



Spring Term 2 2023 Newsletter



A message from our Principal

Although this half term has been shorter than normal, we have certainly managed to pack it full of learning, play, fun and most of all MAGIC!

The whole Hamilton family enjoyed coming together to support Comic Relief, where we raised £121, and World Book Day where the children all looked spectacular! It is always wonderful to see them all dressed up as their favourite book characters. Did you see Mrs Robinson dressed as a police officer from 'Cops and Robbers'?

Thank you so much for supporting your children with the Stoke Penalty shoot-out. The children really enjoyed shooting their penalties against Pottermus. You raised an incredible amount of sponsorship money from the shoot-out. The overall total was £2,540! Half of this will go towards Stoke City's charity and the other half we will be putting towards our new Trim trail on the Key Stage one playground, for all of the children to enjoy.

We have enjoyed many other events this half term too, including Mother's Day celebrations, Easter Bonnet parades, dance shows and a lovely whole school outing to the local church where year 1 presented a wonderful assembly. We finished the term with a Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade and singathon, it was beautiful.

Before I wish you Happy Holidays, from after Easter, there are staff changes of which I need to inform you about. We would like to wish our Deputy Principal Mrs Robinson lots of luck as she takes up a secondment position at Grove academy as the Deputy Principal. We will miss her very much, however we will see her often. I know she is looking forward to the new challenge and is excited to work with some past pupils as well as welcoming our Hamilton children when they transition to Grove in September. Mrs Robinson has HUGE boots to fill and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Brandrick, the current Deputy Principal of Northwood Broom, the other infant school in our Trust, to the Hamilton Academy family. Mrs Brandrick will work across both academies with the support of Miss Lewis who will take up a temporary position of Assistant Principal alongside her current class and Mrs Harrison who will take on extra responsibility as the Early Years Lead within the Early Years team.

I know you will wish them all the best of luck!

Finally, I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break with your families and we look forward to welcoming you all back to Hamilton on Monday 17th April for the Summer Term. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Glaister
Academy Principal

Nursery News & Events

*Parent
Readers*

On Friday 3rd March, Nursery held a special parent reader story session. The children loved listening to 'Bear Snores On' by Karma Wilson. We can't wait to have more story sessions with parents!



Nursery News & Events

*Farm on
Wheels*

To launch our Spring 2 topic 'What would you find on the farm?', the Nursery children were lucky enough to experience a farm on wheels. The children loved learning about different farm animals and talked about animals and their young as well as learning about what animals like to eat. The Nursery children were very brave to stroke the animals and handled them with great care.



Nursery News & Events

Special Ladies



On Friday 17th March, Nursery held a Special Ladies Day assembly. The childrens' special ladies were invited to watch an assembly and enjoy a lovely tea party afterwards. Nursery enjoyed talking about why their special ladies are important to them and wowed their grown-ups with their fantastic singing. Our special ladies were also very impressed with the fairy cakes that we decorated with icing and sprinkles!



Reception News & Events

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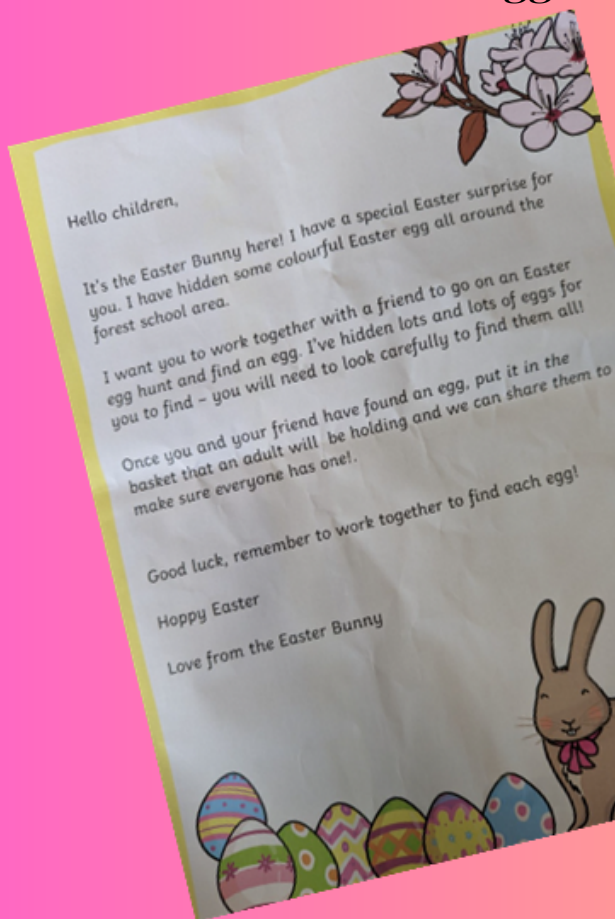
5,4,3,2,1...blast off! The Dalmatian children were launched into their new topic this term with lots of 'out of this world' activities, including a space station role-play area. The children got to have their own alien picnic tea and they tasted gloopy jelly; just like the aliens in our focus story 'Alien Tea on Planet Zum Zee'.



Reception News & Events

Eggcellent Adventure

In Forest School the Dalmatians received a very egg-citing letter from the Easter Bunny who had set them a challenge of going on an egg hunt. They had to work as a team to find all of the chocolate eggs; looking under logs, through the willow arch and in the meadow. The best part was of course eating them! What an egg-tastic time they had!



Year 1 News & Events

Topic Launch



Dinosaurs class started off their new topic with a bang as they explored lots of old toys! Their new topic 'Why are iPads more fun than my grandparent's old toys?' introduced them to lots of toys from the past. Some of them they recognised, for example the skipping rope and yo-yo, but some of them they had never seen before, including the dominoes! Which toys does your child recognise?



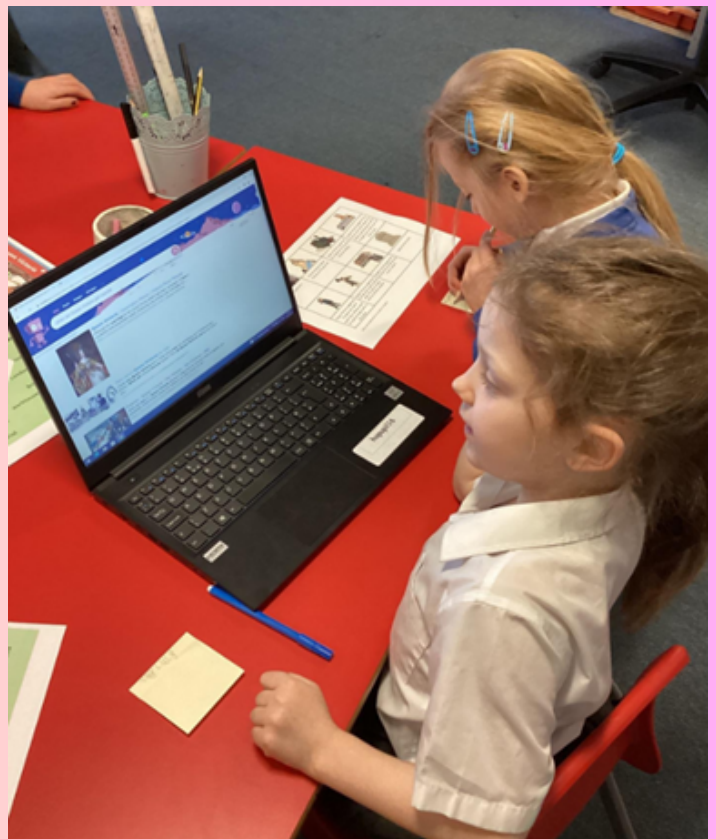
Year 1 News & Events

Easter Assembly

To celebrate Easter this year, Year 1 led a special assembly that was held at St Matthew's Church. They explained the purpose of Easter and what it celebrates by acting out and describing the Easter story. Every class learnt and sang their own Easter song, a whole-school song and a prayer. Year 1 also recited an Easter poem. Year 1 parents loved sharing in their special event. All the children were MAGIC!



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Year 2 News & Events

Tatton Park

The Year Two children enjoyed a wonderful experience at Tatton Park where they became servants of the Egerton family for the day.

The children went into the cellars where they learnt all about how to clean the stone floors and how to polish the silverware. They also baked scones in the kitchen using ingredients from the farm and during a tour of the mansion they helped to make a bed and light a fire in one of the many bedrooms.



Whole School & Events

Science Week

This year's Science Week theme was connections. Hamilton Academy enjoyed a lovely week of activities, including exploring our connections to the future by coming to school dressed as what they want to be when they grow up! They also enjoyed a hall-based activity wherein they explored our connections to the environment and climate change. They enjoyed different activities including sorting the rubbish into the correct recycling bins, saving the planet by planting seeds and cleaning up the oceans by removing the plastics from them! Every child got to plant their own seed and take it home to nurture and every child also achieved a certificate for taking part and being an 'Eco-Warrior'!



Whole School & Events



On Friday 17th March, the children of Hamilton Academy dressed in red to raise money for the special charity Comic Relief. We were so proud of all of the children as they discussed the importance of working together to raise money for those in need. We had a special assembly led by Miss Bailey where we learned all about some of the different people that could be helped.



We raised an overall total of £121

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!!!

Whole School & Events

*World Book
Day*

On Thursday 2nd March, the children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring along their favourite book for World Book Day. They had opportunities to share their stories with their peers, and completed many exciting World Book Day activities. They all had a wonderful time.

We even had Cruella De Vil serving our lunch!



Whole School & Events

Penalty Shoot Out

Stoke City Football Club visited the Academy on 15th March and all children had the opportunity to take part in a sponsored Penalty Shootout. The children were very excited to take penalties and lots of them scored against the mighty Pottermus! It was great to see the children taking part in a community event and raising money for the school.

We raised an absolutely incredible £2,540! WOW!!



Whole School & Events

Dance Extravaganza

Our young talented dancers from Hamilton Academy have performed an outstanding street dance routine at the Victoria Hall. This year the theme was Stoke on Trent so the children chose some famous Robbie Williams songs and some songs of their choice to dance to. The parents and staff were amazed by their outstanding routine and dedication to this event. Well done to all the children they were a credit!



HAPPY
EASTER

We hope you all
have an 'eggsellent'
Easter break

