



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 3 May 2024

### Calendar of Events

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

7th May - Class photos & Year 6 Individual photos

8th May - Class photos & Year 6 Individual photos (Back up day)

9th May - St Neot's Cross Country competition - 2pm

### Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL Residential:

Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - final payment was due 28th April.

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Please complete the online EVS & Calpol Permissions Form by 10th May.

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Year 2 - Windsor Castle Trip:

Please complete the online ParentMail Form and make payment of £21

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Year 5 - Mexicolore:

Please make payment of £8.60 as soon as possible.

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Year 1 - Milestones Trip:

Please complete the online ParentMail Form by 14th June.

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Attendance this year: 94.7%



### Thought for the Week

This week's thought for the week, "If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours," sparked meaningful discussions among the children during assemblies and PSHE lessons this week. The children listened to a story that demonstrated a ripple effect of positivity. They then had the opportunity to reflect upon the impact a simple smile can have on someone else and how it has the power to brighten someone else's day.

### Exciting New Early Years Foundation Stage Play Equipment

I would like to say a very big "thank you" to our Parents' Association who have funded some brand new outdoor play equipment which will be installed in the Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor area during May half term. This has been an on-going project and we are so grateful for the support and generosity from the PA and school community to allow this to happen. This new, more challenging outdoor play equipment will allow more opportunities for further physical development for our youngest learners during their first year at school. We look forward to the grand opening after half term!

### Bikeability

Year 5 children took part in Bikeability training this week and last, learning important safety and life skills. The training builds confidence and helps to develop practical skills and understanding of how to cycle safely on the roads. A big well done to each and every one of you for the courage, confidence and resilience you have shown over the past two weeks.

### Local Cluster Schools Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 30th April, The Keep Hatch Netball Team were invited to play in a tournament at St Crispin's along with other local schools. Our Netball Club was split into two teams and they all played in several High-5 matches. During the competition, enthusiastic goals were scored and excellent passes were seen from many of the players. Keep Hatch came 6th and 7th but impressed everyone with their commitment and energy. All the players showed determination and resilience and kept battling on in every game. Well done to all the players who participated: Lily, Fergus, Rowan, Janeya, from Year 5 and Ellie, Rachelle, Sofie, Daniel, Owen, Ismael and Nathan from Year 6.

### Girls' Football Tournament

The Girls' Football Team have been participating in a football tournament. In their last match, they scored 6-2 which got them a place in the semi-finals which took place this week on Wednesday and what a successful match they had! The girls won 2-1 which has now given them a place in the finals! The girls described it as a 'push and shove' game but they all battled hard to come out top! The defence was a brick wall and attack tracked back well – indeed, all players persevered and worked closely as a team to reach that next stage in the competition. The team are keeping their fingers crossed that they have success in their next match so that they come back with the coveted trophy! Well done to all the members of the team: Isabel, Esmé and Lottie from Year 5 and Olivia T, Lydia, Poppy and Poppy-Sue from Year 6.

### Year 5 - Mexicolore

Today, Year 5 took part in an exciting, learning-packed Maya workshop. Their many activities included learning about Maya beliefs, the importance of food and music in everyday lives and Maya culture and religion. Everyone took part in social chanting, and some children had an opportunity to dress up in traditional costume, or play some Maya musical instruments. Year 5 found the workshop 'fun, energetic, enjoyable and informative.' Thank you to Ian from Mexicolore!

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<b>Puffins</b>	Chloe and Teddy for their hard work and perseverance with their learning. Well done!
<b>Sparrows</b>	Winnie for her amazing story writing this week. Well done, Winnie!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Arlo for a great effort in Science whilst learning about plants.
<b>Robins</b>	Ruben for making a fabulous Lighthouse Keeper's basket using his amazing art skills.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Alexa for always demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards her learning. We were particularly impressed with the sportsmanship you demonstrated this week. Well done!
<b>Skylarks</b>	Noah B, for dedicating yourself to everything you do, and being a super role model! Well done Noah!
<b>Cedar</b>	Jack S for his excellent contributions during class discussion time. Well done Jack!
<b>Rowan</b>	Eunice for writing a brilliantly descriptive and captivating adventure story . Thomas for working hard in maths - you have really grasped the topic of money - keep it up!
<b>Hazel</b>	Charlotte and Owen, for their excellent effort and amazing creative writing in English lesson. Well done!
<b>Sycamore</b>	Hazel for volunteering to share her answers in class this week. Lily for always displaying exemplary classroom behaviour.
<b>Laurel</b>	Lily for her excellent, innovative raft design, and ongoing efforts in writing. Well done.
<b>Maple</b>	Rowan and Alex for going above and beyond the expectations in History and really showing off their knowledge. Daniyal for his fantastic Maya Mandala in Art this week.
<b>Mulberry</b>	Ali for showing enthusiasm towards our history topic of medicine through time. Harvey for real perseverance to improve his writing this week.
<b>Willow</b>	Jessie and Freya for some excellent writing this week
<b>Oak</b>	Francis for always being ready to learn and being helpful in the classroom.
<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	Lacie B and Sienna-Rose W (Y5) for showing that they are such caring friends to others. Bailey for being a kind, supportive friend on the playground.

	This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:				
	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Kingfishers - Scarlett Skylarks - Harry P	Cedar - Luna Rowan - Rehan A	Hazel - Sebi Sycamore - Owen	Laurel - Belle Maple - Summer	Mulberry - Eli Oak - Livvy Willow - Hamiz



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