



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 25 October 2024

Calendar of Events

Half Term
28th October - 1st November

Mon 4th Nov - Start of Pupil term

Wed 6th Nov - NCMP Year 6 Measuring

Fri 8th Nov - PA Krispy Kreme Donut Sale - after school

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:
Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - next payment due 2nd November

Year 4 - Winchester Science Centre sleepover:
Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £69.75

Young Voices:
Please make payment for the 2025 Young Voices pupil coach of £19.80.

October half term activities:
See attached.

Attendance this year:
96%



'Post a Pen' Boxes

Some of our Year 6 pupils gave up several lunchtimes to convert shoeboxes into 'Post a pen' boxes and to prepare an assembly which they delivered on Wednesday, about their recycling initiative.

Read more here by Hazel, Eco Ambassador: *"The Eco and STEM teams have been making boxes to recycle pens. Over 1.5 billion pens end up in landfill and being incinerated every year, so our school is doing something about it. There are boxes which will be put around the school so that when pens and felt tips run out they can be posted through the top to make a better tomorrow."*

Y6 Evolution Workshop

On Thursday, our Year 6 children had the opportunity to participate in an online Evolution workshop. Read some more here from Rowan: *"On Thursday Year 6 experienced an Evolution workshop. It was presented by an educator from the Natural History Museum in London. In it, we learned how, when and why evolution happens as well as the different steps involved in animal adaptation and some of the changes in an environment that they need to adapt to. It was fun and I learned a lot."*

Babybels

We have noticed that the wax from Babybel cheeses is being dropped and ingrained into the carpets in the school building. To help us keep the school clean, please could we ask parents to peel the Babybel at home and dispose of the wax before packing in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cool Milk

Unfortunately, Cool Milk will be unable to deliver on the first day back after half term but there will be a delivery on Tuesday 5th November.

New Menu

Please find attached the new Caterlink menu for the Autumn/Winter.

Football Matches

Monday saw both the mixed and girls football team play Finchampstead again for the BSFA football competition this time. Both teams played amazingly but unfortunately, this time both teams incurred a loss. Every game played is an opportunity for lessons to be learnt and amazing experience. An amazing effort from both teams and well done.

Hatchercise

We have had a very busy half term of Hatchercise as we have launched our new Active Movement scheme. It has been brilliant to hear how children and staff have been more active within the classroom and their learning! Well done to both EYFS classes, Sparrows and Puffins, and both Year 1 classes, Blackbirds and Robins, who have earned their Bronze Award for 25 Hatchercise sessions. We look forward to seeing which classes earn Hatchercise awards next half term, and hearing how you have been keeping active in your half term break!

Active at Home

Thank you to the families who have sent us their active at home pictures. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the different ways you are active out of school, including paddle boarding, football, fishing, high ropes, swimming, walking and many more. Your child will be bringing home a certificate this week to acknowledge their contribution to the display board and to celebrate a healthy lifestyle.

Cross Country competition

On a sunny Thursday, we took part in our first cross country event of the year. Children from Years 3-6 went to Cantley Park, racing against the rest of Division 1. The children were in high spirits and once again impressed us with how they all performed. A special well done goes to Eleanor who kept running to finish her race despite losing a shoe halfway round! Thank you so much to Mr Moir, Miss Davies and all the parents who walked the children to the event, as well as those who helped with raffle tickets and recording the results! Well done to all the children for representing the school so well! We can't wait to find out the overall results!

BURSTS

We hope years R-2 enjoying logging on to the BURSTS app, and have fun being active at home, especially during half term. We can't wait to see your progress when we are back.

Happy Half Term

We would like to congratulate all our children on a successful half term. As we head into the break, we wish all our families a restful and enjoyable time together. For those celebrating Diwali, we hope you have a joyous and festive celebration. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 4th November, refreshed and ready for the new term.





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Shout Out

Nyomi (Yr 3) is on the Women's Artistic Squad @ Pinewood Gymnastics Club. She attended the Berkshire County Levels on Sunday, she came 6th on Floor, 5th on Beam and 2nd on Bars. Overall, she placed 3rd in the county for her age group. Congratulations Nyomi!



Puffins	Michael and Valerie for fantastic dinosaur descriptions and for always being sensible Puffins. Well done!
Sparrows	Archie for his fantastic dinosaur clue writing and for brilliant listening every day! Well done!
Blackbirds	Lewis and Jesse S for writing fantastic sentences using adjectives and conjunctions. Well done!
Robins	Chloe for being super kind and helpful, and being a really good friend.
Kingfishers	Yousef for persevering to finish his story writing which included lots of detail and interesting sentence starters. Well done Yousef!
Skylarks	Amelie and Edith for trying super hard in all of their learning this week! Well done!
Cedar	Daisy for always working diligently, in all subjects. Well done.
Rowan	Eden for showing resilience, great effort and working hard in every lesson this week. Well done Eden, keep it up!
Hazel	Ethan and Isabelle for the excellent persuasive writing - I was definitely convinced.
Sycamore	Jacob for working so hard on his handwriting recently. An amazing improvement!
Laurel	Ava C for some wonderful writing this week including her mystery story in English and her RE work on Hinduism.
Maple	Sheryl for always following the Keep Hatch values and expectations for learning.
Mulberry	Rowan and Yee Huen for displaying a mature and determined attitude to learning this half term. Some wonderful achievements. Well done.
Willow	Louis and Fraser for determined efforts in English writing and writing in history too.
Headteacher's Awards	Molly S (Y3) and Grace E (Y4) for being recognized by both Mrs Appleby and Mrs Cartwright for having exceptional manners. Eco and STEM ambassadors: Hazel, Alfred, Max, Harry, Rowan, Arthur, Belle, Stephen, Mohammed, Joe (Y6) for the efforts put into their 'Post a Pen' project and for delivering an excellent presentation in assembly.



This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Hazel - Kyle	Laurel - Laila	Mulberry - Charlie
		Sycamore - Emma S	Maple - Oliver T	Willow - Arthur



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole