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HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

Hanslope Primary School

♥ There's lots to celebrate, from our house point and attendance winners to an unforgettable Ancient Egyptian Day for Year 5/6. We're also shining a spotlight on another member of our wonderful team and sharing important reminders, upcoming events and ways to support our school community. As we head towards the half-term break, thank you for your continued support – don't forget to complete our parent survey and help us reach our 50% participation target!

Happy reading! 😊

CELEBRATING OUR WINNERS



Our house point winners from last week were:

Owl and **Deer** House were joint winners!

Congratulations!

The house winners with the most points earned this half-term will be announced on **Monday 19th October**. To celebrate, the winning house may come in to school in non-uniform on **Friday 23rd October**.

Let's get earning those house points!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our weekly school attendance figures:

Group	% Attend
Larch	97.1
Laurel	93.8
Alder	98.2
Hazel	97.8
Rowan	97.5
Redwood	97.6
Blackthorn	95.4
Hawthorn	97.4
Hornbeam	90.2
Totals	96.1

Congratulations to **Alder Class**!

Meet the Team!

Each week, we're going to shine a little spotlight on **one of the wonderful members of our Hanslope Primary School team**, giving our families and wider school community the chance to get to know the people who make our school special. From their role in school to their favourite things, we'll be sharing a little more about the people behind the smiles! ❤️ Next up, in KS1, meet Year 1/2 Class Teacher, Miss Peddie. 🙋



ALL ABOUT MISS PEDDIE

1 My name is:

Miss Peddie



2 My favourite colour is:

Blue or pink!



3 My favourite place that I have ever been to:

The Amalfi Coast in Italy, especially for the amazing beaches and food!



4 Children's books that I like:

I love reading chapter books like Harry Potter but I enjoy reading picture books with my class written by Oliver Jeffers or Julia Donaldson!



5 If I wasn't a teacher, I'd be...

in the food industry or theatre. I would love to be a stage manager or food taster!



6 When I was at school, I was really good at...

Reading and writing, but I absolutely loved dancing and performing! I enjoyed auditioning for the school play and taking part in dance competitions.



7 My favourite food is...

Pizza or a roast dinner. I love anything sweet, especially chocolate!



8 I am happiest when...

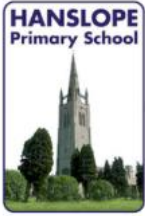
I am with my family and friends. I also love travelling and going to the theatre.



9 Something interesting about me is...

I used to be a Sublime Scientist and performed science experiments at children's birthday parties!





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Have your say! Parent Survey

We'd love to hear from as many of our families as possible!

We currently have **35 responses, which is just 13% of our families**. Our aim is to reach **50% participation**, so we need your help!

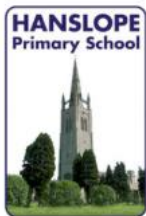
 **Year 4 are currently leading the way!** Which year group will come out on top?

 As a little thank you, one lucky family will be selected at random to receive a lovely goodie bag full of sweet treats!

If you haven't completed the survey yet, please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Your feedback really matters and helps us continue to make Hanslope School the very best it can be for our children.

 [Click here to complete the survey!](#)

Thank you for your continued support! 

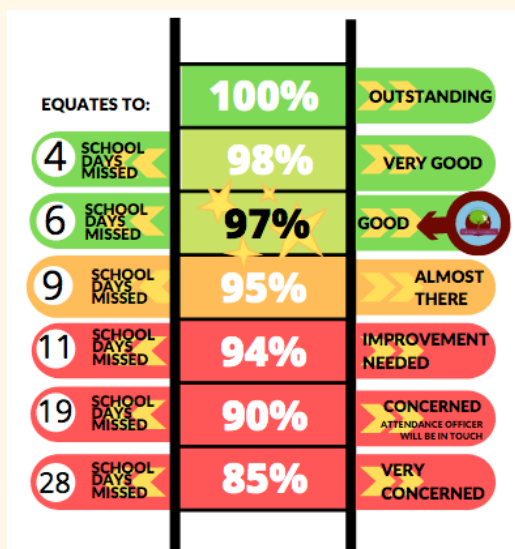


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DID YOU KNOW...

If your child finishes the year with **95% attendance** they will still have missed 10 full school days, which equates to around **55 hours of learning time**. In fact, if your child misses just one day each week, it equates to them missing 20% of the year, with their weekly attendance sitting at just **80%**.

Remember – every day counts!



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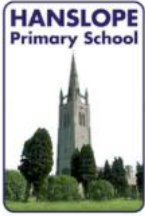
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Extra-Curricular Celebrations

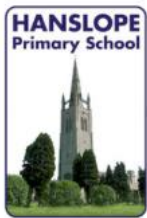
At Hanslope School, we are incredibly proud of the wonderful achievements our pupils make both in and out of the classroom. Whether it's sports, music, art, volunteering, competitions, clubs or even personal milestones – **we'd love to hear about it!** If your child has done something fantastic outside of school that you think deserves a special mention, please let us know so we can celebrate it in our school newsletter. Big or small, every achievement matters!

Send your stories, photos or details to: emma.norris@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk



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CELEBRATING LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM

👑 Breaking News from Ancient Egypt! 🏺

Pharaohs, pyramids, hieroglyphs and a whole lot of fun!

Year 5/6 stepped back in time for a truly immersive **Ancient Egyptian Day** - and what a day it was! The children certainly looked the part, arriving in an incredible array of costumes. We had Egyptian gods and goddesses, Nefertiti, pharaohs and even a full-blown walking pyramid! There really was every costume under the sun - you could see them a Nile off!

Working alongside our very own Royal Court - **Miss Norris, Mrs West and Mrs Duffield** - the children completed a huge range of challenges. They cracked hieroglyphic codes for silly prizes, wrote sentences using hieroglyphs, excavated archaeological sites, built settlements along their own River Nile and tested whether they could survive a flood!

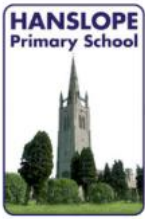
They also designed and tested Egyptian shadufs, created royal cartouche bookmarks, headdresses and jewellery, engineered their own pyramids and, in the afternoon, became Ancient Egyptian chefs with **Mrs Thomson and Mrs Graves**, preparing and tasting traditional cuisine. Some children also worked alongside the digital leaders - **Cam, William, Renae and Tiana** - to create their own Egyptian-based sequence on Scratch. Think you'd never see an Egyptian mummy walking their dog? Think again!

Every child was on a mission to collect five stamps in their Egyptian passport, with each challenge earning them a stamp signed by their Egyptian pseudonym and house. There was certainly some serious competition to complete the final challenge!

It was an incredibly immersive - and rather exhausting day - (the teachers may still be recovering!), but the children were **enthusiastic, curious and completely engaged in their learning** from beginning to end.

Take a look at just a small selection of our photographs below! 🏺 📷 🍷



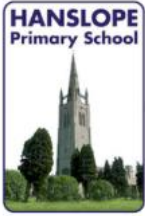


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RHINO's half-term offerings

RHINO
SPORTS ACADEMY

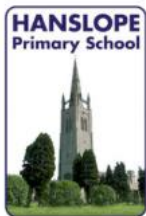
OCTOBER CAMP VENUES

26TH – 30TH OCTOBER

Camp Name	Venue	Price per day
Forest School	Collingtree	£30
Inflatable Sports	Wootton Park	£25
Performing Arts	Wootton Park	£27
Arts & Crafts	Blisworth	£28.50
Kids Club	Blisworth	From £30
Multi Sports	Blisworth	£24
Rhino Activity Camp	Pattishall Hunsbury Park Bridgewater	£28.50

You can also book wraparound care at Hunsbury Park School!

OPEN TO CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6



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AUTUMNFEST

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER



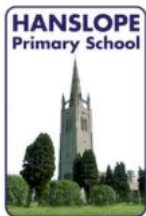
GLOW IN THE DARK DISCO - PUMPKIN DECORATING - SCARECROW MAKING - MONSTER EXPERIMENTS - THEMED SPORTS & MORE!



**MONDAY - BLISWORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
**TUESDAY - BRIDGEWATER
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
**WEDNESDAY - PATTISHALL
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
**THURSDAY - COLLINGTREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
**FRIDAY - WOOTTON PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**WE ENCOURAGE DRESSING UP ON THE SPECIAL EVENT DAYS IN
ANY SPOOKY COSTUMES YOU HAVE!**



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AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION TO Y6

**RHINO
OCTOBER CAMP**

26TH – 30TH OCTOBER

6 VENUES

RHINO ACTIVITY CAMP

ARTS & CRAFTS

SPORTS

PERFORMING ARTS

INFLATABLE SPORTS

FOREST SCHOOL

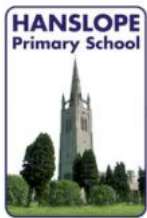
KIDS CLUB

**AUTUMNFEST
SPECIAL EVENT
DAYS ON
EVERY DAY!
FIND OUT MORE
DETAILS ONLINE...**

BOOK ONLINE NOW:

Scan the QR code or visit:

rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/camps



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NHS
Central and North West London
NHS Foundation Trust

World Mental Health Day

What supports your mental health? What fills your cup?

Activities that fill your cup could be:

- Going out in nature
- Time with friends
- Making time for hobbies

Want some support with your mental health?

Text SHOUT to 85258

Call Childline on 0800 1111

Visit "The Mix"

ChildLine 0800 1111

shout 85258

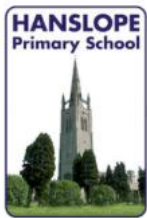
THE MIX

Speak to trusted adult to explore possible support options for you

World Mental Health Day was on Saturday 10th October – last weekend. We have had discussions in class about what is the best way to ‘fill your cup’ and about how we can protect our own mental health. It would be great to continue these conversations at home.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / INFORMATION
21 st October/22 nd October	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm-6pm
23 rd October	Break up for half-term
2 nd November	Return to school
10 th November	School photos - If your child has PE on this day, please can they come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them.
12 th November	Autumn Disco
13 th November	Children in Need
17 th November	New starter tour for EYFS @ 10am – please contact the office to book
18 th November	New starter tour for Year 3 @ 10am – please contact the office to book



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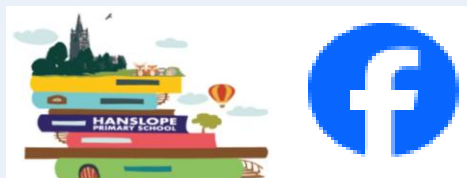
DATE	EVENT / INFORMATION
19 th November	New starter tour for EYFS and Year 3 @ 5pm – please contact the office to book
26 th November	Christmas Fayre
8 th December	KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30am
9 th December	KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30am
11 th December	EYFS Christmas Songs @ 2.30pm
15 th December	UKS2 Christmas Carols and Christingle – St James' Church @ 9.30am
18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day End of Term – school is finishing at 1.15pm
4 th January	INSET Day
5 th January	Return to school

If you know of anyone who may be looking for a school place for 27-28, or – alternatively – someone looking for alternative school provision for this academic year, please encourage them to get in touch!

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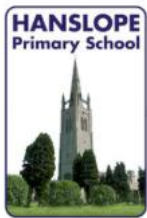
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Teaching staff email addresses

Individual teaching staff email addresses are available on the Hanslope School website under 'Meet the Staff.'

[View Meet the Staff](#)

Please remember that staff emails are not monitored throughout the teaching day.