

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

Summer 1 2023 – Week 3

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A visit from Haversham Sailing Club

Last Thursday afternoon we were visited by Patrick, Marcus, Alison and Helen from **Haversham Sailing Club**. They brought two sailing boats to show us. All year groups came out to the playground to see the boats, find out how they work and what the different parts of the boats are called. The children had lots of interesting questions.

*If anyone would like to find out more about sailing, **Haversham Sailing Club** are having an open day on **Saturday 13th May from 10am to 4:30pm**. They will be offering free boat rides on the lake and there will be food and drink available all day. You will find the club at: 24 The High Street, Haversham, MK19 7DX.*

Discover Sailing This May

Come and experience sailing for free at the Haversham Sailing Club Open Day

Food and bar available all day

Saturday 13th May
10AM - 4:30PM

**24 The High Street
Haversham
Milton Keynes
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DISCOVER SAILING

HAVERSHAM SAILING CLUB



Holly and Maple's Busy Week!

Last week, Holly and Maple used the newly refurbished kitchen to make bread. They learned the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. Mrs Harper showed the children how to make bread and then they all helped to knead the bread. Then, in class, they all helped to make butter and had a lovely snack in the afternoon of a bread roll and butter, with jam if they wanted. The decision was unanimous – 'delicious'! There were hardly even any crumbs left!



Maple and Holly had a visit to Hill Farm last Tuesday. They were so lucky with the sunny weather on their trip! The children did so many things: fed lambs, clambered over lots of different tractors, saw how rapeseed oil and flour are made, had a ride in a cattle truck on hay bales to a picnic spot, had a picnic in the spinney in the sun and used clay to make faces to put on trees. Then there was an egg hunt for eggs in a field! It was a fabulous day and the children were all quite tired by the end of it. After using flour to make bread on Monday, it was really interesting to see how to make flour from wheat!

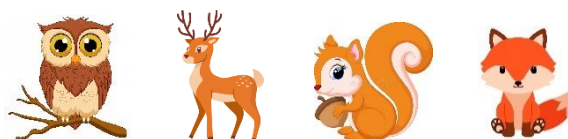


TTRockstars



Congratulations to **Oak** who won the Garage Games competition last week!

House-Points



Congratulations to **Squirrel** house for winning the house-point competition last week!

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 **Oak** class for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	80.5%
	Maple	94.7%
	Larch	93.3%
	Laurel	90%
	Alder	95.8%
	Elm	95.3%
	Oak	100%
	Rowan	97.1%
	Cedar	93.3%
	Redwood	99.6%
	Blackthorn	96%
	Hawthorn	94.8%
	Lime	97.4%
	Poplar	97%

School Total 94.8%



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!

Year 5's Bike Ability

Children in Year 5 took part in Bike Ability over the course of three days.

They learned important skills such as how to maintain their own bikes.

They were taught the practical skills they need in order to ride their bikes safely on today's roads.

The children really enjoyed taking part in the activities and were all awarded a certificate showing their progress, a badge and a booklet!



Hanslope's Motivational Marathoners

A **HUGE** Congratulations to Mrs Knight, Mrs Jackson and Mr Broughton who all took part in MK's Marathon weekend on the bank holiday.

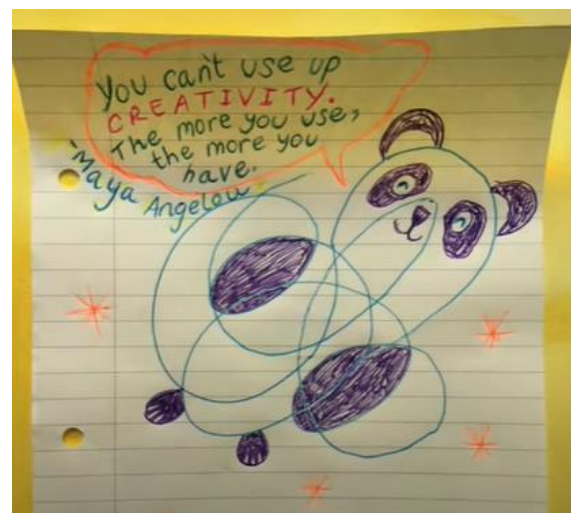
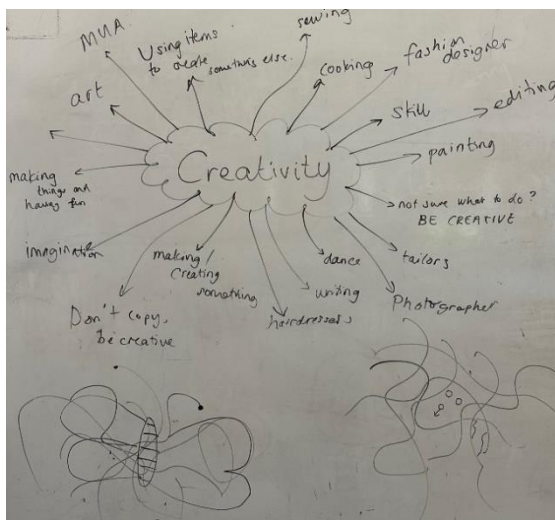
We are so proud of them here at Hanslope School!

Did any parents/children take part in the Milton Keynes Marathon weekend? We'd love to hear from you and share some inspirational photos and information in the next Newsletter!

If you'd like to be featured, please message Miss Norris at: emma.norris@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk



LKS2 Assembly Theme - Creativity



For Miss Norris' Lower KS2 assembly this week, the children looked at the theme of 'Creativity.' We discussed what creativity was and decided that 'it was something you can do to express yourself.' We then mind-mapped all the different ways we could think of to be creative and different job opportunities that might involve a lot of creativity. To finish, we practised the 30-second scribble challenge – a Year 3 and a Year 4 volunteer had a go at creating a picture out of Miss Norris' messy scribbles – for a 30-second challenge, we think they look great!

Year 4's DT Extraordinaires! Den-Building at Salcey

On Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th April, Cedar and Redwood ventured to Salcey Forest to create their own shelters using the materials found in the woods. Children planned their shelters in groups using some specific criteria. They then built using the materials around them. As children created their shelters, they were asked to assess as they went along. What would happen to their shelter in the rain? What if it was windy? Is it strong enough? Children were able to create shelters to a criteria and massively enjoyed the experience. The children benefitted by practising a range of skills and developed their growth mind-set and team work skills.



'I really liked going to Salcey Forest building dens – we got to find lots of different natural equipment to make the den.' Evie M

'It was really fun as you got to use other objects around and work with your friends. I loved discovering more around Salcey Forest.' Jack R

'I really liked being able to make a den that could fit us all in – I felt right at home!' Lengha Y-G

'I enjoyed making the dens as I felt like I connected with nature and the world around me.' Joe S

'I now know how to build a den and I might go back out of school time to do it again!' Harper B

'I liked the den and everyone had fun. I was careful of stinging nettles when I found the sticks.' Rayyan C

'I loved building the den because it felt like I was on 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!'' Sonny S

'It was so fun exploring the wilderness and to see what it's like to connect with the outside surroundings.' Ivy H

'I loved spending time with Mrs Watkins and playing the games on the bus with Miss Norris!' Elliott W

'It was a really nice experience to work with Lengha and Joe.' Fletcher W

'Our den was like a 5-star hotel!' Amelia Wa

'I liked how my group worked so well together to pick up the sticks and make our den.' Sophie B

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



A Change in Music Provider

Totally RAD *are coming to Hanslope Primary School!*

RAD believe that whatever the skill level or budget, all children deserve access to exceptional music tuition.

Our highly skilled network of professional musicians provide next-level tuition for the next generation of talent, no matter the location, budget or capability.

*Provided on-site, within school hours and at a highly-competitive rate; with **RAD**, students can experience expert music tuition that helps them sharpen skills, express creativity, and dream **BIG**, with no disruption or stress – all from the very best in the business.*

*For more information, and to sign-up your child to **RAD** lessons, just use the following link, and we will do the rest.*

*This only applies to children who will be in **Years Three, Four, Five and Six** in the academic year 2023-2024*

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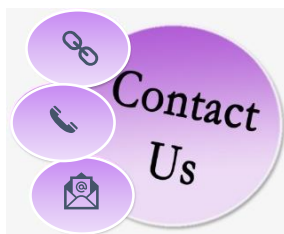


Dates for your calendar

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.

5 th May	Non-uniform day – children to wear red/white/blue
8 th May	Bank Holiday
W.b 8 th May	Year 6 SATS begin
23 rd May	Class Photographs and Yr. 6 Individual Photographs – More details to follow
5 th June	INSET Day
12 th June	Year 5/6 Residential to France.
21 st June	Sports Day (22 nd June – Back-up date for Sports Day)
Tuesday 27 th June Wednesday 28 th June	KS2 Summer Play – More details will follow shortly
Monday 3 rd July	Book Fayre.
Tuesday 18 th July	Meet your child's teacher for the academic year 2023/2024 – More details to follow
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers party – More details to follow.
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – More details to follow



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