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# Spring 2022 Edition 2



WOW! What an amazing and fun packed term we've had at Hamilton. We have captured many events to share with you such as: Attendance Week, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, a visit from The Farm on Wheels, topic launches, visit from Hobgoblin Theatre Company, Sports Relief, Art & Ceramic Event and Mothers' Day and, of course, our Easter events.

As you are aware, COVID restrictions have now eased. Both staff and children have been excited to welcome parents/carers to year group face-to-face events. By the end of the year, all parents/carers will have been invited to at least one event. The events which have taken place so far have been a huge success and I would like to thank you for your continued patience whilst we plan each year group's event.

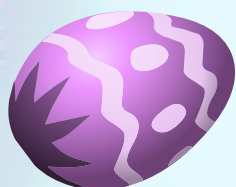
We were delighted to share with OFSTED the fabulous achievements of our children. As you can imagine, they were just as WOW'd as we are by our amazing children, their fantastic learning behaviours, the experiences which we provide together with the MAGICal learning environment which we all enjoy. If you have not yet read the OFSTED Report, please pop along to our website [www.hamilton.sch.stoke.uk](http://www.hamilton.sch.stoke.uk)

We look forward to sharing more great experiences with our children during the summer term. I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support and wish you a restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Glaister  
Principal

*Principal's end of Term  
Message*





# HAMILTON'S COMMUNITY HERO!

WELL DONE ELIJAH!

In December, Elijah saw a homeless person sat outside a shop when he was out with his mum. Elijah was very worried about the homeless man and asked his mum lots of questions such as Is he cold? Is he hungry? Is he thirsty? Once inside the shop, Elijah asked his mum if he could buy a sandwich for the man, which he did. We celebrated Elijah's act of kindness in our celebration assembly. Elijah was very proud to receive his 'Community Hero Award'. Well done Elijah!



WELL DONE!



# ATTENDANCE WEEK

## W/C 17.1.2022

**Our brilliant Attendance Champions planned an exciting week for the whole school to encourage everybody to come to school every day. This included:**

**Monday 17th January – silly socks day**

**Tuesday 18th January - wacky hair day**

**Wednesday 19th January - funny hat day**

**Thursday 20th January – Disney dress up day**

**Friday 21st January – free style own clothes day**

**Any class with 97% or above had a party in their classroom to celebrate their attendance.**





# Freddy Teddies Launch in Key Stage 1

**What an exciting book launch the KS1 children had! The children brought their favourite teddy into school and enjoyed a teddy bear's experience in the Forest School area, to bring the story to life and experience its setting first hand. We read the story, discussed unfamiliar vocabulary, created a story map and added vocabulary to the working walls. Ask us about our launch!**



31.01.22 - Freddy's Teddies Launch  
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# Traction Man Key Stage 1 Launch



What an adventurous topic launch the KS1 children had! The children arrived at school to find that the evil spoons from the Traction Man story had caused chaos in the corridors! After predicting what had happened, they delved deeper into the story by learning about materials and their properties. What a super first day back the children have had!

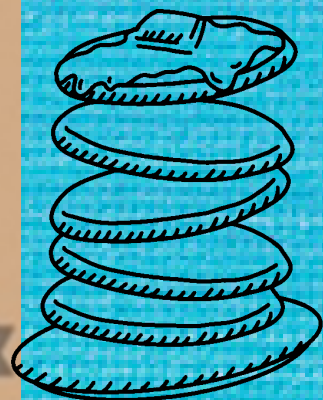




# PANCAKE DAY

**01.03.22 was Pancake Day**

**The reception children enjoyed listening to the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' before tasting pancakes for themselves – with all the toppings! Yum Yum!**

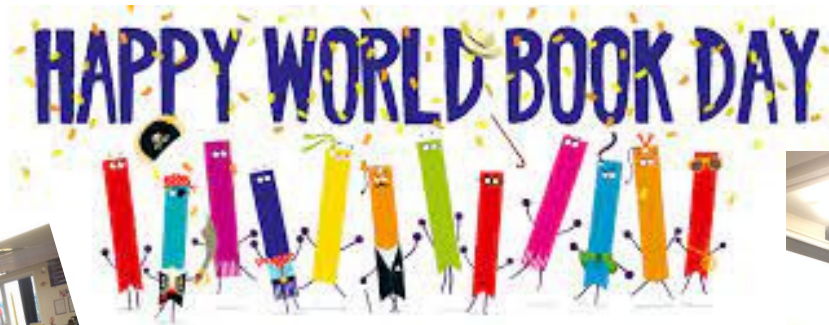


# *Reception's visit to the post box*

As part of the children's topic 'Who can we ask for help?' the reception class children wrote their own postcard in class, popped on a stamp and took a local walk to the post box.

The children were thrilled to see their postcards land on their door mat. This hands-on experience helped the children to understand how a post person helps us and the journey of a letter!





**World Book Day - 3.3.22**  
The children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, alongside their favourite book. They had opportunities to share their stories with their peers, and completed many exciting World Book Day activities, including watching Matilda the Musical.

Chris from Stoke on Trent libraries also held an assembly where he shared information about how to join a library at no extra cost!



# Theatre Company Visit



Spring term 2 brought us an exciting visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre Company!

The theatre company performed lots of different fairy tales and the children loved the clips of different stories performed to them. The clips included Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, The Three Little Pigs and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The children enjoyed joining in with the repeated refrains and interacting with the actors. The children all had smiles on their faces and really enjoyed this experience.

Your generous donations make these WOW experiences happen for our children. Thank you for your continued support!



What a fantastic time the  
children had!



# DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

The children learned a dance routine in the style of street dance. The theme this year was 'The Future Is In Your Hands'. The children talked about them being the future and current music is what they listen to. We went with the children's interests and made a routine to the music they all love and enjoy.

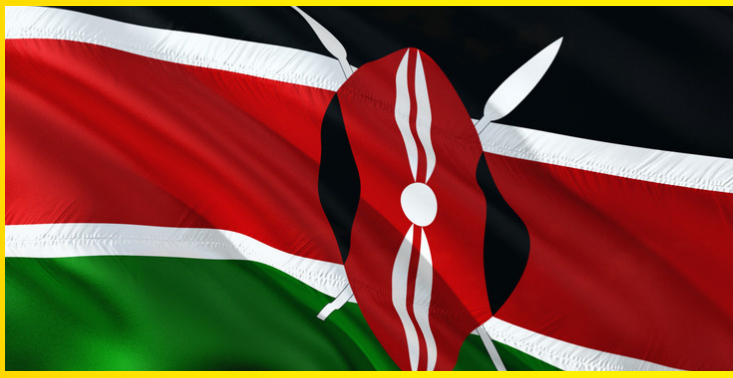
They all wore costumes and contributed with dance moves.

All the children enjoyed being on the stage performing to their peers and grown-ups. This allowed the children to grow in confidence and experience the aspects of dance in a performing environment.



What a wonderful  
time we had at the  
Victoria Hall with  
our super talented  
children! Well done  
everyone!

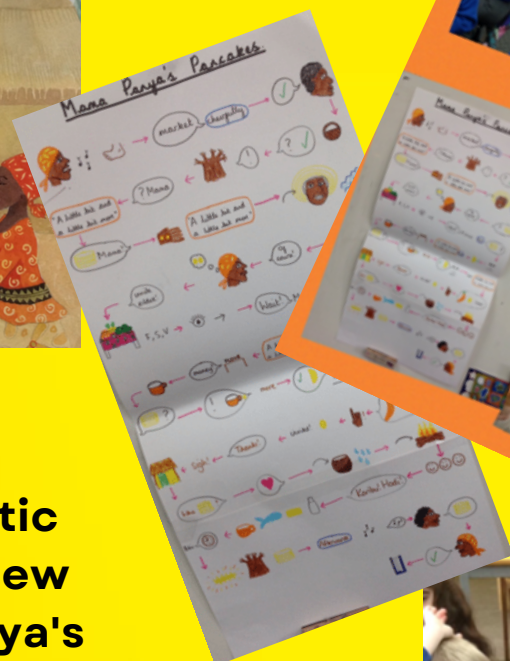
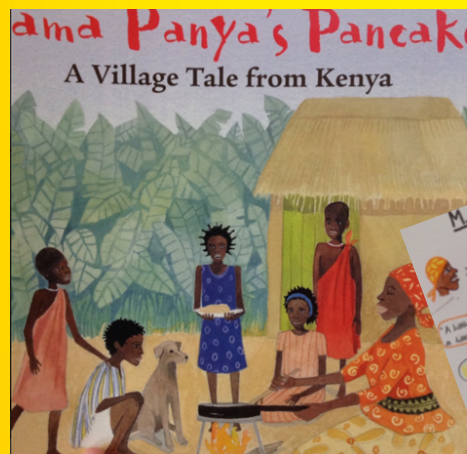




# 7th March Key Stage 1 Kenya Launch

The KS1 children have enjoyed launching their new topic all about Kenya this week! They experienced African drumming and dancing, as well as creating African patterned artwork! Well done superstars!

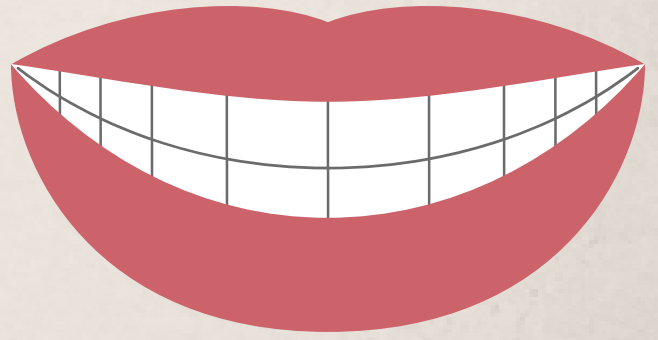




**KS1 had a fantastic launch to their new book 'Mama Panya's Pancakes'. The children enjoyed tasting yummy pancakes and listened to Kenyan music, as well as listened to the story. Can they tell you about the story at home?**



# RECEPTION LEARNING



**As part of the reception class topic ‘Who can I ask for help?’ the children explored how they can keep their teeth clean and healthy. They were able to talk about their own experiences of visiting the dentist and how the dentist helps us.**





Friday 18th March was Sports Relief.

Children took part in a special circle time which discussed the importance of the Comic Relief charity and how the money raised is used to support adults and children around the world who are less fortunate than us.

The children all took part in exercising in support of comic relief. They took part in running, completed a boot camp, created their own obstacle courses and learnt what else contributes to a healthy life style.

The children had fun learning about healthy lifestyles, keeping fit, and how this is important for our bodies. They experienced different sporting activities during the day and it allowed them all to be involved in trying new sports games.

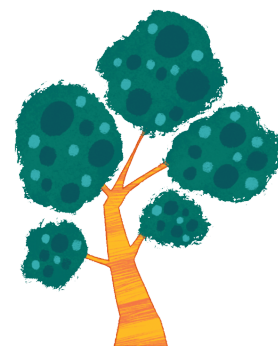


*Children rose to the sporting challenge...*



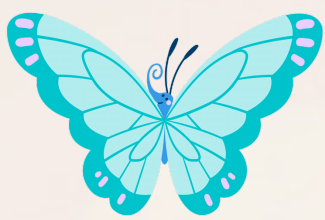
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support with our  
fundraising for  
this wonderful,  
worthy cause!





**The children in Dinosaurs class have been busy this term in Forest school! They explored their forest area, examining the different wildlife and insects they could find. They then made a bug hotel for the insects to enjoy, including lots of logs and colourful flowers!**





# Art & Ceramic Event!



**On Wednesday 23rd March, Hamilton Academy launched our first ever Creative Ceramic Day. The children started the day with a butterfly themed story and learned why ceramics are so important to Stoke-on-Trent.**

**Each year group focussed on progressive key skills to make a decorative butterfly out of clay. They looked for inspiration from the artwork of artist's such as Lucy Arnold and Van Gogh.**



**We definitely have some aspiring artists at Hamilton Academy!**





# *SPECIAL LADIES' DAY*

**On the 25.3.22, the Nursery Children held a special assembly to celebrate the special women in the children's lives – to pay respect for all that they do.**

**The children were able to celebrate and learn the importance of special people in their lives and how we and give thanks for them. The parents also experienced the first face-to-face event since Covid restrictions.**

**What a wonderful event!**



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# KS1 Art Exhibition - 5th April

The KS1 children have enjoyed showcasing their half termly topic's learning by recalling the Monkey Babies poem, recalling Kenyan facts and sharing their Martin Bulinya inspired artwork with their parents. It was a pleasure to host the exhibition and the parents thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



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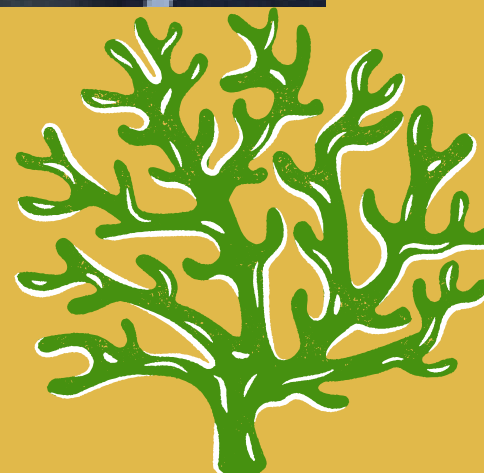
## KS1 Art Exhibition Comment Card

It was really nice to come into the school and  
classroom to see what my child had been learning  
the activities. It was a lovely afternoon.

Signed: (Mrs)

(Zyleria Harrison)

I give my permission for my comments to be used on the school website ☒ Yes ☐ No

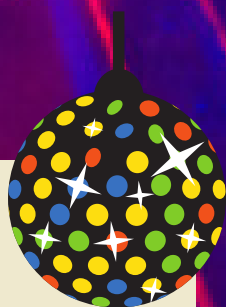




*Disco!*

**dance  
dance  
dance**

Wednesday 6th April was disco night in school! Children had a wonderful time with their friends.



Children danced  
the afternoon  
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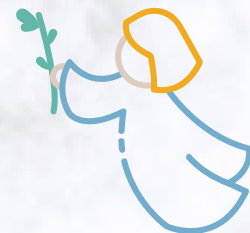




# Year 1 Easter Performance



The Year One children have worked very hard this half term to create a performance all about the Easter story. The children showcased their clear speaking voices in front of their grown-ups and we were extremely proud of them! The rest of the school also participated in singing Easter songs to celebrate this special event in the Christian calendar. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as the children sang The Lord's Prayer. We are so proud of our Hamilton superstars.



# Nursery Virtual Easter Bonnet Parade & Singathon fundraiser



The last day of term brought our Nursery Easter Bonnet / Sing-a-thon event. We were so excited to have our nursery parents and carers in school to share this wonderful occasion with us! The children all looked fabulous in their Easter bonnets. Thank you to all our parents/carers for your support with this.



Children had a fantastic time singing their hearts out at the sing-a-thon fundraiser. We are so proud of them.

Please don't forget to send your hard-earned fundraising money into school, via ParentPay. Thank you for your continued support!





# Happy Easter!



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents, carers & children an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

We look forward to welcoming children back into school on Monday, 25th April.

