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Respect Learning Integrity Potential Creativity

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

Spring 2 2024 – Week 4

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Car Boot Sale at Hanslope School

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024

CAR BOOT SALE

ALL WELCOME

10AM-12PM

PITCH HIRE: £10 REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

CASH ONLY EVENT

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

TO RESERVE A PITCH EMAIL: ADMIN@HANSLOPE.MILTON-KEYNES.SCH.UK

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. 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! 🙌

Celebrating the Weekly Winners



Thanks to everyone who donated bags, **we raised £151!** The Year 6 house captains all leant a helping hand counting and moving the bags and of course, holding the giant cheque! A special well done to the winning house, **Squirrel House**, who collected the most donations (weight wise). All children in **Squirrel House** will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on **Thursday 28th March 2024.**

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/>



Celebrating Writing

As some of you may be aware, the finalists of the 500 Words writing competition were announced and awarded last week at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. At Hanslope School, we are all so proud of James in Poplar class who made it through to the second stage of the competition. Here is James' entry.

The Kreature

Anxiously, I peered through the grubby window. There it was-sitting in the water. This was the last thing I'd ever had hoped for. What did IT want? Carefully, it crawled out of the serene sea. It was coming closer, and I felt a cold shiver creep down my spine...

Every night, it hid beneath the wooden dock, waiting cunningly for its prey. Every morning, it came out onto the sandy beach. Brookeville reporters on the news always talked about the mysterious Kreature, but never did anything to stop it. I never thought I would become a hero, but today, I needed to act like one.

I quietly tiptoed down the blue-carpeted staircase to get a snack before school. Quickly, my blurry eyes began to adjust to the light as I stood awkwardly in the living room. "Breakfast's ready!" mum shouted from the kitchen. "It's your favourite!" My appetite disappeared like a magic trick. I realised the Kreature would only improve its skills whilst I waited for it to destroy houses and villages, hopping from one to the next. I guess I just had to starve.

Without anyone noticing, I threw myself out of the ruby red front door. I ran towards the beach at the speed of light with a net in my left hand. If I could capture it in time, I could send it off into the sapphire ocean for it to never touch the borders of Brookeville again. I had a great plan, well that's what I thought.

As I arrived at the beach, I searched desperately for the Kreature. I looked underneath the dock, beneath all the sand castles, and even on the ocean floor of the shallow sea. It had escaped from my grasp. My heart sank to the bottom of the Mariana Trench. A slimy snail track followed the winding streets of Brookeville. Finally, I knew what to follow.

The harsh breeze hit me like a passing train. The hail dropped from the sky like exploding bombs. I needed to get to the finish of this gooey trail within five minutes otherwise Brookeville would implode into smithereens. Half of the town had already been broken due to the Kreature's destruction. My heart pounded like someone hitting a drum. Hastily, I twisted the net in my sweaty hands whilst running towards the Kreature.

The misty light of the sky reflected on the mucky Kreature. Its pink spots throbbed disgustingly as it swallowed the town square. The Kreature became more colossal as it ate. Wriggling in the grass, the Kreature's tentacles lifted up into the air and they smacked back onto the ground.

There was nothing I could do...



Upcoming Wellbeing Event for Parents/Carers

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Friday 22nd March at 1.30pm



Anxiety and Strategies to Support Children

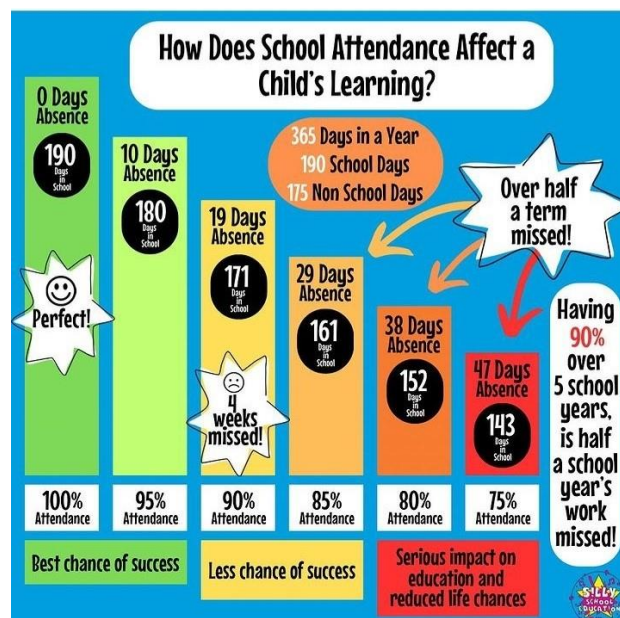
This workshop will be led by the
Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team. The session will focus on childhood anxiety.

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 **Elm** Class for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	97.5
	Maple	91.3
	Larch	96.7
	Laurel	97.9
	Alder	91.9
	Elm	100
	Oak	87.2
	Rowan	97.9
	Cedar	92.7
	Redwood	95.9
	Blackthorn	95.4
	Hawthorn	90.8
	Lime	90.4
	Poplar	93.2

School Total 94%



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!

Book Week in Key Stage 1

You heard all about Year 3-6 last week, but Key Stage One also had **lots** of fun over the week with our love of reading.

Foundation Stage welcomed Years 4 and 5 during the week to share picture books. We had an author focus of the week who was Jeanne Willis. We were amazed at the t-shirt designs worn on Thursday especially the ones created and coloured in by the children. Our book share with parents linked to our Mother's day tea party.

In Year 1, we kick-started our World Book Day celebrations by welcoming Year 3 into our classrooms. We got to share and read some of our favourite books together. We also read the book "Ten Delicious Teachers" where we all joined in with the rhyming part of the story. The story was about ten mischievous monsters who sneakily eat their teachers. After reading and joining in with the story we designed our very own teacher eating monsters!

We were very busy in Year 2. First, we started our morning by sharing a book with our grown-ups. We were able to share our key texts and reading spine books. Once we were in our classroom we created our human book shelf and admired each other's homemade WBD shirts. Up next was a pair activity in which we went on a world book scavenger hunt. We had to find objects and people in books and list the title and author. We also had a zoom lesson with Michael Morpurgo, where he told us the inspiration behind his book 'The Butterfly Lion'. To finish the day, we picked a book and redesigned the front cover.



Science Week!



Last week was Science Week and all the children took part in Science experiments, investigations or research. There was a wide and varied range of activities. KS1 did a carousel around the classes going round all of the teachers, they made stomp rockets, helicopter seeds, catapulted objects, made bubble snakes, used balloon rockets and made slime! The final part was watching the Coke and Mentos experiment!

Lower Key Stage Two linked their day to the topic of 'Time' and designed and built a farm of the future, made a water clock, investigated the life cycle of a frog and researched and designed posters about dinosaur extinction.

Upper Key Stage Two had a carousel of activities ranging from making a pendulum to parachutes, making a clock and researching Albert Einstein. *See the website for a gallery of photos from all Key Stages and quotes from the children.*

Amazing Sportsmanship at the Indoor Athletics



Let's give a big shout out to the Y4s, 5s and 6s who attended the Indoor Athletics Competition. It is the first time Hanslope has entered into this competition and the children did us proud. They showed excellent behaviour, sportsmanship and were definitely the loudest team!

Congratulations, and well done for representing Hanslope Primary School so well.

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.

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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