



Heacham Junior School Newsletter

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Our Learning

Year 3 – Oystercatcher

In maths, we have been exploring mass and capacity. We have had great fun measuring different objects and liquids. We have explored the South East of England in geography looking at why the Romans decided to build in London, Canterbury and the seaside attraction of Brighton. In science, we have been exploring magical magnets, testing different items to see which are magnetic and even created our own compass! We have loved learning about our local history and Snettisham Treasure. In PE we have enjoyed the sunshine playing rounders and the children have been working incredibly hard to learn a dance routine to perform at Springwood on the new date of 13/9/22. The children have had a great move-up to Y4 and are continuing to work very hard. I have been very proud to see them grow and wish them all success in Avocets.



Year 4 – Avocet

Avocets have had an amazing last half term. We have enjoyed making circuits to create torches, which have progressed into designing and making nightlights. They have shown their amazing knowledge learnt from Science last half term to help them in the Design and Technology unit. What can I say about their enthusiasm towards astronomy in Science? Super attitude! This half term has been lovely as the children have been learning a Music routine and playing the recorders ready to perform to the rest of the school. They have also enjoyed the Dance unit in PE when making new routines to the music. Very talented group of children! Hope all of you the best in Year 5!



Love of learning, bright futures, happy memories!

Our Learning (cont'd)

Year 5 – Albatross

Wow! What a busy term we've had. The children were particularly excited to be able to leave school and go on a local field trip around Heacham as part of geography. We gathered lots of data about local businesses, land use, population and leisure. They discovered so many amenities on our doorstep - Heacham has lots to offer. In science we've learnt about meteorology and found out some fascinating weather facts. We've made our own anemometer to measure wind speed. Why not ask your child if they can explain the difference between a tornado and a hurricane? In PE we've been making the most of being outside and have been working on athletics – we've seen some great distances jumped and super javelin throws. In PSHE we have covered a lot in our 'Changing Me' topic, discussing self-image and self-esteem and the changes we all experience as we grow up and enter puberty. We have taken part in a fascinating finance workshop, charity Fun Run for the QEH and our bubble sports day. We'll miss them as they move into year 6 or onto high school. They will all be amazing in their future journeys!



Year 6 – Royal Tern

We have had another busy half term. It's hard to believe the Year 6s time at Heacham Junior School is nearly over – they are really going to be missed. All the children worked really hard on their writing this half term. There have also been so many events going on: public speaking competitions (well done again to Logan, Keeley and Jude), sporting competitions, singing and much much more! We had a wonderful time at Ken Hill and our other trips and experiences this half term. We have all really enjoyed our final units of work for the year. In DT lessons, children designed and are building their own bird houses! In History, we have had some really thoughtful discussions during our work about the civil rights movement in the United States of America. Ask your child what they can tell you about this! We have learnt all about the United Kingdom and some of the issues such as litter and climate change that this country faces and in Science we have learnt about evolution! The children have continued to wear their hoodies with pride (even during the hot weather when we try to get them to take them off!) They really have been a fantastic group of children and we will all really miss them. However, they are more than ready for high school and everyone at Heacham Junior School wishes them all the very best for their bright future!





2021/2022

21/07/22 – End of term

22/07/22 – Summer Holiday (children return 5/9/22)

2022/2023

Every Wednesday – Swimming AM/Music Tuition PM

05/09/22 – Children return to school

14/09/22 – Year 6 Swimming

09/09/22 – Classical Music Rocks performance @ HJS

13/09/22 – Avocet Dance Festival @ Springwood

27/09/22 – Portrait & Sibling Photos

29/09/22 – Y6 Guildhall Theatre Trip

w/c 10/10/22 – Y56 Bikeability TBC

11/10/22 – Y6 National Measurement Program

14/10/22 – Y56 Classical Music Rocks Workshop Trip

09/11/22 – Flu Immunisation

11/11/22 – 2 mins silence for Armistice Day

25/11/22 – Classical Music Rocks performance @ HJS

09/12/22 – Panto Performance at HJS

23/04/23 – Y6 Leavers' Photo - Tempest Photography

Twitter Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than facebook



**Health Support & Advice
for children and young people**
<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>
0300 300 0123

The Just One Norfolk website has refreshed its look and is now offering a range of new and updated features to enable families access to safe, accessible and up to date information, advice and self-care support through their parenthood journey - <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

While you're no longer required by law to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, the Government still recommends that you stay at home for at least 5 days until you have 2 negative LFT and avoid contact with other people. This helps reduce the chance of passing it on to others.

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools.

Please see our letter dated 27/2/22

<https://www.heachamjunior.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=165&type=pdf>

For further information please visit:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/21/what-the-latest-advice-on-testing-and-self-isolation-means-for-education-settings/>



Lunch Menu

The summer menu is available to view on our website

<https://www.heachamjunior.co.uk>

Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions available on request.



Term Dates:

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.

Please see our website for further information.

**Last day of Term is Thurs 21/7/22.
Children return on Mon 05/09/22.**

PRIDE RAINBOW FLAG COMPETITION

We had so many radiant rainbows, it was difficult to choose the winners!

Well done to everyone who entered such colourful and creative flags
and ***congratulations to our winners*** seen below.

Winner £20 Amazon Voucher: Zane Runners Up £10 Amazon Voucher: Matilda Y56, Caitlin Y34



Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Pupils - April to October 2022

Norfolk County Council has released details of its new Norfolk Cost of Living Support Scheme, to support families in need. This includes a monthly voucher award for children eligible for means-tested free school meals (FSM).

They are no longer linked to school holidays but being issued monthly. Parents can choose to save them up so they have more in the holidays if they wish but they must redeem them within the three month expiry date. If the vouchers expire they cannot be reissued.

We have already issued the FSM vouchers for April - August. Dates they can be redeemed are 20/5, 17/6, 15/7 and 12/8. September and October will be issued in the new school year.

Families in hardship and needing wider support In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Families may get in touch with NAS via their website which includes an online application form, or they can call **0344 800 8020**.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>

Have your circumstances changed recently? You may be eligible for Free School Meals.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying even if you don't have school meals!! You can apply online

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk?fbclid=IwAR181hWbnsrWnVeC-KZ31j-HfjFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSIcQ>

Welcome



We have welcomed some families from the Ukraine this term. The children have settled in really quickly and have made lots of friends. Google translate is great if you want to say hello to the families in the playground.

Staff

Ms Gledhill will be leaving us this week and joining the teaching staff at Snettisham Primary in September. We are all wishing her well – we'll still see her in meetings and training.

Mr Agate has begun teaching in Albatross.

Mr Bridge has joined our team as a Volunteer Teaching Assistant.

Miss Reddy is our New Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor with Oystercatcher.

Miss Rogers will be here from September as our new Pastoral Support Officer.

Miss Berners (aka Miss Music) has sadly been moved around the trust and will be at another school in September but we will be welcoming **Ms Collins** to continue with tuition of Stringed instruments.

Congratulations to Mrs Manning who visited today with her lovely baby Archie (3 weeks old)



New Gym Equipment

One of the things raised by the JLT this year has been a request for more outdoor play equipment. This term we have had some outdoor gym equipment installed. I'm sure you all saw in on sports day. The children are making good use of it and feedback has been good.



* Subject to changes *

Term Dates 2022-2023 Trust Primary Schools

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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
 Orange dates – pupil holiday
 Purple dates – staff training day
 Red dates – bank holiday

Staff training days are – Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd January and Monday 17th April as whole training days.
 Friday 21st July 2023 is disaggregated.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS - Term Dates 2023-2024

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Staff training days are – Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September, Wednesday 3rd January and Thursday 28th March 2024 as whole training days.
 Monday 22nd July 2024 is disaggregated.

Awards Presented this term:

Congratulations to the receivers of the following awards...

Reading Awards - £10 WHSmith Voucher & Certificate:

Presented for commitment to daily reading and/or most improved readers

Harry, Oystercatcher Y3

Rachella, Avocet Y4

Zane, Albatross Y5

Isobella, Royal Tern Y6

100% Attendance Whole Year

Certificate for attending everyday this year 1/9/21-19/7/22:

Oystercatcher: Harry, Norah

Avocet: Rachella

Royal Tern: Kourtney

Every Year our Year 6 Leavers are considered for the following 3 awards:

Citizenship Award - £10 WHSmith Voucher & Certificate: **Congratulations to Rae**

For being a good citizen and making a contribution to your community both in and out of school

The Darley Sports Cup - £10 WHSmith Voucher & Certificate: **Congratulations to Albie**

For outstanding contribution to Sport, always supportive to others and leading by example

The Harby-Mackay Cup - £10 WHSmith Voucher & Certificate: **Congratulations to Lyra**

For outstanding attitude to Learning, always supportive showing good leadership skills and leading by example

This year we have added another award. The school was recently gifted, by the Heacham Friends Art Club, some money and a piece of artwork by the late James Davies, Heacham Artist. They asked that the money be used for Art. We felt that a way of making this donation benefit our children well into the future was to add an award where the efforts of a young artist would be recognised.

The first winner of the Oakland-Davies Cup - £10 WHSmith Voucher & Certificate: **Congratulations to Ruby**

For excellent effort and artistic ability, always supportive to others and leading by example.

The artwork, titled 'A windy day at the races', will be proudly displayed in our Art Room to inspire future artists.

The following pupils have been chose from Year 5 to be Head Boy/Girl in September:

Congratulations to Jake & Freya. They will be wearing their new Navy Head Boy/Head Girl tops next year!



WINNER OF THE JUBILEE WRITING COMPETITION

There were many entries across the whole Trust for the Jubilee Writing Competition in June. We are very proud to announce that the overall winner for Y5/6 was our very own **Lyra in Year 6**. Her story is below.



The Queens Jubilee Story: Through the eyes of a Corgi

I had been midway through playing with Charlotte when I was interrupted by a familiar man in a tidy suit, not a crease in sight, and shoes drenched in polish. He ushered me into our own private room.

There were pillows spewing stuffing everywhere I looked and tiny muddy footprints decorated the splintered floorboards. I felt proud to see my pillow in the centre of the room. It used to be a shade of bright blue; each thread had been neatly hand-stitched; it had definitely needed improving. As soon as I'd seen it, I'd attacked it ferociously and I would now do the same to anybody who tried to even touch it.

Clack. Clack. The footmen hurried out of the room and carelessly pushed the door closed.

Clack. Clack. I waited until his shoes' loud cries faded. Slowly, I crept towards the door. There was a small gap since the footmen had been hasty to get away from us and our stench of wet, muddy dogs. The crack was just big enough for me to fit my nose through. I gently nudged the door open and cast a glance behind me (to check my pillow was still safe). When nobody was looking, I snuck out.

I was heading to my favourite place in the house: the kitchen. I followed the sweet smell of food and the noise of clattering pans.

When I was finally in the kitchen, I had to dodge through legs and dresses. The entire tiled room was bustling with activity and my nose was overloaded with a variety of scents. I am very observant when it comes to food and was watching for any opportunities, so when two legs collided and a sandwich fell unnoticed from one of the legs tray, I dashed towards it and snatched it up into my mouth.

The cool taste of cucumber filled my mouth followed by the strong taste of cheese. Yum.
"DOG!"

Uh oh. I ran. Somebody had spotted me. How could I ever lose everybody? I had dozens of legs chasing after me; there were so many of them and only one little me.

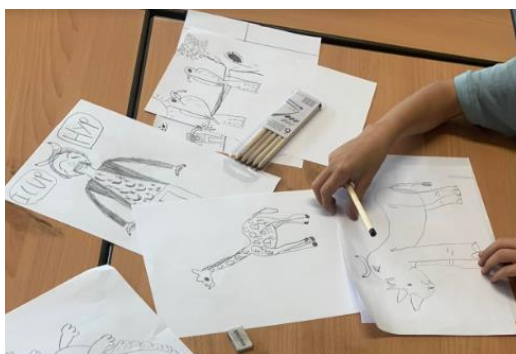
"Ah ha!" Someone cried and I felt gloved hands grasp me. I struggled but the hands were strong and firm: they weren't letting me go.

A few moments later, I was back in the dog room, sitting by the blue pillow.

At least I'd had a snack. I was worn out from running. Sleepily, I settled down onto my pillow and dreamt of tomorrow's adventures.

Drawing Club – Mrs Tilbrook

We have been drawing some fun animations following online tutorials.



Singing Club – Mrs Bridge

I have had a great time singing with your amazing children and I hope they have enjoyed it too? They have performed in assemblies and to parents singing songs from stage and film and popular songs of the 20th and 21st centuries. They started with tentative voices but over the year have become more confident and increased their volume. It would be lovely to sing some carols next year! I will miss our Year 6 singers, who have been with me from the very first singing club – I hope you continue to sing and perform in High School.

Have a lovely Summer everyone!

