

Newsletter 26 - Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Families,

We've had lots going on at home through Remote Learning for our Nursery and Reception children and lots going on in school too this week! It seems wherever the children are, they continue to be great learners and do their best! We've seen some wonderful learning on Tapestry and Seesaw and we're very excited to have all our classes back on Monday! Please read on to find out what's been happening this week!

Here's a roundup of what each class has been up to this week:

Nursery: This week, the Little Harriers have been learning at home but have still managed to go on an adventure into space as they made plans to take off to the moon and fly around the shiny stars! They have also enjoyed exploring shadows both indoors and outside.

Reception: Reception have been learning all about shape, hunting for 3D shapes around their homes. It has been wonderful to see the children sharing their learning during class time after their maths session!

Year One: This week we have continued our 'London's Burning' mini mission and became designers! We have been learning about the design features of the leather bucket that was used in the Great Fire of London and developing ideas to make our own bucket!

Year Two: This week we have launched our new mini mission 'Through the keyhole'. We have been finding out about animal's habitats and mini beasts. We enjoyed looking at the bug hotel we have in school and designing our own. In Year Two, we also welcomed another fabulous teacher training student, Miss Eaton who will be with us now until the end of the year!

Children displaying symptoms: Due to the very nature of how the Coronavirus manifests in children, it can be really hard to know if your child is unwell with a common illness or whether it is coronavirus. If in doubt, please do keep your child at home and book them in for a PCR test. In normal times, we'd ask you to send your child in to keep their attendance up, however, we are not in normal times and there are particular codes we can use for attendance if your child is self-isolating whilst waiting for the results of a test. Please also don't forget that if anyone else is symptomatic with one of the top three symptoms in the household, all members of the household should be isolating until the results come back. Fortunately, the results are typically coming back within 24 hours which reduces the amount of time off school and work. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office for any advice. We work closely with Staffordshire's Local Outbreak Team to guide us on this.

Face coverings: Please can we remind parents that face coverings should be worn whilst on site and particularly when speaking to a member of staff, as this helps us to keep everybody safe. Many thanks for your help with this.

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day 2021: We raised a wonderful £50 for this great charity this year and that was with only two classes in school! Fantastic! In other fundraising news, our total raised for the 10,000 laps challenge in honour of Captain Sir Tom Moore was a whopping £572. Again, a massive thank you!

Friends of Henhurst: Just before the first school closure and lockdown, some of our parents had met to begin to form our very own Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Many schools have changed the name of this to be the Friends of... (School name) so that is more open to people other than the parents and teachers e.g. open to and including grandparents, aunts, uncles, Teaching Assistants, site and other support staff, local community members etc. This way

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anyone with some connection to the school, can get involved. We are keen to get this up and running and will be holding a meeting after Easter for anyone interested, date to follow. Please have a think if you would like to be involved. It's a fabulous way to get involved in the life of the school in as small or as big a way as you would like. Planning lovely events for the children like discos, cinema nights, Summer Fairs - all things that really make a school community and help raise much needed money for those 'extra' exciting resources that in turn make the children's experience at school even better!

More Blue Peter badge winners: I am delighted that yet more of our children have been awarded a Green Blue Peter Badge for sending in some work around the environment, conservation or nature. This is very important to us as a school and so are delighted to see that children are continuing this at home. Here's Abubakr and Caitlyn from Year 2 with theirs! Well done you two - we are very proud of you!



Little Stars Holiday Club: Little Stars will be running over the Easter holidays. Please contact Kirsty if you would like to book a place for your child on 07487 638083.

Georgia Gough School of Dance: Georgia's dance school will be restarting the week beginning 19th April. Please contact Georgia for more details on 07960 883313.

Harrier Award: The Harrier Value for this half term is Aspiration. The staff will be looking for children that are being really aspirational in their work, in their abilities and in their play. Read on to find out who was given the Harrier Award this afternoon in our virtual assembly.

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Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Sayde	For aspiring to 'just be me' and knowing how special that is when given lots of choices while exploring the book 'Would you rather...?'
Reception	Hoori	Hoori has shown her confidence during her remote lessons, sharing her answers clearly. Hoori has been working hard to develop this confidence in class too and we are so pleased to listen to Hoori's thoughts and ideas in group activities.
Year 1	Duaa	Duaa has shown aspiration by reaching for the stars in Phonics. She has also been working really hard on her handwriting!
Year 2	Kacie	For getting into school and being ready to start her learning straight away. She has also been kind, polite and helpful at school and at home! Well done Kacie.

We look forward to seeing all our lovely children back next week and wish you a relaxing weekend,

With best wishes

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family

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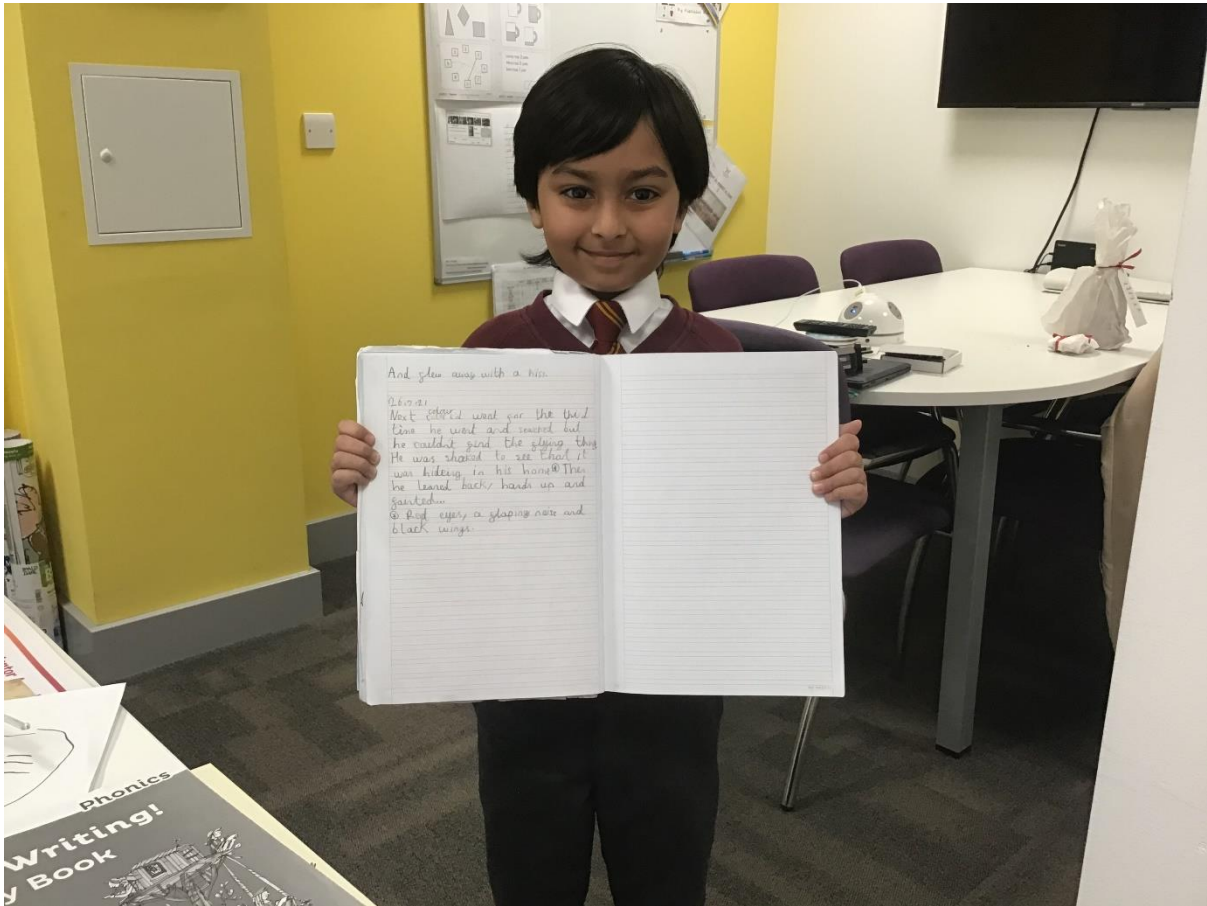
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Just to finish my week on a high, Muhid came to show me his amazing writing today! The section I read, left it on a cliff-hanger so I can't wait read to the ending! Well done Muhid, really super work!

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