



Newsletter ~ May 2021

Heacham Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been a hive of learning and activity this spring with the return of after school clubs extending the school day. We believe these extra-curricular activities really help to unearth the interests of the children and enrich their educational experience.

The school is looking great, with wonderful examples of learning pervading the entrance and hallways. Teachers have been busy refreshing the reading spaces around the school to provide a cosy, inviting place for the children to enjoy their favourite books.

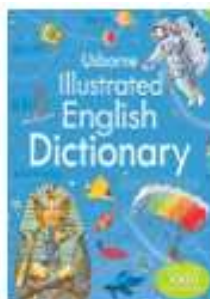
We had some superb entries for the Easter egg challenge and it was incredibly hard to choose a winner but George's Guy Fawkes inspired creation took the top spot. Well done George!

We were delighted and very thankful that the Rotary Club of Hunstanton were able to fund dictionaries for all our Year 5 pupils again this year as part of the Dictionaries 4 Life programme in conjunction with Usborne Books. Despite not being able to present them in school, the children were very grateful to receive them!

On National Numeracy Day, the children enjoyed exploring how they might use maths in their future careers. It was lovely to hear the ways in which the children understood their knowledge could be applied in the real world. They also performed maths raps, solved number problems and used origami to create polyhedrons!

Our Year 6 pupils were thrilled to receive their leavers' hoodies; they have been wearing them with pride. It is hard to believe they will soon be off to high school. Enjoy the half-term break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on 7th June for the remainder of the summer term.

Louise Jackson & Emma Hunt



Lunch Menu

See our website for the current menu.

<https://www.heachamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk>

No need to book online



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.

The Last day of this Half-Term is Friday 26/5/21.

All children return on Monday 7/6/21.

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Our Learning

Sanderlings

This half term we have been exploring 'Light' in Science and have had great fun refracting light through prisms to make rainbows and making hand-puppets to explore how we can change the size of shadows. In History we have been learning about the amazing history of West Norfolk- exploring the Snettisham treasure and even learning about John Rolfe who was born in Heacham!



Lapwings

The children were keen to get back into the swing of school life after the Easter break. Our class texts have been *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick, and Alfred Noyes' *The Highwayman*; a classic narrative poem telling a tragic love story. The children have written some fantastic recounts and they are currently working on a piece of persuasive writing. In maths, the children have covered adding, subtracting, ordering decimals and measuring angles using a protractor. They were interested to learn about New Zealand in geography – looking at the people, animals and volcanic activity in the area. They were fascinated to learn how the Maori people were native to New Zealand and had specific traditions such as the Haka that was originally a war dance! Our PSHE lessons have been focused on relationships. We have been looking at building self-esteem and the children considered the people they admire, to understand how friendships can break down and how they can manage this. In French, the children have been learning about different types of holiday destinations such as the countryside, the mountains and the theme park. The children enjoyed learning about Sikh stories in RE and how they teach the importance of justice, freedom of speech, freedom of expression and equality for all. History has been focused on the Industrial Revolution and the significant changes it had on Britain. They were particularly interested to learn about child labour in the factories and coalmines and considered the positives and negatives of this on children's lives. In Science, the children learnt about life cycles and reproduction. From the reproduction of flowers, where they dissected a flower and labelled the reproductive parts, to the life cycles of amphibians, insects, mammals and birds. This also included human development from an embryo to old age. They studied animals and their movements as part of our DT unit – Moving Toys. The children created some fantastic prototypes and they are currently completing their final toy with movement. We can't wait to see their finished pieces!



Our Learning (cont'd)

Avocets

We have loved History and English this half term learning about the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London. We have been investigating electrical circuits in Science and predicting which materials were conductors or insulators. In Art, we have made our own looms out of cardboard and weaved ribbons and wool into our own designs. Next half term in Design and Technology we are going to make our own night light using all our knowledge from Science about Electrical circuits. In Science, we are going to explore astronomy and universe beyond earth.



Albatross

This half term Albatross Class have enjoyed a wide range of interesting subjects and learnt so much! In English we loved reading the book Floodland and used it to inspire some fabulous recount writing. We have been learning all about New Zealand in geography, including what the islands are like and some of traditions of the Maori people. Did you know that they greet each other by touching foreheads and noses together?! We studied the Industrial Revolution, learning all about the invention of steam power and Stephenson's Rocket. One of our favourite lessons has been netball where we built our skills so well. We even managed to play a small tournament at the end of our unit where we saw some amazing netball on display. Miss Prosser was SO impressed! Finally, we have been learning how to use and make cranks and cams so that we can make some moving toys in DT. We made some prototype toys and we're looking forward to starting our final versions this week. What a busy half term!



Oystercatchers

This half-term Oystercatchers have been learning about Shakespeare in English, focusing on Macbeth and Hamlet in particular. We even managed to find similarities between Hamlet and The Lion King! In maths we have just finished our statistics and geometry units and will be moving onto revision and transition units getting ready for secondary school. Several brave volunteers have also had a go at being the teacher showing how to solve some arithmetic problems! In science we have learnt all about the human reproductive system and the endocrine system, whilst in history we have learnt all about the Cold war and the Space Race. We have been working on binary numbers and coding in ICT and still life drawing in art. We have all worked incredibly hard on our academic studies, but we also worked hard at preparing the gardens ready for gardening club. Some of our year 6 have also been attending maths club and it has been wonderful watching their confidence and skills blossoming!





2020/2021

31/05/21 - Half-Term
 07/06/21 - Children Return to School
 30/06/21 - APHS Transition (3 days)
 01/07/21 - Y56 Bikeability (2 days)
 06/07/21 - Y3/4 Sports Festival @ Smithdon TBC
 09/07/21 - Fun Run Fundraising for QEH/WNAT
 16/07/21 - Music Performance @ Smithdon 6pm TBC
 21/07/21 - Last Day of Term
 22/07/21 - Staff Training Day

2021/2022

07/09/21 - Children Return to School
 15/09/21 - Ken Hill Farm Visit
 22/09/21 - Ken Hill Farm Visit
 29/09/21 - Ken Hill Farm Visit
 04/10/21 - Individual/Sibling Photos TBC
 06/10/21 - Ken Hill Farm Visit

We are so excited to welcome Mrs Jones back to school on Monday 7th June 😊



West Norfolk Academies Trust is on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com)

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



Snettisham, Heacham Infant and Junior _WNAT

Barbican Box Project

Sanderlings class have been taking part in a virtual art project created and organised by the fantastic poet Michael Rosen. We have received a mysterious box full of drawers containing interesting objects like a rotten toenail and a giant with broccoli growing in his armpits! We have written some fantastic poems which Michael Rosen himself has even re-tweeted! Our class has also been working on this project with a wonderful local artist, Rosy Prue, to create incredible artwork inspired by these poems. We are having a whale of a time!



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

This is a very helpful service provided by NHS and Norfolk Children's Services. If you need help and support with anything from pregnancy to child anxiety, child development and additional needs, Covid FAQ. Please visit the website or give them a call for support.

Covid-19 Updates

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 10 days and take a test if you or someone you live with has a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Please refer to the government website for updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.

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After School Clubs:

We've had a really good response to our After-School Club offering. We still have spaces at our Y6 Chess, Y4 Multi-Sport and Y3 Art Clubs. Please email office@heachamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk to apply for a space.

Gardening Club

Our fabulous gardeners from years 3 and 6 have been working hard on transforming the allotment area. It has been a lot of hard work digging and weeding, and heart-breaking to see our first two sets of seedlings destroyed by first pigeons and deer, and then the very late frost! Hopefully we have seen the end of the frosts now and the new seeds and seedlings we have planted will provide us with a bountiful harvest to share! Gardening club has been so popular, we have run out of bedding space and are trying to find a way to dig some new beds on very compacted, grassy land! We've also planted wildflowers and other flowers to attract bees to help pollinate our plants. Gardening Club is currently full but we are looking at how we might possibly offer an opportunity for the other year groups next half-term.



Rounders Club The children have really had fun and have developed lots of new skills. They have really enjoyed seeing children from another bubble. *The last Rounders Club will be on 26th May.*



Multi-Sports Club Over the last few weeks we have had a circuits session, rounders session and three weeks Tennis practice and are developing into playing doubles matches.

Art Club

In art club we have been recycling glass jars and converting them into 'Magical Mushroom Houses', using clay, foil, paint and a lot of glue! We have also made miniature clay figures to live inside our houses - they all look incredible!



Decorated Egg Competition results

We had some very creative eggs and artistic scenes. **The winner was George from Avocets** who received a £20 Amazon Voucher. All participants received a certificate and chocolate bar. Well done to everyone for taking part.



Fun Run 9th July 2021

We are pleased to announce that many of the Trust Schools are taking part in a Fun Run in the school grounds to raise money for the NHS Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Trust Schools. Further details to follow but it will be a fun day. We are hoping to design an interesting route through different areas of the school grounds to make it more exciting.



WILD KEN HILL

Springwatch returns to our screens on BBC2 from 25th May and is being broadcast from Ken Hill Farm in Snettisham. We are very excited that our children will have the opportunity, Covid Restrictions permitting, next Sept/Oct to visit this very beautiful Conservation Project just down the road. It will be so lovely to see and hear all about the work they have been doing.



Regenerative Farming

We're experts at regenerative farming, growing healthy food while fostering amazing farmland biodiversity and storing carbon in our soils.



Rewilding

We're letting nature take over on 25% of our site, with ponies, cattle, pigs and beavers managing the rich landscape for us.



Traditional Conservation

We actively manage freshwater marshes, river valleys and woodlands, spending time and effort to create great habitat for rare species.

West Norfolk's Got Virtual Talent - Part 2 - Winners Announcement

Huge congratulations to all of you for your talent show entries. It took the Judges a long time to decide on the winners as there were just so many entries and clearly so many talented children in West Norfolk! The winners have been contacted by Mr Johnson, West Norfolk Academies Trust Executive Headteacher, and I am pleased to announce the following:

OVERALL WINNER: TOM DOIG (WEST LYNN) £100 AMAZON VOUCHER

SECOND PLACE: AMELIA AND ELISE KING (WEST LYNN) £50 AMAZON VOUCHER

THIRD PLACE: ISOBEL GARSIDE-ANSELL (GAYWOOD) £25 AMAZON VOUCHER

RUNNER UP: JOSH NEWMAN (GAYWOOD) £10 AMAZON VOUCHER

Once again, a big thank you and well done to everyone that took part.

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make a telephone or Zoom appointment with Mrs Bridge in the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. 😊

Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are entitled to FSM, your vouchers will be issued towards the end of this week for the May half-term break. Please check your inbox/spam as they will be emailed directly from Edenred. Many thanks!

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!! 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-HfjFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSlcQ>

Don't forget to return your Data Collection forms or inform Mrs Bridge in the office, (office@heachamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) if your emergency contact information changes or if either parent moves house or changes phone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in case of an emergency.

Friends of HJS (PTA)

Thank you for supporting our Christmas and Easter Hamper Raffles this year, for donating hamper items and for purchasing tickets on ParentPay. Your support at this time is much appreciated.

The Friends of HJS are hoping to launch a School Lottery soon, keep a lookout for more information.

Kelly Hall
Chair of PTA



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