

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

Spring 2 2024 – Week 3

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A Resources and Pre-Loved **FINAL** Plea!

A final plea! Thank you so much for all those who have donated so far ☺

If anybody has any going spare...

The children who attend art club will be making Red Nose Day calm jars in art club to either sell, or use for a tombola. **Small jars** (like the ones pictured) around 50-80g would be best, if possible, but we are happy to have bigger jars, or smaller ones (like washed out spice/herb pots)!



For School Council's **Big Comic Relief Event**, two of our stalls will involve the sale of pre-loved **soft toys, toys and books**. If you have any of these things going spare, please hand them over to your class teacher who will send them over to School Council.



Thanks in advance!

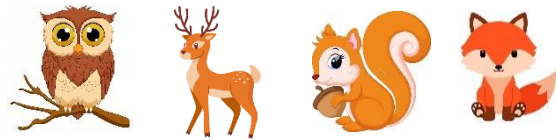
Celebrating the Weekly Winners

TTRockstars

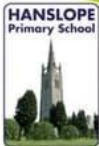


Garage Games winners from last week were **Lime Class!**

House-Points



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



This week's Teacher Certificates go to:



FOUNDATION
Sienna
Gabriel
Isabella

YEAR 1
Elsie
Charlie C
Ava
Charlie G

YEAR 2
Isabella
Heidi
Emily
Logan

YEAR 3
Dennis
Hallie-Mae
Elizabeth
Millie

YEAR 4
Sonny
Adam
Lucca

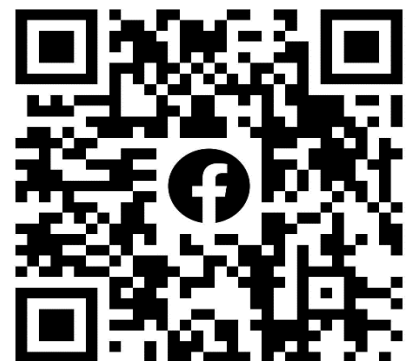
YEAR 5
The whole of
Blackthorn
Class
Imogen
George

YEAR 6
Oscar
Tia
Any
Max

Hanslope School's Official Facebook Group

Please join our **Facebook group** 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/>



Hanslope's Student Newsletter Editor



Our Student Spokesperson's Column this Week:

*As it was **World Book Day** last week, in Year 5 we looked at the amazing case of **Jonathan Bryan**; Jonathan Bryan is a ten-year-old boy who is disabled and has cerebral palsy, which means he cannot control his arm, leg and mouth muscles. Not being able to speak or walk, Jonathan felt as if he was trapped away for years.*

His mother trained him to use a special board which allowed others to understand what he was saying. His social life rose immediately. A lot of people who were disabled in recent history were not taught to read and write, so Jonathan met the minister for vulnerable children in education to change the way disabled people, like Jonathan, are taught. Later on, he meets his 'star': Michael Morpurgo. Jonathan was glad to finally be 'free.'

*As this month is **Women's History Month**, which we are learning a lot about in Hawthorn, I will be sharing one inspirational female figure from*

*History every week this March. Next up it is **Isabella I**. Born in 1451, Isabella was the daughter of King Juan II of Castile and Isabel of Portugal. Isabella's father died at a young age - only three years old! She went away with her mother where she had a good education. All those years ago, marriage was not used for love, but was arranged for a 'good' title for people. When her half-brother, King Henry, declared Isabella as his heiress, European princes rushed to marry her. Ignoring the King's wishes, she bravely married Ferdinand of Aragon, who was her favourite.*

Isabella and Ferdinand wanted to take over all of Spain, which meant war began. Isabella wasn't always known for being kind and for years, Spain lived under these strict rules. Isabella was a strong ruler, but made some unusual choices. She also encouraged equal education. She helped Spain when women were followers, not leaders.

'The distance is great from the firm belief to the realisation from concrete experience.'



Car Boot Sale at Hanslope School



📅 Date for your diaries! 📅

Hanslope Primary School's next key fundraising event is coming up really soon - put the date in your diaries and dust off your bric-a-brac. Plenty of pitches are still available for **Sunday 24th March from 10am-12pm**. Refreshments will be available on the day, and pitches are just £10, with any money you make heading straight into your bank account! If you don't have your own tables and chairs to set up camp, you can rent them on the day for £3.

Email: admin@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk to secure your pitch ASAP. *Please note: emails have been recognised and will be acknowledged in due course.* Pitches will also be available on the day, but for a higher price so we recommend booking now to save those valuable pennies! See you there! 🙌

Some Lovely Celebrations in Foundation

Last week to celebrate World Book day and Mother's Day, Holly and Maple invited mums in for afternoon tea and to share books. It was a lovely, relaxed afternoon and the children were fantastic at serving and entertaining their adults. They sang to the adults, then brought in the plates with the scones on for their adults.

They then sat beautifully with their adults sharing books, chatting and colouring. Thank you to Mr. Brown for making the lovely scones and thank you to the adults for coming in to share the afternoon in school.



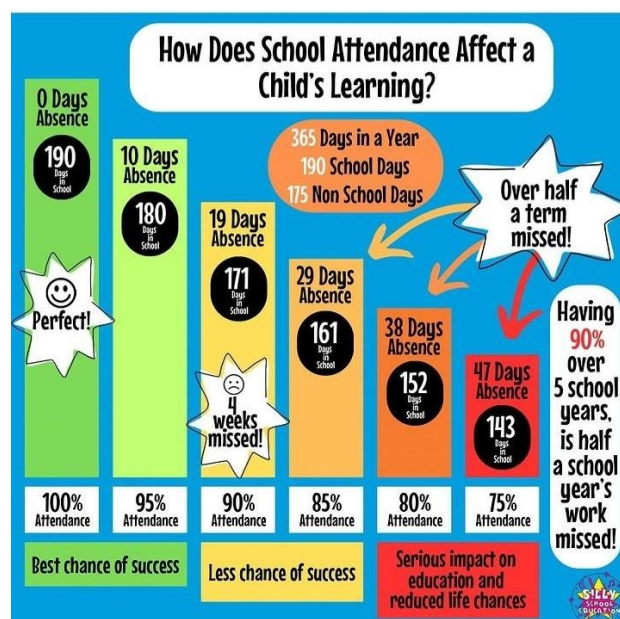
Weekly Attendance Figures

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 and Laurel** Class for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	100%
	Maple	98.8
	Larch	87.8
	Laurel	100%
	Alder	96.3
	Elm	98.8
	Oak	88.8
	Rowan	97.5
	Cedar	98.6
	Redwood	95
	Blackthorn	98.3
	Hawthorn	96.8
	Lime	95.8
	Poplar	95.8

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!

Comic Relief

This year, to raise funds for Comic Relief, the children of School Council have been working on some ideas to bring the charity to the forefront of Hanslope's fundraising plan.

On Friday 15th March:

On Red Nose Day itself), **the children are invited to come into school in Mufti - with a Red Nose theme.** Children who wish to take part are to wear one or more red item(s), for a suggested donation of **£1**.

The children are also invited to enter '**Hanslope's Best Comedian' Competition** - an idea innovated by the school council. For **50p**, children can enter their favourite joke to the competition. School Councillors will shortlist a number of entries, before Mr Brown (or should we say Simon Cowell...) will judge and reveal the competition winner in a Celebration Assembly before the end of Spring Term. The winner will receive a joke book to keep! Please hand your entries in to your class teacher, who will pass these on to School Council organisers, Miss Norris and Miss Hudson.

Next week, on Thursday 21st March:

We will be holding '**The Big Comic Relief Event.**' Throughout the day, classes will be invited to Salcey Hall to participate in various activities, games and stalls run by the School Councillors. These will include things like: a soft toy sale, activity stalls, 'Guess the name of the Teddy,' some Art Club creations (like Comic Relief-themed book marks) and more! Children will need to bring in some small change as most stalls will need between **20p and 50p** to enter.

School Council have been really excitedly planning these activities during their Monday lunchtimes and we look forward to having your support!

Miss Norris and Miss Hudson (on behalf of School Council)



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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➡️ How it works:

1. Download the Easy Fundraising app.
2. Join today.
3. Shop as usual.
4. The brands you love send us FREE donations based on your spending. 💰
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Plus, EasyFundraising will donate £3 every time a new supporter registers in the next month and shops within their 30 days (T&Cs apply)

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

Download the app, join us, and let's create #everydaymagic together! ✨

Upcoming Wellbeing Event for Parents/Carers

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Friday 22nd March at 1.30pm



Anxiety and Strategies to Support Children

This workshop will be led by the
Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team. The session will focus on childhood anxiety.

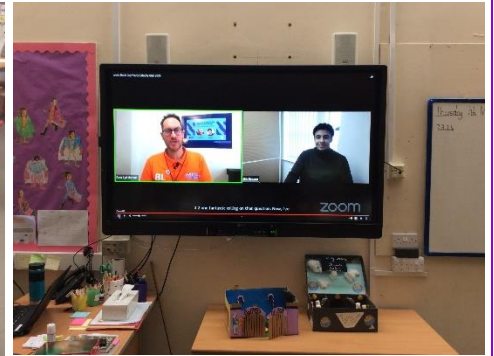
Book Week!

On World Book Day, **Year 3** children enjoyed coming dressed in some absolutely amazing T-shirts which were so carefully considered and drawn. Their work was concentrated on 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and the children considered how the Iron Man may have been feeling as he was tricked into falling into the pit. Also, they sewed some felt corner book marks which the children gave to their Mums for Mother's Day.

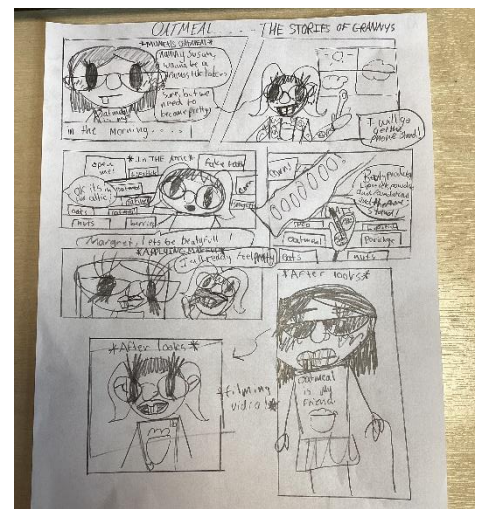
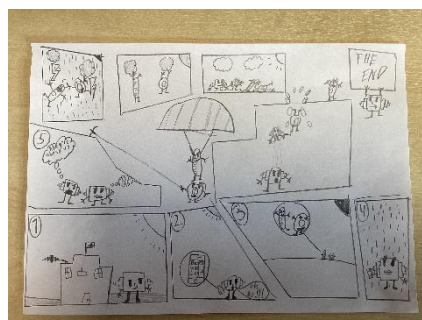


In **Year 4** we celebrated World Book Day in a number of ways. We had a book share with the foundation classes. It was lovely to share a book and hear the children read to each other. Y4 showed great responsibility and community. We also had a number of entries into our competition. We loved showing their work to the class and it was a tough choice to choose the winner! We also did a national Literacy sports quiz! There were a range of questions about books, literacy and football. Finally, we celebrated by designing our own t shirts. We had lots of amazing designs and it was something we were proud to show to our peers. It was a great discussion point for favourite books.
Have a look at some of our pictures on the next page!

Book Week Continued!



In **Year 5** we also completed some shared reading activities with Foundation – both sets of children thoroughly enjoyed it, and Year 5 particularly enjoyed sharing some picture books and stories. Across Year 5, we had 14 competition entries, which were all worth celebrating – they looked incredible and were on display outside of UKS2 classes all week – the teachers enjoyed having a good nose at them too! We took part in a live webinar, with Michael Morpurgo, which fascinated the children as he shared extracts of his work and also his own personal back-story too. On the afternoon of Book Day, Year 5 children looked at graphic novel examples and created their own comic strip based on an innovated character – some of these were so impressive, they'll be used as display work! Finally, we learnt about Jonathan Bryan – an inspiration 10-year-old who is non-verbal, but is writing a book. Read more about that from our Student Newsletter Editor! We also took part in the 'Guess the Teacher' activity which was set up in the library, where we had to match a baby photo of a teacher with their favourite childhood book. What a fabulous week we had!



Book Week Continued!

Year 6 have really enjoyed Book Week, starting with sharing books with Year 2. On World Book Day itself, the children created a book shelf with their wonderful book covers. Miss Hudson and Mrs Lovegood were most impressed with their creativity. The pupils took part in a live lesson/webinar with Michael Morpurgo, where we learnt all about the author's top writing tips and where he gets his inspiration from. The webinar was linked to 'The Butterfly Lion' and we also found out a great deal of information about all the work the 'Born Free' charity does. One of the highlights was hearing Michael Morpurgo read an extract from the book! Our last activity was linked to poetry and the work of Joseph Coelho, the Children's Laureate. The children performed a range of his poems to their peers, using a range of performance devices.



Competition winners- Vegetable/Fruit Characters/Books in a Box

Well done to all those who created a bookie vegetable/ fruit or a book in a box. The winners were:

Foundation: Emily G and Annie W (books in a box)

Year 1: Archie J and Riley E

Year 2: Aria (Matilda book in a box) and Matthew G

Rowan: Gabriel K (The Gruffalo- book in a box)

Oak: Lily P (The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe book in a box)

Redwood: Daniel P (The Snail and the Whale book in a box)

Cedar: Emily P (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory book in a box)

Blackthorn: Isla D (Harry Potter in a box)

Hawthorn: Harper B (Dork Diaries book in a box)

Lime: Layla O and Cohen M- (potatoes and parsnip as Hansel and Gretel and Lord Voldemort)

Poplar: Phoebe P (Alice in Wonderland book in a box)

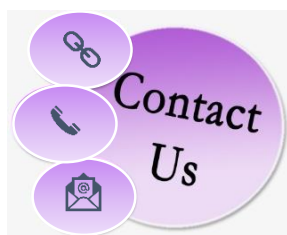
Dates for your calendar

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.

WB Monday 11th March – Science Week
Friday 22nd March – Parent/Carer MKMHST workshop – Anxiety and Strategies to Support
Thursday 21st March – The Big Comic Relief Event
Sunday 24th March – Hanslope School Car Boot Sale
Wednesday 27th March – Year 1 travelling to Woburn Safari Park
Thursday 28th March – 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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