

To prepare our children to reach their full potential in a modern, evolving and diverse world.

Autumn 1 2023 – Week 7

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Radcliffe Visit Year 6



Year Six were lucky enough to be visited by Head Teacher Mrs Lawson and Assistant Head Teacher Mr Truan of Radcliffe Secondary School. The purpose of their visit was to talk about Radcliffe school, answer any questions that the Year Sixes had about the school or secondary school in general, as well as show the children an exciting science experiment.

The Year Six children asked Mrs Lawson and Mr Truan some very good questions, for example:

'What one would you use to describe Radcliffe?'

'Do you have grouped houses like in our school?'

'What is the timetable for lessons and homework like?'

Children were told about a range of different aspects of secondary school including: student support, school uniform and clubs. They were also told about future prospects they could expect in later years including being house captains and A2B advisors.

Mrs Lawson showed us why she chose the word 'exciting' to describe the school by showing us an experiment using different chemicals to create 'elephant toothpaste'! Something that won't be forgotten for a long time!

Overall their message was that secondary school isn't too scary and to remind children that secondary school applications needed to be sent in by

Tuesday 31st October.

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

WE ARE HOSTING A: Clothing Collection with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes.

We get 50p for every kilo we collect of reusable items towards materials for Hanslope School and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home.

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories.

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.

If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

There's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world – and all by donating some clothes.

If we can fill 100 bags, we'll have half a tonne!

Please bring your donations to school:

By Tuesday 31st October



School Council's World Record Attempt!

MK Can event on 16th October was a huge success and the School Council, with your generosity, collected over 450 cans. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that donated cans and supported the cause. All the cans will go to the MK food bank and make a huge difference to people in need this year.

The world record has also now, indeed, been verified. The previous record was in 2014 and was a total of 44,906 cans. It was over a distance of 3.82 km.

Today Milton Keynes completed a line of 10km of cans totalling 102,447 cans. What an incredible achievement!



Your Child's Learning



To keep up to date with what your child is learning in Autumn 1, head to the school website, where you will find the Knowledge Organisers and Newsletters for each year group.

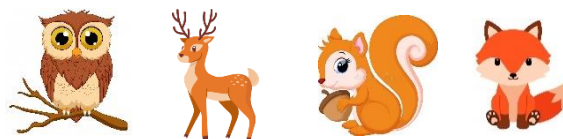
Celebrating the Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



There was no Garage Games competition last week due to the 'Time to Talk' Homework

House-Points



Housepoint winners from last week were **Deer** House!

Fundraising for Children in Need

BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 17th November 2023

This year for Children in Need we will be raising money in two ways.

- Non school uniform-dress in spots or stripes- **Donations required.**



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BE SPOTACULAR

The best dressed of each class- voted for by the School Council- will win a prize.

- A mega bake sale.

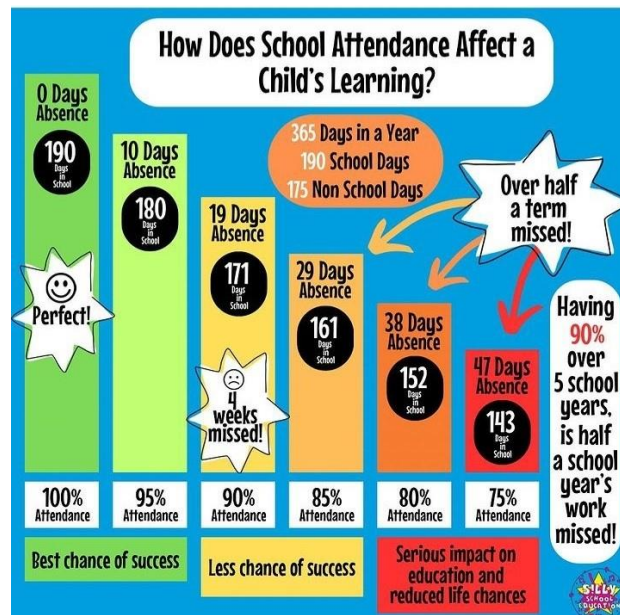
This will take place at the end of the school day on Salcey playground. Plates will be given out to all pupils nearer the time.



Weekly Attendance Figures

Our whole school attendance target is 95% or more for the end of this academic year. Below is a breakdown of each class's attendance **from last week**. Well done to **Holly, Alder and Cedar** Classes for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	100%
	Maple	88.1%
	Larch	99.4%
	Laurel	93.3%
	Alder	100%
	Elm	97.6%
	Oak	96.7%
	Rowan	93.5%
	Cedar	100%
	Redwood	99%
	Blackthorn	94%
	Hawthorn	97.9%
	Lime	94.6%
	Poplar	93.7%
School Total		96.2%



Did you know...

If your child finishes the year with **95% attendance** they will still have missed 10 school days, which equates to around **55 hours of learning time**?

In fact, if your child misses just one day in the week it equates to them missing **20%**, with their weekly attendance sitting at just **80%**.

Remember: every day counts!

This half term, we will be holding an Attendance Assembly and, going forwards, this will be a regular assembly each half term!

FOHS – Facebook Page

Please follow the FOHS Facebook page where we post daily about upcoming events, including the end of term leaving party and various summer fundraising events, all raising money for the school. It's the best way to keep posted!

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHanslopeSchool>



Learning in Year 5



Hawthorn and Blackthorn have been learning about life cycles this half term in Science lessons. We watched a life cycle happen 'in real time' and witnessed butterflies go from eggs to their final form, while making working observations and predictions over the days. The children really enjoyed extending their knowledge of life cycles from KS1 and learnt a lot more about the process of metamorphosis – for example, did you know that caterpillars almost change in state from a solid to a liquid in order to turn from a chrysalis into a beautiful butterfly?!



'I enjoyed being able to witness butterflies growing, and watching them go through a different life cycle to humans.'

Olivia H, Hawthorn



We also had a strong focus on positive mental health this week, for World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. The children watched an ITV assembly, before they created their 'cups of positive-tea' to reflect some of their affirmations. Check out some examples from Hawthorn below:



Overcome your Online Safety fears this Halloween

HORROR GAMES

Horror video games come in a such a variety that the genre can hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and 'jump scares'. The most common sub-genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jump-scare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a range of developers, including smaller indie studios which release download-only titles (that is, they aren't physically sold in shops) and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADULT THEMES

Horror games are typically made with adults in mind, which means by definition that they often feature adult themes. Outlast, for instance, is a popular horror game series including material such as nudity and extreme sadistic violence. Other games, like Five Night's at Freddy's and its sequels, have a back-story that doesn't actually appear on screen but still hints at explicit adult themes.

VIOLENT CONTENT

Not all horror games contain graphic violence (titles like Five Night's at Freddy's and Phasmophobia prefer a spookier, suspenseful aesthetic) but many do portray extreme brutality very realistically. Until Dawn and the hugely popular Resident Evil and Outlast franchises, for instance, feature incredibly graphic violence. The safest course of action is to thoroughly research a game in advance.

ONLINE INTERACTION

Some horror games are played cooperatively with others online. Phasmophobia is one of the most popular titles in this category, and while it doesn't feature an excessive amount of gore, it does place a strong emphasis on online interaction – often with strangers. Dead by Daylight is another game in which frequent and prolonged online communication with other players is an advantage.

PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR

Rather than simply lolling on the blood and gore, psychological horror games try to scare the player through subtler mental and emotional means. For this reason, this type of game (notable examples include Alien: Isolation, The Medium and the Amnesia series) can have a longer-lasting effect on players; some occasionally 'break the fourth wall' – interacting directly with the player as if they were real.

LONG-TERM FEAR FACTOR

Horror games are designed to be scary; most players accept this fact in advance. They can, however, include content which leaves an unwanted lasting impression. By focusing on our fears and concerns to elicit an emotional reaction, horror games can be triggering in unexpected ways for some players. It's difficult to predict when – and how – a game might have long-term effects on an individual's mental wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BEWARE OF JUMP SCARES

Jump scares in video games are often no worse than they are in movies. If a young person doesn't cope well with being suddenly startled by something in a film or on TV, they probably won't be able to handle horror games featuring jump scares. Some games (such as Five Night's at Freddy's) are built entirely around this technique and aren't suitable for younger children or those who are easily frightened.

RESEARCH THE GAME

It's best to look into a horror game thoroughly if your child expresses an interest in playing it. Many indie horror titles are download only and therefore aren't required to come with an age rating – so you'll need to do some background reading and judge the game's content for yourself. Check out the game's web pages, read any wikis about it (including fan ones) and watch videos of the gameplay.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy to lose track of time when gaming, and horror games are no exception. A short break every hour or so is important to rest the eyes and relieve the posture – especially if traumatic situations in the game have built up tension and stress. For horror gamers, breaks also give the added benefit of feeling more relaxed afterwards, which can mean a scarier gaming session when they resume!

IF IN DOUBT, SWAP IT OUT

If your child finds a horror game to play, but after doing some research you decide it doesn't look like the right one for them, swap it out! There are a lot of horror titles to choose from, and some will be more appropriate than others. Work together with your child to find a suitable game for them. Remember, horror games don't have to be gore-spattered and graphic to be enjoyably scary!

STAY RECEPTIVE

Maintaining good communication with your child is vital for safe gaming. If they see something in a horror game that disturbs them in ways they didn't expect, then they should feel comfortable opening up to you about it. Try not to simply laugh it off or make light of it, and always make time to listen. It's a useful reminder that they can talk to you about any type of problem they have in the future.

There's much to fear within the digital environment, especially for children who are particularly vulnerable online. Please use some of the information above to see as to how best to support your child online. From finding out what your child knows, setting limits, finding a balance and being resilient. Have those conversations with your child. Take the time to ensure they are being safe online.

Our School Fundraising Continues!

Scan, Join, Shop: To Unlock the Hanslope Primary School



We have some fantastic news to share with you! Now, you can support our school effortlessly and help raise funds every time you shop online - and the best part is, it won't cost you a penny!

We've teamed up with easyfundraising, a fantastic platform with over 7,000 participating brands, including popular names like Tesco, ASOS, eBay, M&S, Boots, Just Eat, and many more.

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Don't wait! Join today and make a difference while you shop. 📶

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Outdoor Learning at Hanslope

We are continuing our journey to be an Outdoor Learning School. We do lots of learning outdoors in school. In reception at Hanslope School, there are some leaflets that give you information on the sorts of activities we do to support your child in school and information on how you can support your child with this.

As a school, funding and budgets are tight so if you have anything to donate that can help with this or you can offer any expertise to help enrich the curriculum opportunities for our children, please contact Mrs Lovegood (Harriet.Lovegood@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

Thank you in advance!



More incredible work from Hanslope's Art Club

As you can see, we have some very creative artists in our school. They have all made a very unique version of their own willow stick people. They are all working so well together and can tidy up at lightning speed!

Thanks again for donating the willow sticks Mrs Duffield. It's very much appreciated! See if you can spot Mrs Pink-Hatt's version of 'Tina Turner'!



Dates for your calendar

Remember, it is possible to sync the school calendar on our website onto your phone by following this link: <https://www.hanslopeschool.co.uk/calendar-help>

Here is a reminder of the upcoming diary dates for you to plan ahead. Please note that all the dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of publication - alterations to the information listed below may happen due to unforeseen circumstances; if this does occur, we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.

Tuesday 17th October – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Thursday 19th October – Year 5/6 Virtual Poetry Lesson with Guest Poet
Friday 20th October – Non-Uniform Day to raise money for resources
Term Ends

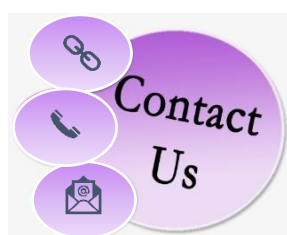
We are delighted to announce that this year Hanslope Primary School have some fantastic events planned for parents and children.

On Sunday 19th November 9am-11am, Hanslope Primary School will be hosting a car boot sale! Pitches will be available to rent and tables to hire at an extra cost. Sausage baps and hot drinks are available to order in advance for collection at the sale and more details will be sent out soon on how to order/hire a pitch for the morning. It will be a great opportunity to get in some Christmas shopping bargains!

On Thursday the 21st December, from 3pm there will be Christmas carols on Salcey playground and we invite you to come and sing along. Hot chocolate, mince pies and Christmas cookies will be available to buy and enjoy during the singalong. During the performance, a Grotto will be set up as we are fundraising for new play time equipment for the children. A wish list will be sent out closer to the time and any donations are very gratefully received. At 3.30, a Christmas raffle will be drawn and the winner will be announced! Tickets will be available for purchase in the week before and more details about the raffle will be sent out closer to the time. We hope to see you there for some festive good feeling!

It is a long way off, but Hanslope Primary School are excited to say that this school year, we will be having a Summer fête extravaganza! Food trucks, cream teas, games, stalls and activities will all be happening at the school on **Saturday 13th July 2024**. We have not been able to have a summer fête in a long time due to the pandemic so this year we will be going all in. We hope to see you and your families there.

More events will be happening this year, so stay tuned for further announcements and details.



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