

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

**Spring 2 2023 – Week 6**

## HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### Enjoy the well-deserved break!

Once again, all of us at Hanslope wanted to say a huge **'thank you'** for all of your continued support this half term, and always.

It's been a particularly busy half term with a multitude of visitors and lots of fantastic opportunities for students, which will continue into the Summer term and beyond!

Whether you're staying close to home or heading somewhere warm and wonderful, here's to a fabulous Easter break for all!

# THANK YOU!

### A Very Special Guest!

Last Wednesday, the children had a very special visitor from a **'Wheelpower'** representative. Chris shared his story and brought along a very special item – a Paralympic torch!

Wheelpower have been providing opportunities in sport for people with physical impairments for over **70 years**.

Based in Stoke Mandeville, the birthplace of the Paralympic movement, WheelPower is at the heart of wheelchair sport and is England's National wheelchair sport charity.

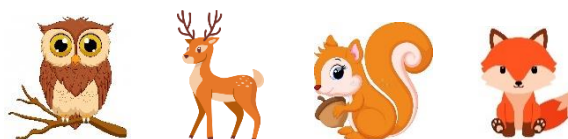


### TTRockstars



The winners of the TT Rockstars  
Garage Games competition last  
week were **Hawthorn!**

### House-Points



The winners of the House Point  
competition last week were **Fox**  
House!

## Weekly Attendance Figures

Our whole school attendance is sitting at a reasonable level so far, but it is below our target of 95% or more for the end of this academic year. Below is a breakdown of each class's attendance on the last week of Spring 1. Well done to **Elm** class for having the highest rate of attendance!

	Holly	92.1%
	Maple	95.8%
	Larch	90%
	Laurel	97.6%
	Alder	94.7%
	<b>Elm</b>	98.8%
	Oak	96.8%
	Rowan	93.3%
	Cedar	86.7%
	Redwood	95.4%
	Blackthorn	88.5%
	Hawthorn	96%
	Lime	97.9%
	Poplar	91%

**School Total 93.8%**

## 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!**



# Your Weekly Guide from Hanslope's Digital Leaders

The nationwide campaign ([#WakeUpWednesday](#)) from the National Online Safety Community provides expert advice on the latest platforms and online risks that parents and carers need to know about through engaging and content-rich design.

Here at Hanslope, our Digital Leaders will select a guide to be published in our newsletter each week which gives guidance on how to keep children safe online. This guide has been chosen by Chloe and Emma – they believe there are a lot of potential risks when using devices online; they would like to draw our attention to these and offer helpful tips on how to be more cyber resilient.

## BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

### WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE?'

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

- 1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE**  
The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.
- 2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS**  
When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.
- 3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER**  
A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.
- 4. BACK UP YOUR DATA**  
Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.
- 5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)**  
Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.
- 6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY**  
Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.
- 7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS**  
Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.
- 8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH**  
Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.
- 9. CHECK FOR BREACHES**  
You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at [www.haveibeenpwned.com](http://www.haveibeenpwned.com) (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.
- 10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS**  
Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.
- 11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED**  
Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.
- 12. STAY SCEPTICAL**  
Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.



# Bridgebuilder Assembly – Taking Responsibility

Last week, we had another amazing Bridgebuilder assembly from the team at **Bridgebuilder Trust MK**.

The trust is involved in over 100 primary and secondary schools across the city and surrounding villages. The services they provide support students with Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development and Christianity as a part of Religious Education. Everything is designed to be interactive, fun, inspiring and educational, using drama, games, group activities, personal reflection, stories, video clips and talks.

At Hanslope School, these assemblies take place every half-term and explore relevant issues that promote character development and social responsibility; they help students to think about their own beliefs, for example: respect, choices, generosity and other British Value links. This half term's focus was on the importance of **taking responsibility**.



## Year 5's Dynamic Dodgeball Superstars!

On Wednesday of last week, some of our Year 5 children represented Hanslope in a dodgeball competition against Caroline Haslett Primary School. The children performed brilliantly and showed a great deal of determination, competitive spirit and fantastic sportsmanship. They won all of their games – what a fantastic job! Well done to the following children:

Oscar (Hawthorn)  
Finn (Hawthorn)  
Jack (Hawthorn)  
Beatrix (Blackthorn)  
Charlotte (Blackthorn)  
Kush (Hawthorn)  
Stanley (Hawthorn)  
Harry H (Blackthorn)  
Libby (Hawthorn)  
Ava M (Blackthorn)



# PE Kits – A Reminder

A gentle reminder for parents/carers about PE Kits.

The Hanslope PE Kit consists of:

- Plain black or navy shorts
  - Navy blue t-shirt
  - Plimsolls and trainers
- Plain dark-coloured tracksuit – Winter only (**not EYFS**)
  - Earrings are not to be worn on PE days\*
- Long hair must be tied up in a ponytail at all times – no large bows or flowers\*

All kit must also be marked with the child's name. For those that bring kit in, it is to be brought in on a Monday and sent home on a Friday.

Items which have the school logo on them can be obtained from: *Maisie's, 60-64 Church Street, Wolverton, MK, MK12 5JW. Tel – 01908 313313*

## 5 ★ across the board!

We are proud to announce that, after a spot-check from the food standards agency, Hanslope School has received a **5-star rating!**



## School Start/Finishing Times

***A reminder of timings for all parents and carers:***

**8.35am:** School gates open (both on Salcey and by the All-Weather)

**8.45am:** Children lined up and brought into school – gates shut shortly after

**8.55am:** The school day begins

**3.05pm:** School gates open for parents (both on Salcey and by the All-Weather)

**3.10pm:** School day ends for Foundation Stage

**3.15am:** School day ends for Year 1-6



# 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 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	FOHS Disco – KS1 from 4.15-5.30, KS2 from 5.45 – 7.15
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	TERM ENDS
17 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April/ Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 5 Bikeability – More details to follow
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
W.b 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS begin
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class Photographs and Yr. 6 Individual Photographs – More details to follow
5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Residential to France.
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day (22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Back-up date for Sports Day)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Summer Play – More details will follow shortly
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Book Fayre.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet your child's teacher for the academic year 2023/2024 – More details to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers party – More details to follow.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – More details to follow



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