October 2024

Huish Headlines

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We're nearing the end of this first half term. As always, it's been a busy one! Children have now all settled in well. Across all of the different year groups, we've had so much happening, enhancing the children's learning – year 1 Fashion Show, Bug Man visit, Roman day, church visits, Lord's Larder visit, Vicar assemblies, poetry day, visit to The Newt – with lots more planned for the second half of the term! Please read ahead to see what each of the year groups have been up to.

Many thanks for the excellent turn out at our Autumn BBQ and disco. Despite the rain, this really was a fun evening. Children enjoyed the introduction of the 'Halloween' theme. Thank you to all the staff and parents who gave up their evening to help. Thank you to everyone with your efforts with pumpkin carving and costumes. These were both judged across the evening and results shared with the children in Wednesday's assembly. Well done to all of our winners!

Sadly, we will be saying good bye to Mrs Parkin at the end of this week. She has been an excellent year 6 teacher with us for many years and will be sorely missed. We welcome Mr Truscott as her replacement. He has worked within the Huish Academy Trust for many years and we wish him well as he joins our Huish team.

We wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. Please note Monday 4th November is an INSET day; children will return to school on Tuesday 5th November.

With warm wishes,

Cara Carlock

School Dinners

The new menu that runs until April 2024 is now available to book on MCAS. A copy of the menu will be sent to all parents with this Huish Headlines.

Save the Children.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER

Please book your child's meal via MCAS by Monday 25th November. Cost (£4 KS2)

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

House Cup

The winners of this term's House Cup were

Shakespeare

Winston's Wish

Thank you for supporting the Winston's Wish Wellies Day. It was lovely to see the array of wellies on display! A wonderful £239.30 was raised for this Charity.

Remembrance

Poppies and merchandise will be on sale from **Tuesday 5th November**, please send your child in with a silver or gold coin to purchase a poppy from our house captains.

Merchandise is also available, a minimum donation of £1 is needed to purchase items.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 31st October
Deadline for ordering of School Photos

Mon 28th October -Fri 1st November
Half Term

Monday 4th November
Inset Day

Thursday 14th November
Year R and Year 1 Cinema Visit

Friday 15th November
Year 3 and Year 6 Cinema Visit
Children in Need-Wear Something Spotty

Friday 22nd November
Work Share afternoon from 2.30 pm

Tuesday 26th November
Year 4 Cinema Visit

Friday 29th November
Year 6 WW2 Theme Day

Monday 2nd December at 6 pm
Christmas Carol Service @ St Johns

Wednesday 4th December
School Christmas Dinner & Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December
Book Fair in Hall from 3 pm

Friday 6th December
Non Uniform Day—Hamper Squares

Tuesday 10th December
Year R Nativity 9.15-10 am
PTFA Xmas Bingo –doors open 5.30 pm

Wednesday 11th December
Year 1 Nativity 9-10 am

Thursday 12th December
Year 2 Nativity 9-10 am

Friday 13th December
Non Uniform Day—Hamper Squares
Hamper Packing from 3 pm in hall

Thursday 19th December
Last Day of Term

Friday 20th December
Inset Day

Monday 23rd Dec—Friday 3rd Jan
Christmas Holidays

Monday 12th—Wednesday 14th May
Year 5 PGL Osmington Bay

Monday 12th—Thursday 15th May
Year 6 SATS Week

Year 4 Roman Day

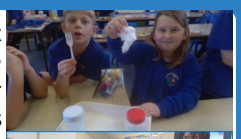
Children in Year 4 came dressed as Romans for the day and took part in lots of activities to begin to learn about what life as a Roman soldier might be like. They designed their own mosaic shields based on traditional designs ready for battle in the afternoon, where they learnt to match and move in a 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 had a visit from the bug man, who explained about different types of skeletons. We looked at animals with endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. The children talked about how different animals have evolved and the timescales involved and then held some of the minibeasts!

Y5 Wessex Water

Year 5 had a visit from Tim from Wessex Water. He spoke to the children about the safety of water, the water cycle, how water is extracted from rivers, problems and issues relating to water, how water gets dirty, unblocking pipes, what things are put in the toilet and found in the pipes and sewers and many other things!



National Poetry Day

Huish celebrated National Poetry Day with Year 3 writing poems with the theme ' Quiet, Calm and Silent', the children created some fabulous poems with great vocabulary, rhythm and similies.

Start Small; Dream Big

Over the last school year, Huish have taken part in a Somerset County pilot project: 'Start Small; Dream Big!'. This is part of a Government initiative to develop careers related learning for all children. The school has been working on developing a Careers Related Learning curriculum across our whole school, building on the excellent work already happening within our broad and balanced curriculum. This is something that we feel will be beneficial in helping children to understand the importance of their learning and the role it plays in developing key skills and knowledge. Careers related learning helps children to develop positive attitudes and aspirations for their future selves.

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.

House Captains

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

Year 6—Science

Class 13 have been learning about how scientists classify living things. They have been working scientifically and using these skills to create dichotomous keys for sweets.

Y1 Fashion Show

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!

School Council

The new School Council members are looking forward to taking on their new roles.

Year R

Classes 1 and 2 have been enjoying creating some beautiful sunflowers. They looked very carefully at some sunflowers admiring the intricate patterns and colours they could see. The children have been learning about all the things that grow and are harvested at this time of year and have learned some harvest songs – Big Red Combine Harvester and Harvest Samba.

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Serenity-Rose
Class 4—Ryan
Class 5— Eloise
Class 6—Dalia
Class 7— Alfie
Class 8—Lucy
Class 8— Maisie
Class 10– Ella
Class 11– Maddie
Class 12—Libby
Class 13—Laura
Class 14—Alend

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.

Go Spotty for Pudsey

On **Friday 15th 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 **Tuesday 12th November. Cash only please**

Items for sale include: ears, pin badges, key rings, rulers and pens.

Eco Council

New Eco Council members have been appointed for this academic year, the children look forward to promoting eco friendly policies around the school.

Online Safety

Vault (secret) Apps

Have you heard of Vault Apps? They are basically secret apps that are concealed by looking like a normal, less conspicuous app. For example, one of these apps looks and works like a working calculator when opened, but when a passcode is entered, it reveals photographs, videos, documents and contacts. One way to prevent your child from using these apps is to ensure parental controls are set up so you can review all app purchases. You can find out more here:
https://www.bark.us/blog/findhidden-apps/ https://www.safes.so/blogs/vaultapps/

Be aware of what you share

Get Safe Online have produced a set of tips to help you avoid oversharing and outlines what the consequences might be if you do:
https://www.getsafeonline.org/whatdoyoushare/

Year 2 Exercise

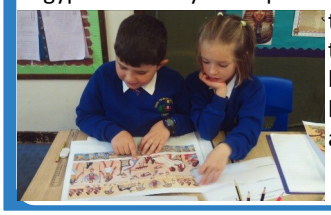
The children have learnt about the impact of exercise. They started by brainstorming the types of activities they enjoy, before investigating how exercise impacts their bodies by completing one minute exercises.

Year 2 Hygiene

Year 2 have been learning about germs. They discussed the three different types— fungi, bacteria and viruses. They conducted an investigation to see how easily germs spread by pretending glitter was germs and were amazed just how far the germs spread, before washing their hands to wipe the germs away.

Y3 History

Y3 looked at a selection of images showing ancient Egyptian art. In pairs, they closely observed pictures and discussed what they could see. They discovered they could learn a lot about the clothes, jewellery, animals and objects that were important to the Egyptians. They also spotted several of the Gods they have been learning about .



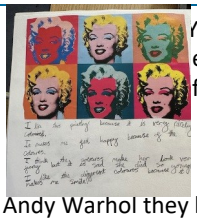
Arts Week

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

Reception, looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy, making portraits and sculptures using natural materials. They also made beautiful leaf suncatchers inspired by their autumn walks.

Year 1 have been inspired by Kandinsky creating his famous circles art work.

Year 2 have created beautiful winter scenes by exploring colour and how to make tones.



Year 3 have explored the features of Pop Art and looked at pieces by Andy Warhol they have started making self portraits.

Year 4 have been looking about the Roman Pottery difference between course and fine ware. They designed and made their own pots.

Year 5 have been learning about Gakonga; a Kenyan artist inspired by the vibrant colours of Africa.

Year 6 learnt about Impressionism and looked at the artists Vincent Van Gogh.

Art Ambassadors

House Sports

Despite this term being disrupted by all the wet weather we have had, we have managed to complete our house sports competitions! We have been learning football and netball skills this term so our house sports were in these sports

Cross Country

Two further races have been held during October where our Cross Country teams have continued to excel. The first was held at Bucklers Mead where 439 children from 29 schools took part. The runners completed this hard undulating course with great determination and both the Year 4 and Year 5/6 Boys team finished in first place overall.

The second race was held at Yeovil Town Football Club which is a flat fast course where 468 children from 30 schools took part. Our Year 5/6 Boys team again taking the overall team award. Special mention to Henry 3rd (Y2/3 Boys), Jaxon 1st (Y4 Boys), Poppy 1st (Y5/6 Girls), Tokunbo 3rd (Y5/6).

The first half of the season is now over and the final 3 races will resume in February.

Year 3/4 Football

A team of Year 3 and 4 boys represented Huish superbly at Bucklers Mead School, taking on a number of schools from South Somerset. In a quick tournament, Huish played 5 games. Huish were unfortunate to lose the first two games,. The team's effort was finally rewarded as they ran out winners in their final three games, scoring some excellent goals in the process and growing in confidence as a team.

Netball

The team played well together, encouraging and showing good passing and footwork. There were a few players who were new to the game or had their first experience and the team supported each other well.

The first half saw us lose four goals, the second half to only lose 1 goal.

Y5/6 Football

Huish played some good football with Luca and Jayden working hard in midfield and defence. The team did not stop battling and Luca managed to convert the ball into a great goal. Diyan made some fantastic saves in goal !

Sports Captains

Our Sports Captains have been handed their badges today, they will be working with Mrs Scott-Smith to showcase sport across the School.

Netball Tournament

With a lot of Year 6s returning for a second season of netball, they played their first tournament of the year. There was lots of great play with praise being given to the team for their great passing. The team defended brilliantly and everyone enjoyed the tournament with the team coming 4th. Thank you to Westfield for hosting and their students who umpired.

Autumn B Clubs

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3 - 6 Cross Country Club	Monday	3 pm - 4 pm	11th Nov	25th Nov
Year 5 Ukulele Club	Monday	3.15 pm - 3.45 pm	11th Nov	9th Dec
Year 5 and 6 Netball Club	Tuesday	3.15 pm - 4.15 pm	5th Nov	10th Dec
Year 4 and 5 Football Club B	Tuesday	3.15 pm - 4 pm	12th Nov	10th Dec
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance Club	Tuesday	3.20pm - 4.20pm	5th Nov	10th Dec
Year 2 Multi Sports	Tuesday	3 pm - 3.45 pm	12th Nov	10th Dec
Year 2 Choir	Tuesday	3 pm - 3.30 pm	5th Nov	10th Dec
Year 1 and 2 Creative Club B	Tuesday	3 pm - 3.45 pm	12th Nov	10th Dec
Year 4 and 5 Computing Club B	Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	6th Nov	11th Dec
Year 3 - 6 The Voice (KS2 Choir)	Wednesday	3pm - 4 pm	6th Nov	11th Dec
Year 6 Badminton	Thursday	3pm - 3.45 pm	14th Nov	12th Dec

Playground Leaders

All students in year 6 have started working on becoming Playground Leaders. They have learnt communication and organisation skills needed to be a leader. They have led their peers through a variety of active sessions, they will continue their work next term before they are let loose on the playgrounds!

Huish PTFA

A huge thank you to all that helped with the Halloween BBQ on Friday, despite the weather doing its best to rain on the parade, there was a really good turn out.. A special thank you to the staff who tidied up after the event, please remember to put your rubbish in bins provided.

Winners of the fancy dress and pumpkin competition have been announced in school with prizes sent home.

Our next fund raising events will be Hamper Squares, Christmas Decorations and the Christmas Bingo..... details to follow after half term.

For further information https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools
This scheme ends on 30th November 2024

TESCO STRONGER STARTS FOR SCHOOL

Start collecting blue tokens from October to mid January for Huish!

Our project is to install garden planters in the school grounds so children can experience growing their own food and understand plant life cycles

Stores where you can vote with tokens are:-

Tesco Extra Yeovil, Tesco Abbey Manor, Tesco Ilchester Road and Tesco Cavalier Way.