March 2024

Huish Headlines

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we go into the Easter Holidays, we are provided with an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and occasions that our community has experienced this term.

I would like to thank Mrs Oliver for helping plan and provide a wonderful Science Week. It was fantastic seeing the children busy with a huge number of activities and experiments, and we were lucky to welcome a number of very interesting visitors from backgrounds that ranged from biochemistry to bees. Thank you also for your support with the Family Challenge - the quality of the work we have received has been superb.

It has been a term where our sports teams have thrived. We have continued to win and place well in cross-country races, both in individual and team competitions, and our Year 3/4 football team has continued its unbeaten run this year, winning both its fixtures this term. A Year 6 indoor athletics team won their competition at Westfield, whilst our Year 5/6 girls finished 2nd at the YTFC tournament. The school has also been represented well in hockey by Year 4, and by the Year 6 football team.

Events and visitors have continued to support our rich and varied curriculum. This has included our World Book Day, visits and workshops by the West End In School project, and Poet, Kate Wakeling. The Reception classes visited St John's church, and KS2 were treated to Year 5's performance of The Highwayman.

We have seen the beginnings of the transformation of our school courtyard into a kitchen garden - it has received a makeover with the help of some parent volunteers and we are excited to get planting (once we have compost!).

Our children enjoyed having the opportunity to share their work during our parent work share - thank you for taking the time to appreciate all the hard work they have put in. Thank-you also to all those who attended and helped with our Easter bingo - we are always grateful for the support of our school community.

We now look forward to our Summer Term, and the celebrations and activities that come with it. First, though, I hope you have a restful Easter holiday, and that your children enjoy some well-earned rest.

Cara Carlock (Head Of School)

World Book Day and Poet Visit

Children across the school enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day this year. An amazing array of book characters were on display across the classrooms!

Poet, Kate Wakeling visited the school this week where she performed some poems to years R, 1, 2 and 3. She visited classes for a workshop where the children created class poems and took part in some performance poetry. Kate was very impressed with the children ideas, imagination and behaviour!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 29th March
Good Friday

Monday 1st—Friday 12th April
Easter Holidays

Wednesday 17th April
Pro Strike Soccer Event

Tuesday 23rd April at 3.15 pm
PTFA Meeting in the IT suite

Friday 3rd May
Year 3—Cacao Visitor

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

Tuesday 21st May
Scott Cake Sale

Wednesday 22nd May
Year 1 –6 Class Photos

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May
Whitsun Holidays

Monday 3rd June
Inset Day

Wednesday 5th June
Year 2 Haynes Trip

Friday 7th June
Work Share afternoon from 2.30 pm

Monday 10th June
Class 8 Quarry Trip

Wednesday 12th June
Class 7 Quarry Trip

Friday 14th June
Non Uniform Day for Summer Fair

Friday 21st June
Non Uniform Day for Summer Fair
PTFA Summer Fair 4.45 pm—7 pm

Tuesday 9th July
Fun Sports
Years R-2 9.15 am Years 3-6 10.30 am

Friday 12th July
PTFA Summer BBQ

Friday 19th July
Year 6 Festival Fun Day

Monday 22nd July
Year 6 Leavers assembly at 2 pm
Year 6 Prom at 6 pm

Tuesday 23rd July
Last Day of Term

Science Week 2023

Year R

Reception began the week with a 'Floating and Sinking Challenge' testing a number of classroom objects to see if they floated or sank in water. On Tuesday, the children had lots of fun racing liquids to see which was the fastest. They raced water, paint, oil and glue using stop watches to record the time . As part of their fairy tales topic, the children all planted a bean in soil and will watch it grow up the castles they have put into the planters. They finished the week making slime! Mixing glue and saline solution then adding colouring and glitter, finally blowing bubbles inside using a straw.

Year 1

Year 1 started the week by brainstorming future inventions. Next they looked at how Penguins keep warm? They made a 'Blubber Glove' and put their hands in ice water, noticing how different the temperature felt with the Blubber glove on. It was such a great insulator! Tuesday was Senses day where children explored their 5 senses enjoying 'Smell testing' which was quite tricky! On Wednesday, the children sorted animals into groups, by what they eat, appearance and whether they were mammals, reptiles, etc building their own zoo. They listened to 2 STEM Ambassadors who inspired everyone with their love for Science and on Friday after learning lots of amazing facts about Bees, took part in a whole school activity where everyone made a Beeswax candle.

Year 2

Y2 started the week by defining science and exploring what it means to be a Scientist; drawing pictures of what a scientist may look like and then challenging stereotypes—anyone can be a scientist! Y2 then looked at history and what other children had designed around the world, using their inspiration creating inventions to make completing everyday tasks easier. The next investigation was to see how long a pendulum took to stop swinging, different sized bits of card were added to see if air resistance would affect the stopping time - the bigger the piece of card was, the quicker it slowed; children then watching a video to see how electricity is produced, looking around the school to find different objects that need electricity to work; Farming was Wednesday's topic, the looked at the jobs farmers do to take care of their animals and designing an invention to help farmers complete their jobs more easily, joining the NFU live lesson, watching Farmer Fiona caring for her calves and lambs, finally talking about how she grows crops. Jack Dove, a STEM ambassador, talked to the children on Thursday, he has worked hard to achieve his dream job as an engineer.

Year 3

In year 3, we watched a live lesson about butterflies and how they use camouflage to hide from predators. We designed our own butterflies and camouflaged them using leaves from outside. After this, we went outside to hide our butterflies and see if anyone could find them. During the week, we also designed paper aeroplanes to see which ones flew the furthest. We were excited to learn about bees and how they live in their hives. We were shown a real hive (empty, thankfully!) and some of us were able to wear the bee uniform. At the end of the week, we created our very own candles using bee's wax.

Year 4

To start their week off, children researched a range of important inventions from the last hundred years, putting them in chronological order to create timelines of key inventions. Dr Chris Atkins, joined the class to talk about the science behind the 'bottle flip' trick, children learnt lots about the scientific theories that can be used to make the trick work successfully and also about how these theories are linked to other areas of science such as spaceflight and medicine. They then enjoyed a presentation by Jack, who talked to year 4 about his career as an engineer and the path he had taken through education to achieve his goals. They enjoyed a brilliant live lesson streamed online from a farm, learning about how vets care for cows and the technology that they use to help them with this. During the afternoon Y4 used their knowledge from this lesson to design some futuristic farms of their own.

Year 5

Year 5 started their week, thinking about 'what science is' working in groups to map their ideas, the thought of DNA, space, physics, chemistry and well as many other. Their theme for the week was 'time' and they created some posters that they felt related to time in science. On Tuesday, they researched many scientists, creating a fact file poster, during the afternoon they learnt about the moon, Penelope sharing her knowledge from her moongazer book. Their first experiment was completed on Wednesday where the children used different temperatures of water to Skittles to see how long it took for the colours to run. On Thursday, STEM Ambassador Jack talked to the children about his neurodiversity and how he had overcome this to become an engineer on missile systems. Their second practical experiment saw them looking at forces and how a pendulum works.

Year 6

During Science Week 2024, Year 6 have been 'meeting' their brain. Learning from neuroscientist Dr Turk, from Bristol University, they have learnt what the brain looks like, the different areas of the brain and their functions and how the brain works. Each session has been accompanied by interesting facts and fun activities – from testing brain speeds to creating brain hats! It has been a fascinating week of learning for us everyone; they have also learnt about careers in neuroscience.

Bees

On Friday, the whole school had a fabulous day learning about Bees from expert Gary Packer exploring a real-life hive and look at some of the tools used to care for the bees. Mr Opie also spoke the children about his bee-keeping, and they were able to look at some of the tools used and try on some bee suits! During the afternoon, children from their partner class visited each other with the older children teaching the younger ones how to make their own candles made out of beeswax. They started with a wick and then rolled the beeswax around it to make a candle.

Gifted and Talented

During the workshop children in KS1 used chromatography to separate dyes in felt tip pens and discussed which ones might wash out clothes better. KS2 went a step further and investigated which dyes were the most soluble by timing how far they travelled up the filter paper in 2 minutes. They demonstrated good teamwork and communication skills. They effectively divided up the tasks between them and completed the challenge, having fun along the way.

Year R Church Visit

The children in Reception had an amazing time visiting Rev Graham at St John's church . They took part in a treasure hunt around the church to find five hidden letters which would spell out a very special word. We learnt lots about churches and got to see some very special features in the church including the pews, altar, lectern, font, organ and stained glass windows. At the end we unjumbled the letters s, j, e, s and u to spell….. Jesus! Reverend Graham explained why Jesus is so important to him and how people worship with him in church.

Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our two charity fundraising events this half term.

For Winston's Wellies a total of **£251.81** was raised and for Red Nose Day was **£243.20**

Y1—PANTS

In class Y1 chatted about how people respond to physical contact differently. Year 1 talked about always asking friends if they wanted a hug and that some touches are appropriate but some can be inappropriate. They thought about the different parts of the body and which parts are private. Finally they watched a video and learnt a great song to learn the PANTS rules! Everyone agreed, children have a right to say 'NO' to unwanted touch. There are always people to trust and ask for help if we are worried.

West End in Schools

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Years 4, 5 and 6 had the pleasure of experiencing workshops delivered by the theatre company, West End in Schools. Focusing on the book Accidental Detective by Serena Patel, this provided a valuable opportunity for the children to express themselves, build confidence and work collaboratively. The workshop fostered a sense of teamwork, allowing the children to support and encourage one another in a safe and inclusive environment.

Online Safety

Please see our separate newsletter with results from our SID surveys and guidance to keep your child safe online.

Spanish

As part of our topic on Sports in Year 5 Spanish pupils have been asking and answering questions about the sports they do each day. Children played a game of 'Battleships' using their Spanish speaking skills. They tried to guess which sports their partner did each day to sink the 'enemy ships'.

The Highwayman

The children in Year 5 have been learning The Highwayman poem ready to perform in front of the school in an assembly. Auditions for the main roles were completed and the children worked on how to say each line using their knowledge of APE, using actions and small acting parts. They practicsed and worked hard to make the performance engaging and interesting. The video will be available on the school website after the Easter holidays.

Y4-Geography

To finish their 'What Makes the Earth Rumble?' topic, they produced news reports from the scene of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. In groups, they used geographical vocabulary as well as knowledge of the eruption and the impacts it had on the city of Pompeii to produce exciting news reports which were shared with their class.

Willows @ Huish

The new After School provision will commence after Easter. This is being run as an external facility on Monday-Thursdays between 3-5.30 pm. Further information about registration can be located at www.huishprimary.co.uk/willows-after-school-care

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Olivia	Class 4—Leighanne
Class 5— Isla	Class 6— George
Class 7— Freddy	Class 8— William
Class 9— Zoja	Class 10— John
Class 11— Ben	Class 12— Azariah
Class 13— Ellen	Class 14— Rwan

Congratulations also to Edith, Karthik and Erica for achieving Millionaire status

Forest School

Rain has not stopped play in Forest School, the children been out whatever the weather. They've looked at how long it takes rubbish to decompose, helping them to understand the importance of recycling. They've looked at habitats and made bird nests from clay and natural materials. The children have worked on their communication skills, building bridges across the lava using tyres, wooden blocks and planks. They've also had fun on a blindfold walk, trusting the leader to keep them safe. The mud kitchen has been great fun, where they've made mud soup, mud cakes and mud pizzas! A huge thank you to St Andrew's Scout Group for their donation of over sized cardboard tubes, storage containers and wooden blocks one man's junk is another man's treasure!

House Cup

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

School Dinners

Deadline for the School Dinners for the return to school after Easter is **MONDAY 8th APRIL**

Year 4 Hockey

9 children from Huish took part in the Sherborne Girls Primary School Mixed Hockey Festival on Friday 1st July at the Oxley Sports Centre. They were split into two teams where they completed. During the games the team of Otis, Ezra, Violet and Thiago played exceptionally well against some tough competition. They always finished with a smile of their face and a positive attitude. Poppy, T, Ben, Dexter and Seth were successful in reaching their semi final where they were rewarded with 3rd place overall.

Indoor Athletics

A year 6 team took part in an indoor Athletics competition at Westfield School. They had to complete 5 different activities including speed bounce, vertical jump, sprinting, seated throwing and balancing. They competed against 5 other schools and all their hard work paid off as they finished 1st!

Cross Country

It's been a busy half term for the Cross Country squad with 3 races being held since the last half term. Firstly at Bucklers Mead, then Aldon and finally at Mudford Rec. Our teams of runners have had great success both winning medals and personal achievement. Well done to Poppy, Jaxon, Caelen, T, Bella and Alfie who will represent the Area Team on 24th April at Mudford Rec.

Clubs—Summer 1 Half Term

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3 - 6 The Voice	Monday	3pm - 3.45pm	22nd Apr	8th July
Year 3 Tennis	Tuesday	3 pm - 3.45 pm	23rd Apr	21st May
Year 2 The Voice	Tuesday	3pm - 3.30pm	23rd Apr	2nd July
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	23rd Apr	9th July
Year 3 and 4 Computing Club	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	24th Apr	10th July
Year 3 - 6 Yeovil Town Football	Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	24th Apr	3rd July
Year 2, 3 and 4 Performing Acts	Thursday	3pm - 3.45 pm	25th Apr	23rd May
Year 4 and 5 Gardening Club	Thursday	3.15 pm- 4 pm	25th Apr	23rd May
Year 4 and 5 Tennis	Thursday	3.15 pm - 4 pm	25th Apr	23rd May
Year 6 Tennis	Friday	3pm - 3.45pm	26th Apr	24th May

PTFA

A hard days graft for a merry bunch of volunteers to transform a sad patio into a planter for herbs for the school kitchen and other vegetables as well as making a strawberry plot a huge thanks to Adam, Joseph, Alex, Franca, Suey, Sarah, Cara, Mark, Jack, Albie and Walter. To the Fencing Centre Yeovil for providing all the materials and a lovely table and benches—just some soil to fill up the planters and it'll be all tickety boo!! If anyone has any old strawberry pots they no longer require (or some spare strawberry plants) we'd d love to receive them so we can finish our patio off just pop them into the office. The new DT equipment has begun to arrive - we'll update you on that after the Easter holidays!

A fantastic turnout at the Bingo on Tuesday where some amazing prizes were won by those in attendance. In all £480 was raised. Huge thanks to Kim and Zoe for buying and wrapping the prizes, Adam on the BBQ, Mr Welch for calling and Mr Ireland for being his glamourous assistant and the all the staff and PTFA volunteers. Our next meeting to plan the Summer events will be held on Tuesday 23rd April at 3.15 pm in the IT Suite.

Year 3/4 Football

In the last week, two football teams have represented the school in fixtures against Milford. Children from Year 3 and 4 competed with great success. In the first game, Huish ran out 10-3 winners. All of the boys contributed to the victory and some great goals were scored. In the second game, Huish were victorious once again. 10-0 this time! The boys in blue controlled the game from start to finish, working well as a team with some great passing and moving. Both fixtures were played in great spirit and some superb talent was on show. Well done to all those who played!

YTFC Girls Football

Girls from Year 5 and 6 attend a 3 football sessions at YTFC to promote women's football. They learned new skills and completed in a tournament. They finished 2nd overall out of 12 teams.

Keri Hill Dance

Students from the Keri Dance Club took part in the annual Kerri Hill Dance Show! They have worked really hard over the last couple of months to put their routine together and this showed when they performed. They were amazing!

Year 6 Football

A year 6 team played in a football tournament at Bucklers Mead. They played some good football at times throughout the games and when this happened they scored some good goals! The work rate was very high from all of the boys and lots of fun was had!

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.