



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 9 February 2024

Calendar of Events

12th - 16th Feb - Half Term

19th February - INSET DAY

20th Feb - Year 5 - Ufton Court

29th Feb - Cross Country Competition - Cantley Park - 12.30pm

1st March - Year 2 Sharing Assembly - 9.15am

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL Residential:

Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - next payment due 28th February.

Year 5 - Ufton Court:

Please make payment of £27.40 at your earliest convenience.

Year 6 - Leavers Hoodies:

Please complete the online ParentMail form by 1pm on Wednesday 28th February.

Sport Together Berkshire: See attached flyer.

Reading Museum: See attached flyer.

SEN Flyer: See attached.

Please follow us on Facebook for regular school updates



Attendance this year: 94.9%



NSPCC Number Day

I'd like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing support, last week, for Number Day. The children (& staff) all looked amazing in their number outfits and we managed to raise £212.91 for the NSPCC.



Times Table Rock Stars: Big Impact, Better Results

As you may be aware, Times Table Rockstar is a scheme we have been using at Keep Hatch Primary School for some years now. It is an award winning, internationally recognised maths programme that helps millions of children every week in their times table recall. This year we wanted to take the opportunity to relaunch the programme to encourage children to take part in daily recall activities. Your child's progress and engagement will be monitored by their class teacher. As TTRS is available to play on mobile devices via their app, as well as their play website, your child will be able to practise at home or on-the-go, whenever suits your family.

Next term, some of the ways we would like to encourage further engagement is:

- Each week, one child per class will receive a sticker and a special mention in the Newsletter and Celebration Assembly. This is for the child who has played the most minutes on TTRS across the week
- Half-termly, we will hold an intra house competition and a Year group competition on TTRS.
- At the end of every term, one child per class will be invited for a cup of hot chocolate with Miss Amin and Miss Smith. This is for the child who has played the most minutes on TTRS across the term.

Year 4 - Winchester Science Centre

On Thursday, Year 4 had a wonderful visit to Winchester Science Centre. The children were able to explore many of the hands-on exhibits, learning all about different areas of science. In particular, they learnt about sound and how sound travels in waves. We also took part in a workshop all about states of matter where the children made slime and discussed the properties of it to decide whether it was a solid, a liquid or a gas. Our highlight of the day was a super visit to the Planetarium where we learnt all about the sun and the planets within our solar system. What a super scientific day!

Gym intra-house

Last week, the school took part in their second intra-house competition which was based on different gymnastic skills. The children were tested on their balance, knowledge of gymnastic shapes, different rolls and jumping skills. All the children were really enthusiastic in the sessions and supportive of their other peers. The Year 5/6 helpers were amazing, as always, and helped each session to run smoothly. Head to the school website if you would like to see some pictures of the event.

After much anticipation, the results are in: **4th - Sharman** **3rd - Armstrong** **2nd Peake** **1st Jemison**

Gymnastics Competition

I'd like to say a huge well done to the 12 children from Years 3-6 (Max, Molly, Bess, Doris, Eli, Bella-Rose, Francis, Jessie, Olivia, Eva, Rehan and Amalie) who took part in our first School Games gymnastics competition at Pinewood. They had to learn a floor routine and complete various gymnastics shapes and travels in tumble, springboard and vault sections. The children competed with confidence and represented our school brilliantly. Years 3 and 4 came 7th out of 10 schools, and Years 5 and 6 came 8th out of 10 schools. We are so proud of the children, especially as they have had little or no experience in gymnastics before.

House Token Winners

A big well done to **Armstrong** house who were our token winners this half term! We love to reward children with tokens for many reasons including excellent Keep Hatch behaviour and manners for demonstrating our school values. Armstrong team are our superstars for this half term with an amazing 242 tokens! These children enjoyed an extra playtime as their reward. Congratulations to you all!

Hatchercise

Well done to Blackbirds and Mulberry classes for earning their Bronze Award for Hatchercise. A big congratulations Robins for being the first class to earn their silver award- this means a total of 50 Hatchercise sessions this year!

Half Term and Lunar New Year

To all of our families celebrating the Lunar New Year, we hope you have a great time celebrating with family and friends. We will look forward to hearing about the celebrations from your children after half term. Wishing all our families a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 20th February**.



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| Puffins | All the Puffins for a fantastic sharing assembly, we are very proud of you! |
| Sparrows | All the Sparrows for a fantastic sharing assembly, we are very proud of you! |
| Blackbirds | Harvey for trying really hard to focus this week and producing some lovely work. Brilliant! |
| Robins | Erin for settling to her work quickly and producing some thoughtful writing. |
| Kingfishers | Harper for her beautiful artwork inspired by oceans! |
| Skylarks | Ayaan for making lots of progress in phonics, and implementing his learning when reading words. |
| Cedar | Kate for some excellent talk partner work, sharing her ideas in guided reading. |
| Rowan | Lacey-Che for her excellent effort in her Stone Age/New Age poem writing. Isabelle for her hard work on fractions in Maths! You have really grasped this topic - well done! |
| Hazel | Mabel and Eleanor for their excellent concentration and work in History lesson. Well done! |
| Sycamore | Tyler for demonstrating excellent scientific knowledge at the Winchester Science Centre! Preston for working so hard in Maths and English, even choosing to stay in at playtime to get his writing finished. |
| Laurel | Alfie for a super effort towards his learning this week, and for having a positive growth mindset. Well done. |
| Maple | Isie and Emmie for always being amazing. They are both polite, well behaved and hard-working members of Maple. |
| Mulberry | Olivia and Ella for confident demonstrations of skills and sequences in gymnastics. |
| Willow | Erin for an amazing term's work. She always does always her best in work and in how she behaves at school. A great example to our younger pupils. |
| Oak | Hugo and Yunus for always challenging themselves and each other in maths |
| Headteacher's Awards | Edie (Y4), Hazel (Y5), Lois, Milly, Cheryl, Oliver (Y6) for participating in the solo auditions for the upcoming WASMA concert—you were all so brave and should be very proud of yourselves! Bailey (Y4) for being such an excellent role model to the younger children at Funtastic Kids—well done. |



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