in the playground. They used rocks, sticks, leaves and petals among other things that they found.

Y5 Money

Nicky and Michelle from Nationwide visited Y5 children. They talked to the children about banking and money, learning about both current accounts and savings accounts.

Year 5 – India

For Arts week, after studying about the importance of elephants in Indian culture, year 5 made their own Indian elephants. They made elephant sculptures using newspaper, cardboard and lots of masking tape. Next, they covered them in Modroc Plaster of Paris, adding layers gradually and smoothing them over. The next stage was to use knowledge of Indian design, the children designed and painted their elephants in vibrant colours and repeated patterns so they were eye catching.

As part of their Geography and DT work, Year 5 investigated what foods are popular in India and the reasons why. They thought about the different regions, people and religions. Next, they examined the spices that would be used in Indian cooking and smelt them. The next day was spent cutting chopping and cooking the ingredients to create their own Indian vegetable curry which they all enjoyed for lunch.

SCARF

At Huish, we teach Health and Relationships through the SCARF Coram Life Education scheme. As part of this scheme, we are able to welcome Helen every year, who comes in to deliver Health and Relationship workshops to all of the children at our school. Below, you can find the content that was taught in each year group. The children enjoyed these sessions!

Reception learnt all about themselves and how important their organs are in their body. They were also taught about the effects that exercise has on the body and about basic hygiene. **Year 1** learnt about their wonderful body and how they can look after it by eating the correct foods. They learnt about how a healthy diet is made up of balanced mixture of foods and how their body gets energy from food. **Year 2's** topic was gratitude. They explored feeling gratitude towards each other, about themselves and about the natural world that is around us. As a class, they put forward what they felt grateful for. **Year 3** focused on . They listened to Helen speak about accepting what they can't control and managing their feelings at such times. They also learnt about accepting themselves as they are and how they might be able to change things so that they can be their best self. **Year 4** learnt about how their actions and thoughts can affect how they feel both physically and mentally. They listened to some scenarios in the sessions involving tricky situations and they had to put forward advice to solve them. **Year 5** learnt about friendships and how friends can influence them when they have to make decisions. They discussed the 5 main things that they do to support their mental health and these included being active, getting creative, giving to others, being mindful and connecting with others. **Year 6** learnt about how decisions can impact both their mental and physical health. They took part in a range of discussions and activities.

House Cup

Congratulations to the winners of the House Cup. This half term the winners were **Caxton**.

Uniform

If you have any LOGOED UNIFORM that your children have grown out of and it is in good condition, please donate it to the schoo.

We can then use it to raise funds for the PTFA in our preloved online store.

Stock will be reviewed and updated on MCAS as quickly as possible.

Year R—Minibeasts

The children in Reception have thoroughly enjoyed learning about minibeasts. They have learnt lots of interesting facts about spiders, bees, snails and worms and went on minibeast hunts in the school grounds. The children worked together to construct a minibeast hotel from a range of natural materials found in the garden. They were excited to find that many minibeasts have already moved in and are thriving! They have focused on the book 'Superworm.' After reading the story they drew a story map to help us retell the story using vocabulary from the text. To celebrate National Joke Day the children were challenged to tell a joke to the class, the teachers were very proud of how confident they were.

Year 1 –Ninesprings

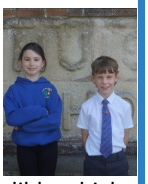
Year One enjoyed a sunny trip to Ninesprings to conclude their Science topic this term. After meeting the Ranger, they embarked on some fun activities including looking for minibeasts and pond dipping. After the highlight of a picnic lunch in the sunshine, they squeezed a little stop in at the park, which made everyone's day!

Year 3 Quarry

Year 3 visited a working quarry in Radstock to learn about Geology, rock formation and how quarries are run. The children enjoyed a tour of the quarry, where basalt had formed over 450 million years ago. Back in the workshop, Year 3 tested the hardness and permeability of different types of rock and learned about how fossils are formed in sedimentary rock, then constructed a timeline of the process before investigating different fossils.

Poetry

Huish have some amazing poets! Children had the opportunity to enter two competitions; the Schools Literacy Network (SLN) and Huish Academy Trust. The theme this year was 'Animals' and the judges commented on the incredibly high standard of entries. Huish are fortunate to celebrate many winners and highly commended entries. SLN: KS1 Winner—Arthur; KS2 Highly Commended—Meredith HAT -Y1/2 Winner , Olivia, Highly Commended - Thea, Willow, Chase; Y3/4 Highly Commended—Olivia Y5/6—Winner Mia, Highly Commended, Daniel, Fleur



Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Jude	Class 4—Henry
Class 5— Anastacia	Class 6– Alfie
Class 7— Imogen/Evelyn	Class 8— Lincoln
Class 9— Zachary	Class 10— Amelia
Class 11— Byron	Class 12— Alend
Class 13— Abigail	Class 14— Clay

Congratulations also to Willliam (8), Luca, Olivia (9), and Masaki (12) achieving Millionaire reader status and to Szymon (13) for reaching his Double Millionaire award.

Online Safety

Summertime Screen Time

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group have published information on their website to help you manage your child's screentime during the summer break. Their website includes top tips for managing screen time, activities and guides to popular apps:
https://ineqe.com/2024/06/20/summer time-screen-time-2024/

Geography

The Inter-House Geography Quiz took place in June. Prior to this, all children in Years 1-6 took part in their own class quiz. The winners were chosen to represent their house. The House quiz was closely contested with **Newton** ending up as the winners.

Huish children had the opportunity to complete some Geography fieldwork at Sidney Gardens. In the gardens, there is a wide range of trees from all over the world, dating back to Victorian times. The children worked with others from a different class. Using a map of the gardens, they found the trees and used their clue cards to identify which tree it was and where in the world it comes from. Resources should be made available to the public soon and will be found on the 'Friends of Sidney Gardens' Facebook page.

Year 4 Eton Mess

Year 4 have been adapting the traditional Eton Mess recipe. They began by sampling lots of well known desserts to complete some market research. They made comments on appearance, smell, taste and texture. Next, they made a traditional Eton Mess and evaluated it. Using briefs provided, they designed their own puddings by adapting the recipe. Finally, they made their own versions of the dessert which were really yummy. It was really enjoyable.

Gardening

Students from the Year 4/5 Gardening Club attended Leonardo's last week to help fill one of their flower beds in their new Community Garden. The garden will be an area to enjoy and for reflection. The children enjoyed their time working alongside the Leonardo staff .

Athletics

Students took part in Athletics at Mudford Rec. They competed against 8 other schools in a wide variety of track and field events. A massive well done to all who took part.

House Sports

The annual House Sports Competition was held last week. This is an athletics based event where every student from year 2-6 takes part in at least one event. There are sprints, hurdles, relays and middle distance running events with every child earning points for their House. This year the scores were extremely close throughout, meaning every single point mattered! Eventually it was **Newton** who came out as overall winners! It was a lovely event and fabulous to see the children cheering for their fellow team mates.

Music at Huish

The sound of music has been very prevalent this term. The Instrumental Concert was held at the end of June and was well supported by parents and friends and Year 6 pupils. The sound of recorder players, ukulele and guitar players, keyboard players, clarinetists and drummers – 45 extremely talented pupils took part! All pupils receiving music lessons through school. Huge thanks to Mr Gill, Mrs Juggins and Mrs Eveleigh for their support and contributions.

The Voice (Choir club for KS2 pupils) and the Tuesday Choir Club (for Year 2 pupils) performed in the Summer Fair on a not so warm summers day! Despite the cold wind pupils sang and performed beautifully.

After months of hard work and practice, Year 5 performed the clarinet to their family and put on an excellent show performing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Mrs Muddle, Laxton's Pearmain and Uptown Funk

The Voice pupils also performed at Westlands Entertainments Venue, the children performed 2 songs on the stage as part of the South Somerset Singing Festival. Many thanks to Kirsten Wordley from Somerset Music for hosting and organising the event.

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, Drums, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba and Cornet** please follow the following link from Somerset Music: Huish Primary Individual and Small Group Music Lessons for 2024-25

For **violin** lessons provided by Somerset Music please use the following link: Huish Primary Violin Individual and Small Group Lessons 2024-25

Recorder lessons are available for those in Year 3 and above with Mrs Judy Juggins. Please let the office know if you wish to sign up and a letter wlll be sent home in September.

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

PTFA

A huge thank you for supporting the PTFA events this half term.

The Summer Fair was a huge success even though the weather turned quite windy and chilly into the evening. A big shout out to all our performers: Y2 country dancing, Y5 maypole dancer, Keri Hill dance and both the Y2 and KS2 choirs. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped set up, man stalls and pack away. We hope you all enjoyed it. The total profit raised was £3520.

The ice cream sales on a Friday afternoon have also seen large queues (even when it was raining), so thank you again for supporting these. Over the 4 weeks of sales over £300 has been raised. Thanks again to all the volunteers who have given their time to run it. Finally the Summer BBQ saw a large turn out, and despite the weather turning quite rainy, all had a good time. The totals are still being calculated and will be announced via Facebook soon.

Year 3/4 Tennis

Children from Year 3/4 attended a Tennis session at Yeovil Tennis Club. They had a great time learning new skills and playing against other schools.

Year 5 Tennis

Children from year 5 attended Yeovil Tennis Club and competed against other local schools. With some tough competition, they all played exceptionally well winning some of their matches.

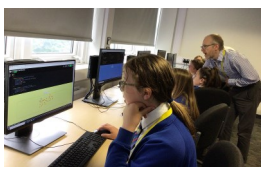
Pottery

This half term, a group of children in year 6 used their artistic talents with pottery. Although they didn't have access to a potter's wheel, they used techniques to create their own pots and shapes. These were then dried, glazed and fired using the school's kiln.

Cricket

A group of Year 5 and 6 children competed in the South Somerset Cricket tournament. For most of the group, this was their first experience of competitive cricket. The team played 3 games. The team improving with each game and grew in confidence. Well done to Jack, Bella, Juno, Vaya, Reuben, Ellie-Jayne, Masaki and Alfie. Special mentions must go to Jack and Masaki for some brilliant boundary hitting.

Girls Coding



A group of Year 6 girls had the opportunity to attend Yeovil College to spend an afternoon coding with Kingfisher Corporate Ltd. Kingfisher supply the programs for B&Q and Screwfix. Throughout the afternoon the students built their own database then customised backgrounds, changing the font, coming up with a logo and finally testing to see if it all works! By the end of the afternoon children were accessing year 8 coding work.