May 2024

Huish Headlines

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As I write this, we are nearing the end of the first half of the summer term and the sun is actually out and shining!

We have had a fantastic half term, with lots of different and exciting things happening. Enhancing our curriculum for all year groups, we participated in Earth Day – an annual event celebrating the world in which we live and supporting environmental protection. Children have also all enjoyed some extra science work when STEM ambassadors from Bristol University visited Huish and delivered some workshops on robotics – we particularly loved their Robodog who showed us all his tricks! Somerset Cricket visited earlier this month and took some of the children from years 1 to 4 for some cricket skills and workshops.

Year 6 completed their SATs tests last week, we are very proud of their efforts and the hard work they gave throughout the week. They enjoyed some games of rounders on the field and extra art lessons to help unwind between tests!

Our year 5 children returned from their visit to PGL – Osmington last Friday. A great week was had by all. Children all looked very tired on their return – a good sign that lots of fun was had. Apart from one very wet day on arrival, the weather was kind and the children were able to spend an enjoyable week outdoors.

On our return from the half term break, we will be holding another of our family workshare afternoons on Friday 7th June. Please do come along and have a look at your children's books and classroom displays and share with your children and their peers some of the fantastic learning that has been taking place in their classes.

I wish all of our children, families and staff a very enjoyable half term break. Please note, we have an INSET-on Monday 3rd June, so children will be welcomed back on Tuesday 4th June.

With best wishes,

Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Year 5—PGL Osmington Bay

What a brilliant week Year 5 had at PGL! Despite some horrendous rain at the start of the week, the children dried themselves off and have really enjoyed their residential experience. Credit must go to all the children who attended, and showed a fantastic willingness to push themselves and try things outside of their comfort zones! A selection of photographs from their visits are shared below. Please see the news pages for classes 11 and 12 of our website for more pictures.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May
Whitsun Holidays

Monday 3rd June
Inset Day

Wednesday 5th June
Year 2 Haynes Trip

Thursday 6th June
Year R Vision Screening
Year 5 Nationwide Visitor

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

Wednesday 3rd July
Transition Day

Tuesday 9th July
Fun Sports Years R-2 9.15 am
Fun Sports Years 3-6 10.30 am
Music Concert 1.30 pm

Friday 12th July
PTFA Summer BBQ

Friday 17th July
Year 1 Ninesprings Trip

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

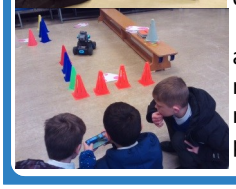
Wednesday 24th July
Inset Day

House Cup

This half term's House Cup winners are

Newton

Robotics at Huish



Huish were fortunate enough to enjoy a visit from a group of researchers based at Bristol University working in robotics. The visitors, who were STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Ambassadors came with some AMAZING robots for classes to have a play with and explore their possibilities.

It was incredible to be surrounded by so many superb machines and learn a little more about how to control them with the remote controls. It certainly has inspired some of us to think more broadly about Science as a subject and the exciting possibilities with technology!

Yr R—Fire Engine

Children in reception were lucky to have a fire engine visit. Firefighters Neil and Shane showed the children how their fire engine worked. They had a go at using the hoses, listened to the siren, tried on a firefighter's uniform and helmet, used the radio and operated the lights. Some of us got very wet!

Peace Doves

This Spring term all children in the school have learnt about the Peace Dove exhibition at Wells Cathedral. Doves are a symbol of peace for many cultures. A discussion on how important peace is for all of us – in the world, in our homes, in our school and in our hearts. Classes talked about what peace meant to them and how by working together we can build a more peaceful and hopeful future.

Year 3—Cacao

Year 3 welcomed a chocolatier to talk to them about chocolate! During the session, the children were taught about where chocolate comes from and it was brilliant to see them putting their knowledge from their school lessons to use. Our chocolatier spoke to the class about the different stages that it takes to create chocolate from seed to chocolate bar. The children were surprised with just how much work is required! Then, in groups, the children had to put the stages in order and even got to mash up some cacao seeds and taste them (dark chocolate). Once done, it was time for the children to impress with their chocolate creating skills! The children used melted chocolate from the cacao seeds and decorated the chocolate using sprinkles, marshmallows and raisins. Then, the chocolate had to set before they were allowed to take them home to devour. It was safe to say that there was no complaints from the children in regards to eating the chocolate!

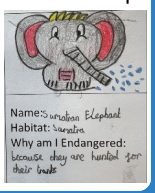
Earth Day 2024—Planets v Plastics

Year R

On Earth Day, children thought about our beautiful and amazing planet. Year R talked about how to looked after the planet, picking up litter, turning off lights, recycling and planting trees. They considered how they should avoid using plastic.

Year 4

As part of their living things and habitat work, year 4 discussed the impacts of environmental changes and researched endangered animals and what can be done to help each species.



Year 3

For Earth day, Year 3 looked at a variety of ways in which humans affect the world's climate. They linked this discussion to their work on biomes, and learned about different ways they could help the climate. They then created Earth leaflets, which pictured and described advice to people on how to protect our world and its climate. These are on display in our classrooms.

Year 2

Year 2 listened to a story called 'Clean Up' which was about a girl who encouraged others to help clean up a local beach, this was followed up with a video of children cleaning UK beaches. They learnt about the dangers of plastic to wildlife. Finally the children created posters to encourage others to 'clean up'.

Year 1

Pupils looked at the use of good and bad plastics and how we would classify them. In the afternoon, children made posters to help raise awareness.

Year 5

To celebrate Earth Day, year 5 thought about the importance of looking after our Earth and how we can protect it. Children completed a guided comprehension about Earth Day and plastics.

Year 6

To celebrate Earth Day this year, Class 13 have been learning about climate change, its causes and some of the activities fighting against it. They made agamographs and wrote their own climate pledges.

Arts week

Year 2 had an exciting week creating lots of Kenyan art. They noted that the Maasai Tribe wear a lot of colourful clothes and jewellery, particularly red.

Year 4 have been looking at cubism art, researching Picasso's life. They drew cubist self portraits and coloured them in. Classrooms were turned into art galleries looking at pieces by Picasso and Monet.

Year 6 have sketched dragon eyes as part of St George's Day research to try and make them look as realistic as possible by adding detail and shading.

Y1—Fantasy

Y1 started our their new topic by exploring some different objects. Children discussed in their groups what the objects might be used for and where they have come from. Following that, they moved on to exploring a fantasy story and then wrote their own using their imaginations!

Year R—People who Help Us

In Reception, for our People Who Help Us Topic, and to celebrate National Nurses Week-, the school invited Nurse Catherine to come and visit .
She talked about her job and how she helps people and also how we can keep ourselves healthy.

Cake Sales

The House Cake sales came to an end this week, with Scott's sale again being very popular. The final total was £358. With the funds, we are looking to purchase an outdoor reading library.

Pro Strike Soccer

Huish welcomed Pro-Strike and all children took part in the penalty speed challenge. It was great fun! The fastest penalty in year 6 was 81 kmh, which was faster than any of the adults who also had a go during the day! Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children. A total of £1527.04 was raised for the school and the money will be spent on some tablets for the children to take their book quizzes on.

YTFC Trophy

Huish pupils were fortunate to receive a visit from YTFC staff and the trophy to celebrate them winning the National League South League title.

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Luca	Class 4—Diana
Class 5— Kendall-Rae	Class 6– Finley
Class 7— Aurora	Class 8— Lexi
Class 9— Barclay	Class 10— Violet
Class 11— Euan	Class 12— Amelia
Class 13— Hayley-Jo	Class 14— Noah

Congratulations also to Zoja (9), Hazel (10), Violet (10), , Harry (13) for achieving Millionaire status and to Hunter (8) and Ella (9) for reaching their Double Millionaire award.

Online Safety—WhatsApp

Whilst WhatsApp has an age rating of 13+ (recently lowered from 16), a BBC investigation has found that children as young as nine have been added to WhatsApp groups and seen inappropriate content.
If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group settings as by default, group privacy settings are set to 'everyone,' which means anybody can add your child to a group without their approval. You can change this setting to 'My Contacts' so only contacts can add them to groups without their approval and if somebody who is not a contact wants to add them to a group then they will need to send them an invite. You should talk to your child about the risks of joining groups and show them how to use the reporting/blocking tools.
You can find out more about the BBC investigation here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy0l4z8n1p9o

Fun Sports

Parents are invited to attend the Huish "Fun Sports" on.

TUESDAY 9th JULY 2024

Years R-2 9.15 am—10.15 am

Years 3-6 10.30 am—11.30 am

Year 4 Oracy

This half term, Year 4 have been working on their oracy skills. They completed lots of lovely activities with opportunities to share their opinions, such as hot seat interviews with Harry Potter and a debate about deforestation in English and circle time discussions about how they can support their friends in Health and Relationships. Children have been using lots of stem sentences to help us explain their ideas clearly and concisely.

Summer!

With the Summer weather hopefully beginning with us after the holidays, please ensure your child has a sun **hat** and a **water bottle**—both named please.

Please see the attached letter regarding the application of sun cream. Many thanks

Local History Month

In Reception, we have been celebrating Local History Month by thinking about Huish Primary School over time. Children looked at old photographs of the school and spoke to both pupils and teachers who had learnt and taught at the old school site. They discussed how school uniform has changed and how classrooms and lessons are different now. They then went to look at the bell tower from the old school and the time capsule which is in our school hall now. There was lots of fun thinking about what children might have put in there!

During May, year 3 have been celebrating Local History Month. Thank you so much for the pick 'n' mix homework that your children brought in - it has been wonderful sharing experiences and photos of the past, including some great pictures of our current parents as former Huish pupils. The children had the opportunity to learn about Huish in the past by looking at a variety of artefacts that link to the school. This included photos, old newsletters, behaviour books and even letters from pupils about school life dated from the 1800s. They discovered that pupils used to be kept behind after school had finished if they hadn't 'said' their lessons correctly, and that boys and girls used to learn in different classrooms. Children researched where Huish used to be, and that traces of the old building can be found at the new school, and at Tescos.

Somerset Cricket

Students across the whole of Key Stage 1 and some of Key Stage 2 were lucky to receive some expert coaching from Somerset Cricket this term. One of the coaches was ex pupil Connor Hyde who recently received the Lord Taverners Inspire Award for Sport Gives Back. All students had the opportunity to learn and develop their batting and fielding skills by playing some very fun games.

Cross Country

Our amazing runners took part in the Inter Area Cross Country on Wednesday 24th April. In the year 3/4 girls, Poppy stormed around the course to take first place overall. An outstanding achievement! In the year 3/4 boys, Jaxon finished 11th, Caelan 39th, T 43rd and Henry 49th. In the year 5/6 girls Bella finished in 23rd place.

A special mention to all the children who participated in all 6 races this season and they each received a certificate and finally to our Year 2/3 boys team who won the overall team trophy.

Clubs—Summer 2 Half Term

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3 - 6 The Voice	Monday	3pm - 3.45pm	10th June	8th July
Year 6 Pottery	Monday	3 - 4.15pm	10th June	8th July
Year Reception Lego	Monday	3.15 - 4pm	10th June	8th July
Year 1 & 2 Summer Games	Tuesday	3 pm - 3.45 pm	4th June	9th July
Year 2 The Voice	Tuesday	3pm - 3.30pm	4th June	2nd July
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	4th June	9th July
Year 3 and 4 Computing Club 2	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	5th June	10th July
Year 3 - 6 Yeovil Town Football	Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	5th June	3rd July
KS2 Chess Club	Thursday	3 - 4pm	6th June	11th Jul
Year 4 and 5 Gardening Club	Thursday	3.15 - 4 pm	6th June	11th Jul
Year 4 and 5 Cricket	Thursday	3.15-4 pm	6th June	11th Jul
Year 3 Summer Games	Friday	3pm - 3.45pm	7th Jun	12th Jul

World Athletics Day

All students have taken part in the World Athletics Day 2024! The first ever World Athletics day was first observed in 1996 but this is the first time Huish students have taken part. They aimed to run as many collective miles as they could across one PE lesson. This was added together with all the classes and made a massive total of 412 miles. .

PTFA

The DT equipment purchased through funds raised by the PTFA and a grant from Hinkley Point has arrived and children have been using the new cookers, pans and hobs for activities within the curriculum.

Plants have finally started to be added to the new planters in the courtyard following a mammoth soil filling task by staff members—a huge thanks to them. And finally a huge thank you to Adam who kindly made some planters with seats for the big playground.

House Sports

Students this term have taken part in House Sports for tennis. Using the skills they have learnt across the term they have been able to play against opponents. They have had lots of fun and shown great progress. It was a closely fought battle with Scott coming out on top as House Sports Winners!

Gardening Club

Our gardening club has been working hard in the courtyard with Miss Scott and Mr and Mrs Green and have planted lots of plants. A big thank you to Wickes for donating compost and tools to enhance the raised beds.

Performing Arts Club

Children from Year 2, 3 and 6 have enjoyed singing and acting the song 'We're all in this together' from High School Musical In their Performing Arts club with Mrs Mattock. This culminated in a performance to their parents which was enjoyed by all.

Rounders

A year 6 team took part in a rounders tournament this term. They started really well and played with amazing skill scoring 12 rounders. Their fielding skills were up to scratch too, which meant they beat Primrose Lane! They started their second game with the same positive attitude due to the thunder and rain the rest of the games were cancelled!

Girls Football

Year 5 and 6 girls attended the latest football tournament this week. They played against 4 other schools. The team worked so hard and played as a fantastic unit. They managed a draw, two loses and finished with a brilliant win! There were some fabulous goals from Bobbi and Vaya! Great defending by Ellie-Jayne and goal keeping from Bella!

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.