

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 15th May**

Current Topic: **'We Are International'** Current Value: **Communication**



Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

- EYFS— Ducklings 93%
- KS1— Penguins 100%
- LKS2— Owls 100%
- UPKS2— Toucans 100%

End of Week House points totals:

- Spitfire — 224
- Lancaster — 205
- Hurricane — 246
- Wellington — 289

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:

- Evie (Kingfishers) Rory (Kingfishers) Reggie (Penguins)
- Bradley (Eagles) Eleanor (Kingfishers) Izzy (Robins)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee

Year 6 have now completed their SATs, and we would like to say a huge congratulations to every single child for the determination, resilience and hard work they have shown throughout the week.



The children approached their tests with maturity and positivity, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they have put in, not just during SATs week itself, but throughout the whole year. Most importantly, they tried their very best, and that is something truly worth celebrating.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to parents and carers for the support you have given at home, whether through revision tasks, encouragement, helping with routines or simply providing reassurance along the way. Your support makes a tremendous difference.

A special thank you must also go to our dedicated staff, who have given so much time and energy leading booster groups, planning revision opportunities and supporting the children every step of the way.

While we know that SATs are not the most important thing in a child's life, they do help children to develop valuable habits for the future including perseverance, organisation, confidence and exam experience, all of which will support them later in life. Above all, SATs provide an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the progress our children have made during their time in primary school.

Well done, Year 6, we are all incredibly proud of you!

An update from Mrs Gardner

We would like to make parents and carers aware that there have recently been some concerning and upsetting conversations taking place amongst children in Key Stage 1 relating to "Huggy Wuggy".



Some children have been discussing frightening themes and stories linked to these characters during the school day, which has caused worry and anxiety for a number of pupils. As a school, we are actively discouraging these conversations and reminding children about appropriate topics for school, particularly with our younger pupils who may find these discussions distressing.

We would greatly appreciate your support at home by monitoring any exposure to age-inappropriate content and reinforcing conversations around kindness, reassurance, and suitable discussion topics for school.

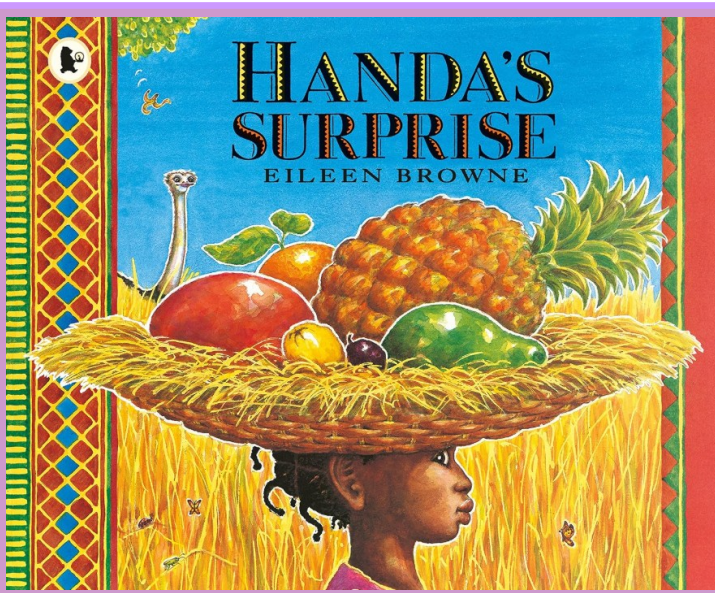
Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, calm and positive environment for all children.

An update from Mrs Summers

The HIVE have been sharing the Community Support summer holiday activities and there really is something for everyone. The holidays will 'kick off' with the annual football academy which is always a successful week. Other activities available are swimming lessons, swimming teacher qualification course, a week of STEM plus a residential in Dartmoor.



Please contact the team on camp to book or follow the link shared on social media or sent in the regular emails that are sent out. If you are not on the mailing list this is the best contact to be added to it: bnz-hiveinfo@mod.gov.uk.



This week as we started our new topic, we have been finding out all about Kenya and Africa.

We have been thinking about the animals that live there. We heard a story about some very cheeky animals who stole lots of fruits from a little girl who was walking to see her friends.

We have been drawing some of the fruits that the animals stole and had a lovely time on Thursday, tasting the fruits. We were trying to

think of words to describe the fruits as well as trying some that we might not have tasted before.

In Phonics we have been learning about the long oo sound - in spoon and the short oo sound in book and have been trying to write little captions with our phase 3 sounds. We now know ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo oo. It would be great if the children could be practising these sounds at home so that they are able to recognise them quickly.

In Maths we have been thinking about ways to make numbers. Ask the children how to make any numbers that are bigger than 5 and smaller than 10 and they should be able to show you using 5 and a bit more. Also ask us how to make 10 - don't accept 5 and 5. We have lots of ways.

Year 1 and 2

We've had an amazing first week of our We Are International topic! On Monday, we enjoyed travelling all the way to Australia using our Gateway Airlines tickets! We explored where the continent is and discussed the Equator and Southern Hemisphere. We learnt about some key human and physical features such as Uluru. Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef. We also learnt some cool facts such as Australia can fit in 4 United Kingdoms across the width of the country! Australia is a country and a continent! In Science, we have started to learn about the unique and amazing animals in Aus-

tralia such as an echidna, koala and wombat. We learnt what a marsupial is! In Eng-



Year 3 and 4

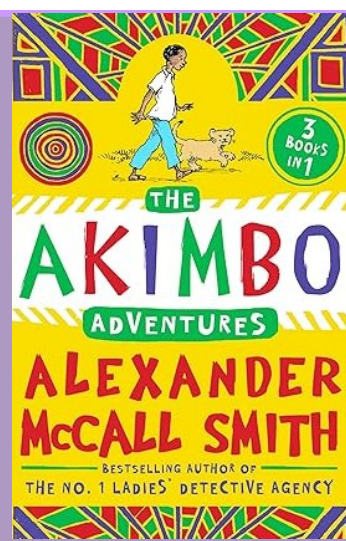
This week, we have got really stuck into our new topic, 'We are International' with our focus being Africa.

Our new book, The Akimbo Adventures have really got the children thinking about how some animals are treated and what it would be like to live near a game reserve in Africa. We have discussed whether the main character 'Akimbo' should try and stop poachers from harming elephants.

In maths, we have been learning to add and subtract fractions, remembering that the denominator does not change. We have been learning a modern African inspired dance in indoor PE and practising for Sports Day in outdoor PE. Our enquiry question for geography this week 'Is where is Africa?' children have used atlases to find out more about the continent.

Please keep checking dojo for regular updates.

Have a lovely weekend.



Year 5 and 6

This week has been very different for all the children, but each and every one of them has adapted to the challenges before them. Year 5s have been brilliant in managing changes to their normal routines, classrooms and teachers. They have really engaged with their writing unit based upon Mega City and how to incorporate dialogue into their work and in maths they continued their work on fractions.

The year 6 children have truly been amazing. They have rose to the challenge of sitting their SATs, working hard each day through each of their papers as well as being a supportive friend and peer. It was lovely to see them each morning for breakfast – they may have consumed far too many pan au chocolates. We know SATs do not measure how amazing they are at Art or Science but each and every one of them has given their all and really shone even when questions were tricky. They should all be proud of their achievements this week. The year 6 children have also been informed about our production – Pirates of the Curry Bean – and we held auditions. Some fantastic performances and we now have a tricky decision to make as to who will take on each role.

We have also started our new topic 'We are International'. In this topic, we will be exploring the concept of migration by looking at the fateful journey of the Titanic. Children have been eager to share what they already know and we cannot wait to build on this knowledge.



**Well Done
Year 6!
SATS are over!**

Dates For The Diary

Monday 18th May — Colour Run Booking Opens

Tuesday 19th May — Class Photos

Wednesday 20th May — Mingle In The Mess 8:30-9:30am

Friday 22nd May — GSA Non School Uniform Day — Donate a Coloured Item For Rainbow Raffle — More Information to Follow

Friday 22nd May — End of Term 5 — Finish 3:15pm

Wednesday 10th June — Mingle In The Mess 8:30-9:30am

Wednesday 17th June — Sports Day — KS2 AM — EYFS KS1 PM — Please can all children come in PE kit for the day and wear a coloured t shirt that represents there house colour

Friday 19th June — Colour Run and Rainbow Raffle from 3:30pm

Tuesday 14th July — Transition Day Into New Classes — PM

Wednesday 15th July — Transition Day Into New Classes — AM



Please bring a donation in the colour of your year group to add to a colourful family hamper, which will be available to win during our summer raffle on 19th June.

Your donation could be snacks, sweets, chocolates, drinks, toys, stationery, toileteries, games etc

GSA RAINBOW RAFFLE

Non Uniform Day 22nd May

EYFS - Red **Yr1 - Green**

Yr2 - Orange **Yr 3 - Blue**

Yr 4 - Yellow **Yr 5 - Pink/Purple**

Yr 6 - Black/White

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WITNEY TENNIS CLUB

Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May



Week Long Booking Details:

Mornings:

9am - 1pm - Ages 4 - 16 Years Old - £153.60

Short Course:

9am - 11am - Ages 4 - 7 years Old - £76.80

Individual Day Booking Details:

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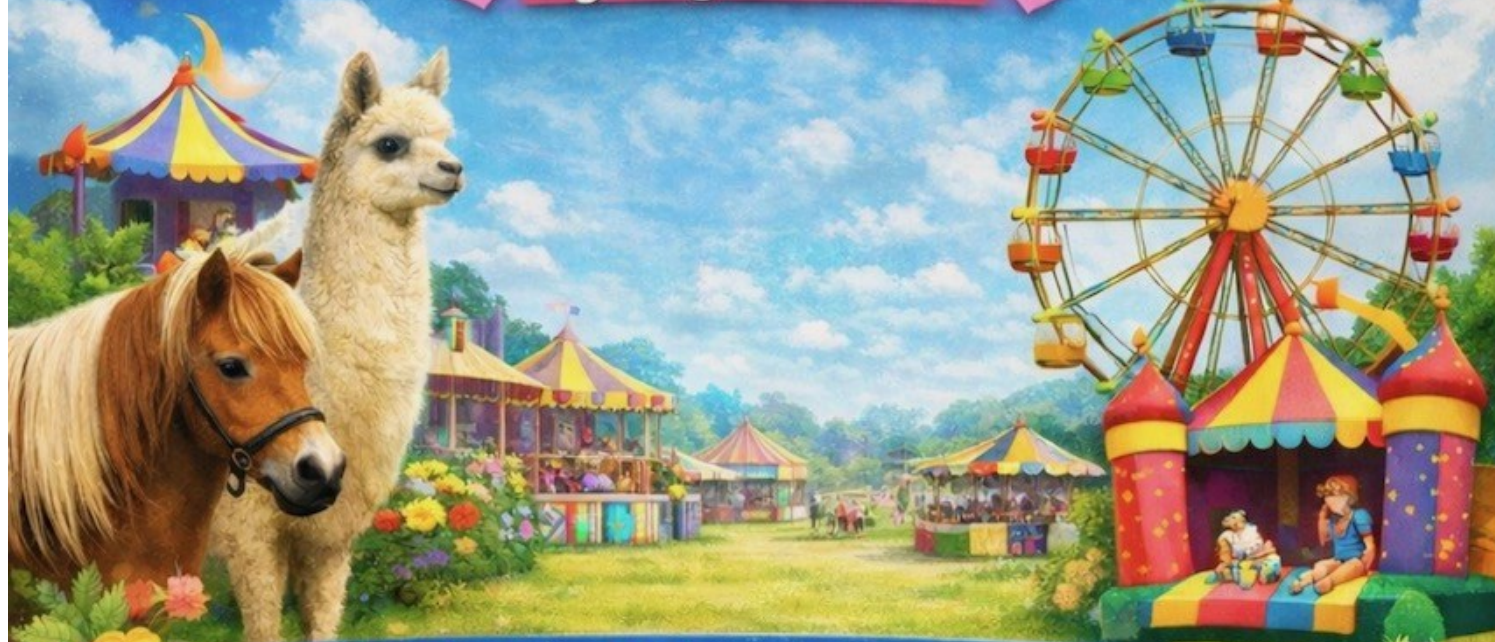
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Ages 2 - 7

The Family Folk Show

Sat 9 May 11.30am & 2pm

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NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

Improvisation

Tue 26 - Wed 27 May

9am - 12pm

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Hedgehog Club May Half Term at Hailey Community Wood, nr Witney

9.30am -3.30pm (Early drop off and Late pick available)

27th, 28th and 29th May 2026



Would your child like to spend a day outside building dens, bug hunting, using tools and knives and lighting fires? Then why not book a place on the Hedgehog Club May half term activity days. They cost £43 per child for a whole day which includes hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits and campfire snacks all day. £53 for early drop off from 8.30am and ate pick up, up to 5pm.

Booking is through the website and follow the booking links.

www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

Joining instructions will be sent to everyone the week before. See you there.

Email Mandy @ thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Helping Fiona fight for her family's future

After her husband developed a debilitating illness, mum Fiona needed to go back to work to support their family life.

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Fiona's partner served in the RAF. We helped her find a better work-life balance.

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Any adult family member caring for or supporting someone in the Armed Forces community who has a health condition, is recovering from one, or whose loved one has died during or after service. This includes chosen family, separated partners, and parents of veterans.

The service is for anyone who is unemployed and looking to move into employment, or who has difficulties in their current role and needs help to keep their job or move to a new one.

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Support includes:
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Interview prep
Encouragement & reassurance