



HAWTHORNS SCHOOL

Summer Newsletter

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WELCOME to our Summer newsletter for families, governors and stakeholders to find out all about what has been happening over the past term here at Hawthorns School!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils, staff and families a wonderful Summer Break.

We look forward to welcoming you back after the holidays.

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INTERACT WITH US!

We have now launched our brand new Parent App 'Parent Connect', aiming to keep you up to date with what is happening at school on a day to day basis. If you haven't already signed up to the app, please contact us for support.

We have also launched our own facebook page... just search for Hawthorns School or click the link via our Parent App for regular updates from our staff and young people.



Incredibly the end of the summer term, and the school year, is suddenly upon us. It has been a very challenging period, and I would like to thank our families and staff for all of their continued support for our amazing children at Hawthorns during this time. It has been really tough on you all, but you always come through for our school.

Hopefully things will return to something less disruptive in the Autumn term. I hesitate to use the word 'normal', because after everyone's experiences of the last 18 months we cannot go back to our innocent ways of the pre-COVID era.

The challenges ahead for our school remain, but with much more hope for a brighter future. The demand for places continues to rise and we are having to create another four classes from scratch again. Three of these will be based in a new, temporary unit based at Discovery Academy. This gives us an opportunity to trial a new unit that is very much focused on the provision for our youngest children, in preparation for their return to a new set up in 2023.

Plans have been approved for a new school that will create all of the spaces our children and staff should have and deserve. This is a rare moment and we will be pressing for as many facilities as possible within the building plan so that we can provide the full experience for our children that we have wanted for some time. This is a really exciting moment for the school. I am so grateful for the parental and family backing we have had to make this happen – yet again, another example of how you come through for our school and children.

We say a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils and their families, and to a few of our dedicated staff. We hope all of them enjoy their new challenges and experiences, and thank them all for being a part of our Hawthorns community and for providing some great memories. A huge welcome is offered to our new children, their families, and our new staff – together we will write a new chapter in the story of our school.

Have a good summer break everyone,
Mr C

MESSAGE FROM ROSARIO SARNO, CO-CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The rainbow first mentioned in our last Newsletter is visible over the horizon. Staff, parents and pupils of Hawthorns can now look forward to seeing the blue skies of summer too. We will have a summer of less restrictions, and the vibrancy of Hawthorns will shine through even more with activities to encourage and build our community.

We would like to thank every single member of the staff for their continued work and devotion over the past 18 months. Somehow, despite Covid restrictions, the outstanding progress by the pupils is still being attained. We would like to thank the parents for their patience and cooperation especially at times when changes occurred at the last minute.

Over the last few years, we have witnessed Hawthorns provide outstanding care and educational provision to an increasing number of children. I was delightfully surprised to read the news contained in the letter to parents that Pierre wrote on Monday 14th June 2021. In the summer of 2023, we will be able to offer 220+ pupils with the excellent care and provision they need.

We believe the welcoming and inclusive nature of Hawthorns is incomparable. We will always try to keep our doors even at the worst of times.

On behalf of the governing body, stay safe, summer is here.

Rosario,
Co-Chair of Governors



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Co-Chair of Governors

PE

In P.E. we began the half term with a football theme to mark the start of the Euro's 21, including a football competition with Sycamore, Maple, Chestnut and Willow classes. Well done to the orange team who were the overall winners!

Classes have also enjoyed visiting the cycle track run by Active Tameside (Richmond Street, Ashton) There the children had a go at a variety of bikes, trikes and karts. Even the grown-ups, some who had not ridden a bike for over 20 years had a go.

On Wednesday 23rd June, we were involved in the Tameside Baton relay. During the week 47 schools from around Tameside took part. Our Tameside Sports and Health ambassadors, Calum and Stephen from Sycamore class along with Dudley, our school therapy dog received the 2012 Olympic torch, from St Stephens school in Audenshaw. The two boys paraded the torch around playground 3, where Sycamore, Maple, Chestnut, Willow and Beech class got chance to have their photo taken. For taking part we received a special Tameside School Sports baton to keep.



PE

This half term also marked the start of sports week at Hawthorns. During the week classes have taken part in our Olympic festival, having a go on our new scooters on playground 3 and Boccia and Kurling.

Sycamore class have been busy practicing their cheerleading routine. Our Happy Feet team have entered this year's Tameside virtual 'Cheer Fest' competition. Good luck to Sycamore as they have worked really hard on this. The results will be announced on July 14th.

Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to do our annual sports day due to the wet weather but fingers crossed we will be able to complete it by the end of half term.



ASH CLASS

Wow! What a fantastic year we have had! We are starting to feel sad that it is nearly all over, but we are so happy to see how amazingly well the children have progressed over the year. It has been brilliant to share this lovely news with parents during our Annual Review meetings. What a year it has been, with lockdowns in-between and yet the children have been so resilient and haven't let anything phase them. They are a credit to us and to their parents!

This year we have enjoyed learning all about, Ourselves, Monsters, Christmas, Stories, Transport, Animals and The Seaside! We have had the best fun along the way. We have made the most of the sunshine and in the last couple of weeks we have managed to squeeze in a few school trips to make up for the ones we have lost over the year.

The adults were so proud of how well behaved the children have been on all the trips. They have enjoyed the Cycle Track, the Local Fairy Garden, Stamford Park, Tatton Park and we still have an exciting trip to Knowsley Safari Park to look forward to next week!

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back in September into their new classes and most of them at our new school site, Discovery Academy! We are going to have the best time there and can't wait to get settled in and make lots of memories, have fun and continue to grow and progress.

Thank you for all your support this year, it is truly appreciated! We hope you all have a brilliant Summer, get some well-deserved rest and make lots of great memories!

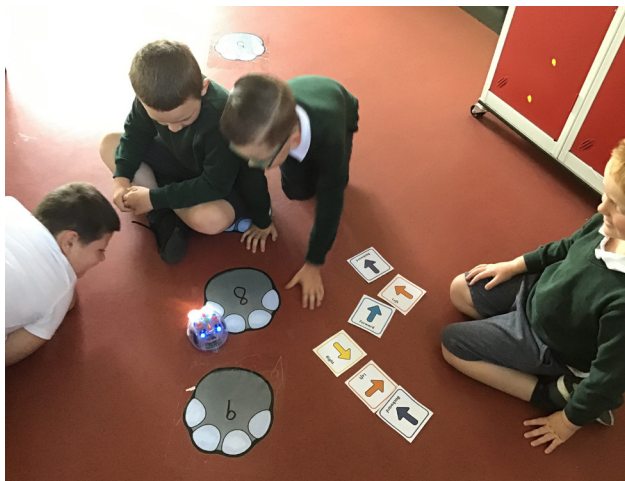
Miss Green, Mrs Shaw, Miss Dunning and Mr T x



Oak Class have enjoyed a Wild half term! We have been learning all about different animals including monkeys, giraffes, crocodiles and elephants. We have been remembering facts about them and have been really good at completing a Kahoot quiz each week. We are looking forward to seeing the animals at Knowsley Safari Park. We have also enjoyed our cycling sessions this half term. We are really good at using different cycles and some of us are quicker than the grown ups! We have also been learning coding for IT. We have enjoyed programming the Blue Bots and using different coding apps. Oak Class boys have also been keeping up to date with the England team and are getting very good at singing the songs and practicing our cheering ready for the final!



OAK CLASS





We started the summer term exploring 'Under the Sea'. We enjoyed reading Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister which inspired lots of learning opportunities based around the theme of friendship. We also created lots of underwater themed arts and crafts including our very own class aquarium which we still enjoy playing with.

As the term has progressed and the weather has improved, we have moved 'Into the Garden'. This has allowed us to appreciate the beautiful things which exist outside our door as well as getting up close and personal with creepy crawlies which might be lurking beneath the soil. We are lucky enough to be able to access outdoor learning opportunities through Forest School and Loose Parts Play which complement our class topic perfectly.

As we move closer to the end of the school year, we are looking forward to celebrating all our achievements by spending time with our friends and having a few treats along the way.



BEECH CLASS



Our topic this term has been 'The Magic School Bus'. We have been thinking about different types of vehicles, STEM investigations and reading our new favourite book 'The Naughty Bus.' For the last few weeks of the school year we have been learning about The Euros. We have all really enjoyed looking at the different flags, designing our own kits and using our number skills in league tables. Oh and of course watching England WIN!!!

This term we have also been swimming and worked really hard to improve our skills. During our cycling sessions we have all achieved our Bikeability Level 1 Cycle Training. We have had a fantastic trip to Heaton Park with our friends in Holly Class.

We are now looking forward to the last couple of weeks of term and wish our year 6 leavers all the best in their new schools.



WILLOW CLASS



In a flash the year is coming to a close, the children have worked so hard in school and we have been incredibly proud of them. We have been learning about Safari in the summer term. Working on story books about animals and identifying what Safari life is like. We've discussed about attributes of animals and what they need to survive in the wild. We have made our own animals in creative development sessions and worked on developing all our skills especially our independence skills.

Have a wonderful summer, be safe, and enjoy the time with your families!!!



CHESTNUT CLASS

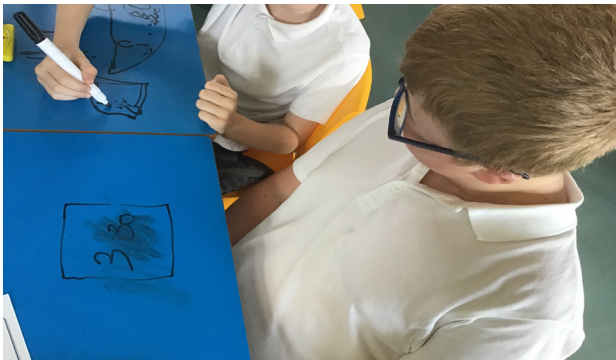
This term in Chestnut class has been another fun filled roller-coaster both children and staff, with a visit to the bike track and a class assembly all about the water cycle.

In class the curriculum has continued at rapid pace with weekly P.E sessions, Science, Story massage, cooking, art and topic as well as our regular sessions on number, phonics and guided reading, this terms topic has been looking at Manchester and where we live. We have visited different parts of the city (via google earth) and made our own Manchester bees. We have even made Jackson Pollock inspired Football art in red and blue.

Chestnut is at home in the forest and have been planting, digging and building in the outdoors every Wednesday. We have been planting veggies including peas, beans, onions and carrots ready to harvest!



MAPLE CLASS



Maple class have been super busy this last half term. We have been learning all about time and continuing with our maths skills.

Lots of learning across our literacy skills too, with reading and creating our own books, we have some future authors in the making!

Our topic this term was from farm to fork, we have learnt all about where our food has come from and even got to taste some new foods. We have also been getting skilled at coding with the app 'Tynker'.



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SYCAMORE CLASS



This term, we have been exploring where we live with our topic A View Through The Window. We have been learning about aerial views and what different buildings make up a town. We have learnt about Keys and how they are used to help identify different buildings. Sycamore have been creating their owns towns and deciding different types of houses and building in it.

Cheerleading and Sport

We have been practicing for the cheerleading competition again this year and submitted our entry. Fingers crossed for Hawthorns Happy Feet.

Two of the children from Sycamore, our sports and health ambassadors had the privilege of carrying the Olympic torch through the school which was a very special event.

Leavers

Alongside the cheerleading, we have started practicing for the Year 6 leavers assembly. We will be very sad to see all our wonderful year 6 children leave. We wish them the best of luck on the next adventure.



ROWAN CLASS

Rowan Class have had a very busy and exciting term.

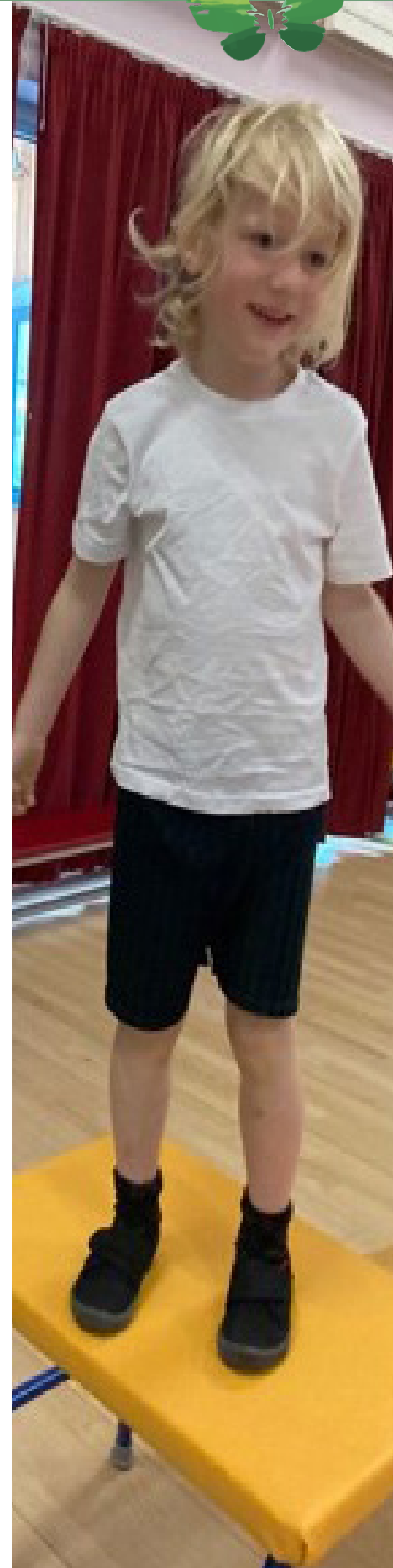
We have had fun jumping and climbing in P.E., exploring in the forest and get VERY messy in messy play.

All the children have worked really hard, made fantastic progress and we are very proud of them all.

Well done Rowan Class.



BUDS CLASS



This term has definitely been filled with lots of learning and fun where we have focussed on different types of transport and really enjoyed having the fire engine come to school. The children have enjoyed lots of different activities to do from mark making, number and literacy skills and lots of messy play!

We have spent lots of time in PE, sensory time, the forest and outdoor learning this term where the children have enjoyed exploring, being out in the sunshine and enjoying water play.

Magic box and attention sessions have been lots of fun for all of us where we have focussed on the different types of transport, colours and numbers.

We have also been very lucky to have taken part in cookery lessons and we have all enjoyed making and eating our tasty treats.

ELM CLASS

We have had a fantastic Summer Term in Elm Class. This term our topic has been Summer.

In Communication Group the children have been communicating their choices through gesture and symbol exchange. We are very proud of all our children and how they are developing their communication strategies and we have had much more talking in class this term. In Attention Sessions the children have been focusing on developing their attention for longer periods and engaging in table top activities. We have seen some lovely engagement this term and some of the children are getting really good with their imitation skills. In play skills we have been working on our interaction skills and turn taking. We have had lots of fun messy play sessions and have even learned to work some mechanical toys!





We have had a brilliant term in Cherry Class. Our topic has been transport and this has been the focus for our attention sessions. We have used Lego and wooden bricks to build cars and rockets with our friends in our speaking and listening groups. We have been playing lots of turn taking games with our friends and we all enjoyed celebrating World Bee Day. We have had lots of fun in the forest with Mrs Cottrell and have been doing some gymnastics in the hall with Miss McCormick.

We had our first trip out to the park and the adults were really proud of all of the children. We have all done some fantastic reading, writing, phonics and number work with the adults.

We have had a brilliant year in Cherry class! We hope everyone has a great Summer holiday!

CHERRY CLASS





ELDER CLASS

We've come to the end of yet another busy and strange term – well done one and all for hanging in there! Let's hope that 2021-22 is rather more straightforward.

*Everyone has continued to make excellent progress towards their personal learning targets in reading, writing, phonics, maths and speaking and listening. Our topic this term has been jungle animals, linked to the book *There's A Rumble In The Jungle* and we have used this as inspiration for some excellent writing. We continued with the animal theme when visiting Reddish Vale Farm for an actual trip! And everyone showed incredible resilience and fitness during our fabulous visit to the cycling track at Curzon Ashton.*

Sadly, this summer we are saying goodbye to the amazing Adeel Ahmed as he moves on to his new high school. He has been a delight to teach, a friendly, hard-working and helpful presence in the classroom; everyone who has worked with him throughout his years at Hawthorns will be wiping away a few tears on the last day. Good luck Adeel!

Finally, a massive thank Mrs Kippax and Miss Rutley for ensuring that this year has been such a success in Elder Class. The children, and Mr Brown, are lucky to have you.

We hope everyone has a brilliant, safe Summer Holiday!



BLOSSOM CLASS

Blossom Class have been enjoying their new topic all about journeys. We have been looking at maps, and exploring our local area. We've also loved going to the Tameside active cycle track. You can see everything we've been up to on our class twitter page which we post on daily :-)





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