October 2023

Huish Headlines

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reached the end of the first half term of this school year. As always, it has whizzed by!

Children are very settled and are working well in their new year groups.

This half term has seen visits from the bug man (Year 3), an author visit (Annelise Gray), celebration of Harvest, visits from the church, Lord's Larder, the annual Year 1 fashion show, Year 4 Roman Day and a visit to the Mosque for Year 6. We also celebrated National Poetry Day on the 5th October. The theme this year was 'Refuge' - children have written some amazing poems.

This week has also seen children across the whole school participate in Art's week. It is great to see children drawing, painting and working creatively. I'm sure some fantastic displays of work will soon follow.

Thank you for your attendance at parent's evening meetings this week. It is such a good opportunity for teachers / parents to discuss and share how your children are getting on. It is always lovely to have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and have a look in some of their books.

Thank you also for your attendance at our PTFA Autumn Disco and BBQ. Wow! Were we lucky with the weather. It was a beautiful sunny evening and we all had lots of fun.

Despite such a glorious start to the month, the weather is finally starting to cool down, please make sure children are suitably dressed for cooler / wetter weather after half term. We try to get outside for breaks and playtimes whatever the weather, so coats will be necessary.

At the end of this week, we will say a sad goodbye to one of our support staff – Mrs. Norman. We wish her well in her new job.

Please note Monday 30th October is an INSET day and school will recommence on Tuesday 31st October.

Have an enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes, Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23th –Friday 27th October
Half Term

Monday 30th October
INSET Day

Tuesday 31st October
Back to School for Autumn 2 Term

Tuesday 7th November
Year 1 visit to Monkey World
PTFA Meeting at 3.20 pm

Thursday 9th November
Year 6 visit to Cineworld

Friday 10th November
Year 3 Church visit

Thursday 16th November
Year 4 visit to The Newt

Friday 17th November
Children In Need Spotty Day

Tuesday 21st November
Year R visit to Cineworld

Friday 1st December
Non Uniform Day for Hamper Squares

Monday 4th December at 6 pm
Christmas Carol Concert at St Johns

Tuesday 5th –Friday 8th December
Book Fayre

Tuesday 5th December
Year R Nativity at 9.15 am
Christmas Bingo at 5.30 pm

Wednesday 6th December
Year 1 Nativity at 9 am
School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 7th December
Year 2 Nativity at 9 am

Friday 8th December
Non Uniform Day for Hamper Squares
Hamper Packing from 3 pm

Mon 18th December—Monday 2nd Jan
Christmas Holidays

Monday 13th– Thursday 16th May
Year 6 SATs Week
Year 5 PGL Residential

School Dinners

The new menu that runs until April 2023 is now available to book on MCAS. A copy of the menu will be sent to all parents with this Huish Headlines.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

Please book your child's meal via MCAS by Monday 27th November. Cost (£2.85 KS2)

ALL children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for a donation to this fantastic charity.

Save the Children

School Photos

Please place all orders for School Photographs online with Frasers Photography by

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Remembrance

Poppies will be on sale from **Monday 6th November**, please send your child in with a silver or gold coin to purchase a poppy from our house captains.

House Cup

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

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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 4 Roman Day

Children in Year 4 came dressed as Romans for the day and took part in lots of activities to begin to learn about what life as a Roman soldier might be like. They designed their own mosaic shields based on traditional designs ready for battle in the afternoon, where they learnt to match and move in a variety of different formations. The favourites were the Tortoise, Wedge and Orb. Tag battles then took place between the classes taking it in turns to act as Romans and the unsuspecting celts. Children also learnt about Roman pottery, and designed and moulded their own clay pot.

Year 3 Bugman

Year 3 were lucky to have Nick the 'Bug Man' visit them this term. He brought a range of insects and 'mini-beasts' (some less mini than others!) He spoke about Exoskeletons, Endoskeletons and Hydrostatic skeletons, and showed us real life animals to demonstrate this. We even got to hold insects such as millipedes, an African Giant Snail, a cockroach and much more.

Y6 Mosque visit

Year 6 visited the local mosque where they were given a warm welcome by Amina, the Iman's wife. She spoke about the features that could be seen: the mehrab, the mimbar and the abutions room. Children were able to try on 'taqiyas', which are hats worn by men , and 'hijabs' which are headscarves worn by women

National Poetry Day

The theme for this year's National Poetry Day was 'Refuge'. Huish children really enjoyed listening to, discussing, writing and performing poetry. Some fantastic poems were written, and some of these can be viewed under whole news of the website.

Author Visit—Annelise Gray

Years 4, 5 and 6 had a real treat when author Annelise Gray visited Huish. Annelise writes fictional stories set during ancient Roman times. She shared her passion for horses and ancient Rome, reading extracts from her books that were both historically convincing and heart-stoppingly exciting! Many children asked Annelise some really interesting questions during the Q&A section, followed by the opportunity to talk to Annelise about their love for reading and writing.

Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders have been nominated for this academic year. They have the great responsibility of looking after the technology in our school. They also help other children and Mr Welch with their IT needs.

Eco Council

The PTFA have funded litter pickers for the eco-council to use during break and playtimes.
Eco-Council
Bags in tow
Pick up
Rubbish,
GO GO GO!!

Year 5—Science

Children looked at what dissolving means including the terms soluble and insoluble. They tried to predict if a solid would be soluble or insoluble. Following on from predictions, they got to test to prove if the solids actually dissolved or not. Pupils reflected on what changes to the test would see the results change, ie the temperature of the water would affect the solubility.

Year 1 Fashion

At last, Year 1's long-awaited Fashion Show Day arrived! Children and staff dressed up from one of the following eras, 1900s (Victorians) 1950s or 1970s. Lots of fun activities and discussions took place throughout the day, including finding adjectives to describe the different clothes from each era, drawing and looking at similarities and differences through the ages. After lunch, the children practised walking up and down the catwalk to music from their chosen era. Finally, parents and grandparents arrived to watch the fashion show. What a fun filled day!

House Captains

Congratulations to all the Year 6 children who were appointed as House and Vice Captains recently.

Year R

Reception have been enjoying engaging with lots of activities to help them to develop their fine and gross motor skills. They have loved using the lovely garden: building dens, using wheelbarrows, making chalk masterpieces and constructing 'animal homes'. They have also been working on scissor skills, using tongs and tweezers, placing buttons and threading.

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Olivia
Class 4—Erin
Class 5— Ryan
Class 6—Bethany
Class 7— Ava-Lily/Teddie
Class 8— Hunter
Class 9—Johnathan
Class 10—Amelia
Class 11—Ela
Class 12—Theo
Class 13—Reuben
Class 14—Ayla

Go Spotty for Pudsey

On **Friday 17th November** children can wear something spotty or a Pudsey outfit for Children in Need for a suggested donation of £1.
The School Office will be selling merchandise again this year, items will be available on sale from **Monday 13th November. Cash only please**
Items for sale include: ears, pin badges, key rings, rulers and pens.

Raffle Winner

Amelia was the lucky School Council Raffle Draw winner at the end of the Summer Term and her reward of being 'Head for the Day' saw her undertake many of Mrs Carlock's duties. She had a wonderful day.

Lord's Larder

Thank you to all the parents and staff for their donations for this year's Harvest Festival. Following an assembly with the Lords Larder your donations were given to this fantastic local charity.

Online Safety

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.
PLAYSTATION Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/psn-safetyparents-guide/
Xbox You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: https://www.xbox.com/enGB/apps/family-settings-app
Nintendo Switch Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/Nintendo-SwitchParental-Controls/Nintendo-SwitchParental-Controls-1183145.html

School Council

Since the beginning of term, members of the school council have been asking children at Huish about clubs – what they enjoy and additional clubs they would like to see offered. They have also been thinking about fundraising opportunities for this academic year. School council members will report back to their classes after the half-term break.

Year 2 Food

Year 2 have been learning about the 7 continents, they had the opportunity to taste a selection of foods from each of them. Children tasted coffee from South America, figs from Africa, croissants from Europe, naan bread from Asia, blueberries from North America and vegemite from Australia, next they discussed the different tastes and textures they experienced and chose which food they liked the most .

Computing Y6

Y6 used their skills in Scratch to create a quiz themed around our WW2 history topic. Firstly they had to create 10 multiple choice WW2 questions (with answers!) Then, they began the programming. Children used a lot of the same skills as they had done when creating times tables quizzes, but also learnt some additional skills such as how to download images from the internet then upload them as 'sprites' and backgrounds.

Arts Week

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

In Reception, children learnt lots of facts hedgehogs and used paint and leaves to decorate their pictures. They also learnt Andy Goldsworthy who also enjoys working in his natural environment.

For Year 1, the focus was Kandinsky and children learnt about primary and secondary colours and what happens when they are mixed. The children then painted Kandinsky Circles.

After spending time experimenting mixing colours to create different shades, year 2 enjoyed creating Winter images, creating dusk scenes with tree and fox silhouettes

The Year 3 children looked at the artist Andy Warhol and created pop art portraits of themselves using bold lines and bright colo to create an effect.

Year 4 have explored the use of clay and how it can be manipulated to make a variety of different styles of pot, linked to their Romans topic.

Year 5 linked their art to the book they are studying- Journey to Jo'berg creating beautiful African art using water colours.

Year 6 have Using Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' as inspiration for arts week. Pupils have been experimenting with texture and shading using a range of sketching pencils.

Huish Arts Ambassadors will meet to discuss arts provision at school and to organize an art exhibition for pupils to Showcase their work in November.

House Sports

Students have taken part in football and netball as part of Huish House Sports. Children have used the skills learnt across the term to score points for their houses. Everyone has worked really hard and showed team work and resilience. The overall winner is Caxton

Cross Country

The first event of the Cross Country season was held at Yeovil Rugby Club. Children from all over the Yeovil District took part with 455 children from 27 schools competing. The Huish contingent ran 'their socks off' with the Huish Year 2/3 Girls team finishing 7th overall with a strong run from Edith, the Y2/3 boys finished 8th with Y2 Henry finishing in the top 10! In The Year 4 girls Poppy finished 1st overall with Isabelle and Emilia also competing the course. Year 5/6 girls came second overall in the team event with Bella finishing 4th. Finally, as the heavens opened, Alfie and Jack completed the Huish contingent in the Year 5/6 boys race.

Sports Festival

Some students in year 3 were given the amazing opportunity to visit our local Leisure Centre. Here they were able to receive some expert coaching from staff and had lots of fun! They played fun games followed by cricket and football coaching.

Yoga

Children in reception have enjoyed their Yoga sessions with the theme of Halloween. They completed the tree, broom and pyramid poses as well as doing their 'mummy moves'.

Huish PTFA

After half term, we will be holding a meeting for the PTFA on

Tuesday 7th November at 3.15pm

Although events are generally very well supported, however we do require a larger number of parents to help at events.

Our primary events of the year are School BBQs, Bingos and the Summer Fair. Helping to set up, man a stall (maybe as a tag team) and clear away, all enable the events to keep running.

Help is next required at our Christmas Bingo on 29 November and then to pack our Hampers. Please come to the hall on **Friday 8th December** from 3 pm. (children welcome).

Many thanks for your support.

Year 3/4 Football

Year 3&4 took part in their first football tournament at Bucklers Mead. They played a total of 5 games. They drew 3 games and won 2. There was some fantastic play throughout the games with superb goals from Seth, Dexter and Haydn.

Netball Tournament

Students took part in a netball tournament at Westfield school. It was their first ever tournament! Despite losing their first two games they soon bounced back to win their next two games with some very impressive shooting from Holly and some great work in the centre from Isaiah. Overall we finished in 3rd place! A massive well done to all who took part.

Parkour

Students in key stage 2 were visited by Alex Grinter from Actualise Parkour and were able to watch him perform his expert skills! Some students also had the amazing opportunity to join and try out some of the skills he showed them.

Platinum Award

The school has been awarded the School Games Platinum Award—the highest award available. Well done to the whole Sports Team at Huish

Sports Leaders

Our newly appointed Sports Leaders will help to coordinate games on the playground at lunchtimes as well as representing their houses during sporting events.

Clubs Autumn 2

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3 - 6 The Voice	Monday	3pm - 3.45pm	6th Nov	27th Nov
Year 3 and 4 Football	Monday	3.15pm - 4pm	6th Nov	4th Dec
Year 4 and 5 International Club	Monday	3.15pm - 4pm	6th Nov	4thDec
Year 5 and 6 Netball	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	31st Oct	5th Dec
Year 2 The Voice	Tuesday	3pm - 3.30pm	31st Oct	28th Nov
Year 5 Football	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4pm	31st Oct	5th Dec
Year 3 - 6 Cross Country (Year 2 siblings are welcome)	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	1st Nov	29th Nov 27th March
Year 5 and 6 Computing Club	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	1st Nov	6th Dec
Year 4 and 5 Dodgeball	Thursday	3.15 - 4pm	2nd Nov	7th Dec
Year 4 and 5 Wellbeing Club	Friday	3pm - 4pm	3rd Nov	8th Dec
Year 6 Badminton	Friday	3pm -3.45pm	3rd Nov	8th Dec