



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 17 November 2023

Calendar of Events

20th - 24th Nov -
Intra House competitions

Thurs 23rd Nov -
Christmas jumper sale &
second hand uniform sale
(after school)

Thurs 23rd Nov -
Lightwater Cross Country
competition - 12.30pm

Fri 24th Nov -
Non uniform day - children to
bring in a tombola donations
for Christmas Fayre

Reminders/Notices

Young Voices Pupil Coach:

£23.33 payment now due.
Deadline – Friday 12th
January.

Young Voices Parent Coach:

£17.25 payment due by
Friday 8th December

Year 6 - PGL:

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

Christmas Lunch orders:

Please order your child's
Christmas lunch by Monday
20th November.



Please follow us on
Facebook for regular
school updates

Attendance
this year:
95.4%



World Kindness Day and Anti-bullying Week

We have had a fabulous week here for our annual anti-bullying week. We began the week with an online kindness assembly from the charity 52 Lives (www.52-lives.org) and their School of Kindness.



Key Stage Two children then took part in a kindness workshop led by Greig from 52 Lives. The children learned that kindness has three qualities – being friendly, generous and considerate. They learnt about the science of kindness and the positive impact it has on their physical and mental health. They then practised empathy by watching videos of kindness in action and then said kind things to each other in the classroom. To put their kindness into action, all children thought of someone we knew who could do with a little kindness and then made them something in their classrooms to give to them this week. We were blown away with the children's creations, from cards, posters, paper chains to a kindness tree in Year 6! Finally, all children looked at the quote 'be the change that you want to see in the world' and decided that they can help to create the kind of world we want to live in.

The School of Kindness has a Kids' Club which is free to join where you will get a free newsletter with kind challenges, stories, activities, jokes, competitions and videos to watch. Just visit: www.schoolofkindness.org/kids-club to sign up.

Birds of Prey

Our Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to have a visit from Berkshire Birds of Prey to support their Science learning on adaptations. Thank you so much to Mrs Parker for organising such a wonderful experience for our children.

Parents' Evenings

We were delighted to invite parents and families back into school for face to face parents evening meetings last week and thank you for the positive feedback we received. We hope you all enjoyed hearing about your children's progress and seeing the fabulous work in their books.

Year 4 Sharing Assembly

I'd like to say a big thank you and well done to our wonderful Year 4 children for our first sharing assembly of the year. You blew us away with your knowledge about the Romans and we loved hearing about the learning you have been doing in class so far this academic year. Thank you to all families for coming along to support the children; it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Red Path Door

Please be reminded that from Monday we are asking all Key Stage 2 children (Years 3-6) to come into school via the red path door near the main hall. The door will be open until 8:50am. Please can I ask that all children arrive at school punctually so as to not miss valuable learning time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Football Match

On Tuesday the mixed football team played their first match of the season away to Loddon Primary. We started slowly and unfortunately after some long throws and good goals we were 4-1 down at half time! However, we did start playing the great football we practise in training and scored two great goals. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough and we lost the game; however, the team can be so proud for the full performance in their first ever game. Their keeper was brilliant and stopped all of our efforts. The team played some great football and I'm sure the result will be different in the next game!

Reading Resources

As you know, we love reading at Keep Hatch. Attached to this week's newsletter are some documents detailing how you can further support your children at home and some recommended reading books.

Y5 Wokingham Fire Station

On Thursday, Year 5 were visited by the Wokingham Fire and Rescue Service. No sooner had they started a safety talk, they were whisked off to a real life call out. Very exciting for the children! To Year 5's delight, they returned and members of the team showed the children all the many tools and resources on one of their fire engines. Some of the children got a chance to try on some protective equipment, and discovered just how heavy those hoses are. The crew also taught the children about fire prevention in the home and the importance of having a smoke alarm. Many thanks again to the team at Wokingham Fire and Rescue Service!

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children and families who brought a donation in today to support Children in Need. It was wonderful to walk around the school and see so many colourful spots for such a good cause. We will let you know the total we raised in the next newsletter. Well done and thank you to everyone!

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Blackbirds	Georgie O and Coral for always trying their very best in everything they do!
Robins	Charlie W for taking care with his presentation and setting his work out beautifully.
Kingfishers	Molly for her improvement and enthusiasm shown in writing. Well done for practising at home too!
Skylarks	Minsa, for great perseverance with adding and subtracting on a number line. Well done Minsa!
Cedar	Ethan and Jayden for an excellent learning attitude. Making the right choices in all their learning and trying hard. Well done boys!
Rowan	Gaby for her brilliant effort and focus in Maths - very impressive! Owen for his fabulous effort in all lessons - you have really stood out to Rowan adults this week!
Hazel	Ethan and Eleanor for great listening, taking feedback onboard, improving their work and showing great effort. Well done!
Sycamore	Isla for completing her work and really trying hard to concentrate in lessons. Well done, Isla!
Laurel	Mia for developing her confidence and contributing towards class discussions. Well done Mia!
Maple	Esme for excellent focus during a History lesson, taking detailed notes and using diagrams effectively to enhance information.
Mulberry	Rachelle for developing the confidence to contribute in class with some wonderful explanations and answers. Rida for showing such enthusiasm for our new geography topic.
Willow	Jess for showing kindness as a helpful and supportive friend especially in computing.
Oak	Caidan and Sam for showing such amazing netball skills in PE this week.
Headteacher's Awards	Noah H (Y 5) and Thomas B (Y 5) for their pro active playing with the Early Years children during a lunchtime this week.



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