

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

Spring 1 2024 – Week 2

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Important information – Hanslope School's PTA

Hanslope Primary School will be setting up a **Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA)**.

Meetings are open to all parents and carers – it is not imperative that all meetings are attended and any level of support will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to find out more, please join us at our first meeting which is to establish the PTA and roles. This will take place on **Wednesday 24th January at 4.15pm at Hanslope School**. The initial agenda will include voting to take on the roles of: **Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity** and setting the **date of the next meeting**.

Please confirm your attendance at the meeting by emailing:
harriet.lovegood@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk



Hanslope School's Facebook Page

Please follow our **Facebook page** where we post about upcoming events. It's the best way to keep posted! To join, scan the QR code, or follow the link below!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385370060554710/>



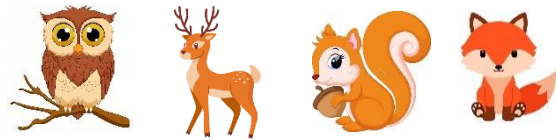
Celebrating the Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



Garage Games winners will be available **from next week!**

House-Points



House-Point winners from last week were **Owl House!**

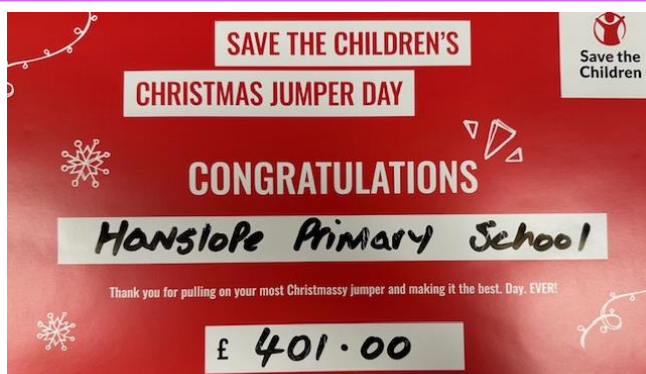
Hanslope's Short Story Superstar!

Congratulations to **James L** (Poplar Class) who has gone through to the second round of the BBC's 500 Words Short Story competition which Years 5 and 6 took part in.

The BBC states that the competition was very strong this year and only 5000 entries have been passed to go onto the next stage! James's story features a strange character called a 'kreature'. We wish James all the best for the next stage of the competition.



Hanslope's Fundraising Efforts!

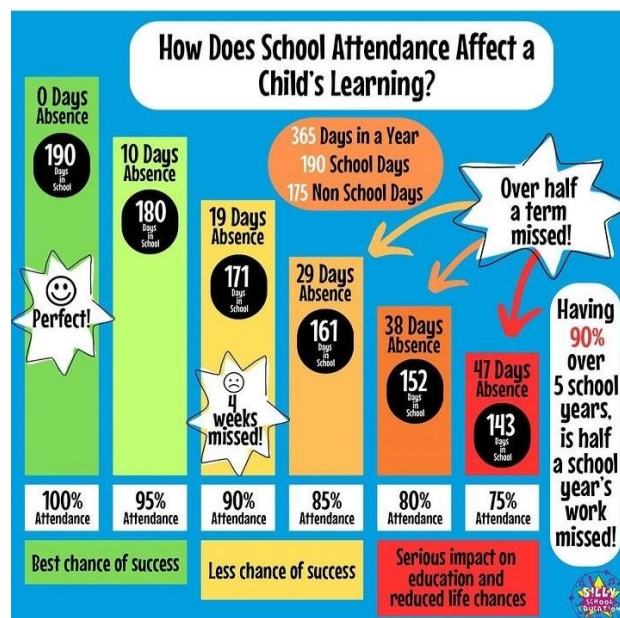


The fundraising from our Christmas Jumpers Days and sales of hot chocolate at the Carol Concert at the end of last half term raised a whopping £401 for Save the Children and £156.50 for Willen Hospice!

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 the week before the Winter break**. Well done to **Elm** Class for having the highest attendance rate!

Holly	95.6%
Maple	88.8%
Larch	91.7%
Laurel	83.9%
Alder	87.1%
Elm	100%
Oak	90%
Rowan	92.5%
Cedar	94.5%
Redwood	97.3%
Blackthorn	92.5%
Hawthorn	96.4%
Lime	93.3%
Poplar	93.2%
School Total	92.8%



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!

A Brilliant Basketball offer for Hanslope

Hanslope School has been specially selected to receive an incredible offer of tickets for the **British Basketball League Trophy Semi Finals at just £5 each** – that's a **discount of up to 84%!** It's the first event in the British Basketball calendar, and you can be part of the 9,000 crowd in the spectacular surroundings of **Utilita Arena Birmingham** to enjoy the all men's Semi Finals action live.

The British Basketball League is proud to announce an incredible entertainment line-up for the 2024 Trophy Semi Finals, alongside the Men's double-header on **Saturday, January 27, 2024**, at the Utilita Arena Birmingham. Fans will be treated to halftime performances from the gravity-defying acrobatics of [Les Barjots](#) [Dunkers](#) during Saturday's first Semi-Final, and a halftime showcase performance from [AshOnCam](#) during the second Semi-Final. This array of talent is sure to delight fans with an extraordinary fusion of sporting excellence and artistic brilliance throughout the event.

Book your £5 tickets here: <https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/trophyprimary> - to add tickets, click Add to Cart, then you can increase your ticket request to the desired numbers.

Schedule

2.30pm Doors Open
3.30pm Men's Semi Final 1
6.00pm Men's Semi Final 2
8.00pm Doors Close

Parent Workshop – Five Ways of Wellbeing



Save the date! More details were sent home via letter last week.



Hanslope's Weekly Guide from the Digital Leaders

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE** vs **HATE** **SPEECH** **SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of “freedom of expression”. That’s the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It’s not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others’ feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That’s called ‘hate speech’ and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right **not** to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as “different” – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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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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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.

Wednesday 17th January Year 5 – Islamic Faith Visitor
Tuesday 23rd January – Bridgebuilder Assembly
Friday 2nd February MHST – 5 ways of wellbeing parent seminar
5th-11th February – Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 13th February – Parent's Evening (more details to follow)
Wednesday 14th February – Parent's Evening (more details to follow)
Friday 16th February – Term Ends

*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.*



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