



Keep Hatch Primary School

Headteacher's Newsletter – 20 October 2023



Calendar of Events

Half Term

23rd October - 27th October

Monday 30th Oct - Start of Pupil term

Thursday 2nd Nov - Bluecoat cross country competition

Monday 6th Nov - NCMP Year 6 measuring

Monday 6th Nov - Parents' Evening - 3.50 - 6.30pm

Wednesday 8th Nov - Parents' Evening - 3.50 - 6.30pm

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL - Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - next payment due 28th October.

Year 6 - Birds of Prey: Please make payment of £5.23 by Monday 30th October via ParentPay.

Young Voices:

Please order your audience tickets as soon as possible (deadline Monday 30th October).

Caterlink Menu:

Please see attached Autumn/Winter 2023/204 menu.



Please follow us on Facebook for regular school updates

Attendance this year: 95.7%



Show Racism the Red Card

Today we held our 'wear red day' to support the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card.' Thank you to all children and families for helping us to raise awareness today by wearing additional red clothes for the day. The children have been learning about what racism means and how we can all help to put a stop to it.



Harvest Celebrations

Well done to all children for their wonderful harvest celebrations this week. It was fabulous to hear the songs they have all been learning as part of our in-school assemblies and Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival. Thank you to all families who were able to join us at the church for our older children's celebration, and especially to those family members who volunteered to help walk the children safely down to All Saints Church. The harvest donations received have been collected this afternoon so will be making their way down to the Wokingham food bank; thank you for your generosity.

Half Term Usborne Reading Challenge

We all know how important reading is and at Keep Hatch, we love to read for pleasure. Half term holidays are the perfect time for this reading to take place! Attached to this week's newsletter, is information about our October half term sponsored reading challenge. All children are invited to take part in the reading challenges suggested on the flyer, or of course they can be as creative as they wish and make up some of their own! Any funds raised will be used to purchase books for Keep Hatch. Happy reading, everyone!

House Token Winners

A big well done to **Sharman** 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 and for demonstrating our school values. Sharman team are our superstars for this half term with an amazing 130 tokens! These children enjoyed an extra playtime as their reward this week; congratulations to you all!

Thank you to our Parents' Association

Last week our PA held their annual AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to our Chair from last year - Phil Wallbridge - and all other members of the committee for all their support towards our school and for the fundraising they achieved.

I am delighted to welcome Fiona McQuay and Sophie Street in their new role as PA co-chairs for this academic year. We look forward to events already being planned for this academic year.

Parent's Evenings

Parents' Evening bookings were sent out this week—please do sign up for a 10 minute appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on either Mon 6th or Wed 8th November. Families will be invited to visit the children's classrooms before or after their appointments. Please could we kindly request if you have a later appointment, to visit your child's class first, as school will be locked at 7:00pm. We look forward to sharing your children's learning with you.

Hatchercise

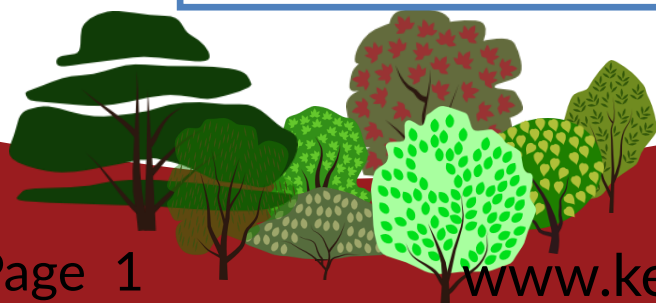
Well done to Robins class for earning their Bronze Award for Hatchercise. Congratulations to them for completing more than 25 Hatchercise sessions in one half term - keep it up! Which classes will be next?

Autumn Term Events

Please see attached document which lists events that will be occurring after half term up until December 2023.

Half Term

Wishing all of our children and families a restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 30th October.



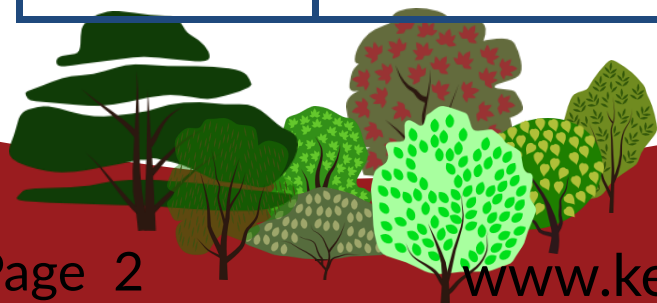


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Robins	Andrew for making incredible progress with his pencil control.
Kingfishers	James Wh for really mastering the drip painting technique to create his fire artwork inspired by Jackson Pollock. Well done James!
Skylarks	Josh B for an excellent piece of Jackson Pollock inspired artwork and a very thoughtful evaluation!
Cedar	Bethany for always being ready and showing really good learning behaviours.
Rowan	Eunice for always working hard, and for her brilliant English work on similes to describe a setting from a poem - wonderful work.
Hazel	Abi and Charlie R for showing our school values of responsibility and resilience in every lesson, especially in phonics. Well done!
Sycamore	Max and Olivia for persevering with their artwork even when things weren't going how they hoped.
Laurel	Olivia for a positive approach to learning, especially in Maths this week. Also for contributing thoughtful responses during class discussions.
Maple	Fergus and Janeya for always working hard and being on task. They are also both extremely helpful and reliable members of Maple.
Mulberry	Amelia, for demonstrating excellent rugby skills and determination and all with a smile!
Willow	Millie for some excellent Maths work this week. Adrian for settling in so well and working really hard to learn English.
Oak	Benjamin for working so hard in history this week and Daniel for working hard to improve the presentation of his work.
Headteacher's Awards	Rehan K and Avery (Y6) for supporting some Y3 children at playtimes and helping them play their games with each other. Thank you for being excellent role models.



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