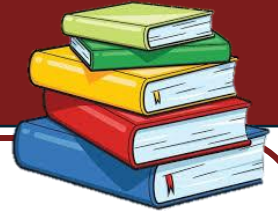




Hope View School

Newsletter December 2024



Message from Mr Johnson

I am delighted to share with you how wonderful the start to the new academic year has been. It has been a truly positive start, with our school community buzzing with energy, enthusiasm and a shared commitment to making this year a success.

A special and warm welcome goes to our new pupils and families who have joined the Hope View School community. We are all pleased to have you with us and look forward to the positive progress that your child will make. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff who have joined the team. Their enthusiasm and dedication have already had a positive impact at Hope View School.

Since the summer break it has amazing to observe our classrooms alive with learning, with pupils immersing themselves in both the academic curriculum and the development of vital life skills. Exciting opportunities outside the classroom have already begun with many trips taking place including Clip 'n' Climb, Kent Mining Museum and Boonies obstacle course. All pupils will be given the opportunity to be part of these memorable learning experiences to different locations throughout the course of the school year.

Thank you, as always for your support as we embark on a new academic year together with an aligned partnership to provide the best for our pupils.

Curriculum Update: In Autumn Term 2, GCSE, FS & ELC pupils engaged in mock examinations as part of their preparation for upcoming spring and summer formal examinations. Curriculum Leaders have marked and calculated scores to formulate Current Predicted Grades that are shared on reports. These results will form a basis for discussion at the upcoming Academic Review Day.

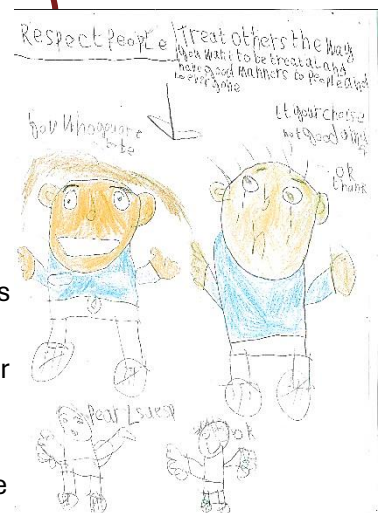
The same pupils were lucky enough to engage in a Learning Performance workshop called "Strategies for Success!". This was delivered by a very knowledgeable, engaging and enigmatic presenter. The feedback from pupils themselves about this workshop was very positive. We encourage all those pupils to use the strategies shared to support them in their revision!

Pupil Council:

The Pupil council holds meetings every term to represent their fellow pupils. They have requested magazine subscriptions and additional extracurricular clubs. The magazine subscription has been approved, and we are excited to implement this in the upcoming term. We have also launched clubs including Table Tennis, Reading, Dance, Crafts, and a Dungeons and Dragons club across both sites.

Charity Events!

For our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon we raised an outstanding £317.54! We are so grateful for such generous donations. For Anti-Bullying week we raised the profile by wearing odd socks and ran a poster competition. Congratulations to our winners! Our pupil council representatives visited classrooms to sell poppies for the Royal British Legion and extended our offer to taxi drivers. We raised an amazing £142.96. This means we are already at a total of £460.50 for the school year! Please note this does not include donations for Christmas Jumper Day.

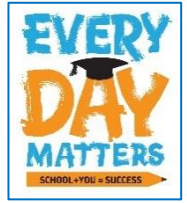


Whole School Attendance: Well, done to all pupils who have achieved 95% attendance or higher in term 1. As a reward, these pupils enjoyed a special non-uniform day, celebrating their dedication.

At the Lower Site, the class with the highest overall attendance received a non-uniform day.

Even more impressive were those pupils who achieved 100% attendance.

Keep up the great work, everyone!



Upper School

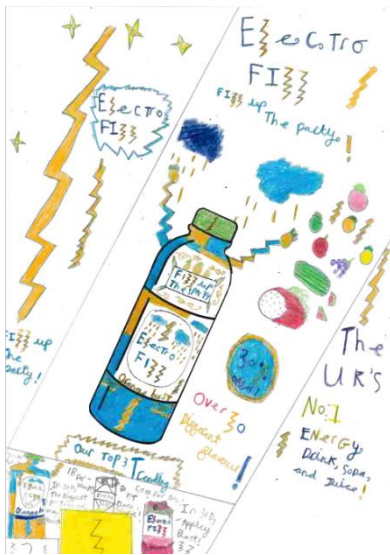
Upper Site News:

A huge congratulations to all pupils who consistently demonstrate excellent behaviour, earning no more than one behaviour log per week. This dedication is truly impressive, with over 80% of our pupils maintaining this level of behaviour on a weekly basis. Showing our school community continues to uphold our values of respect and self-discipline.

We are also thrilled to highlight the fantastic work of our pupil mentors. Their positive interactions with peers who are working to manage their emotions have been truly inspiring. These pupils are setting a wonderful example of empathy and leadership, showing what a supportive community we are building at Hope View School.

It has been inspirational to see pupils lead large sections of our whole school assemblies with such confidence. This opportunity is not just about public speaking, it's about developing life skills that will be valuable in their future. We're incredibly proud of their growth and the leadership they are showing.

The end of term awards ceremonies are heartwarming celebrations of the hard work and dedication our pupils put into their studies. The smiles on their faces as they received recognition for their achievements said it all. It's clear that the pupils at Hope View School take great pride in their work, and we couldn't be prouder of them. Our off-site P.E. sessions at both Kingsmead and Stour Centre Sports Centre are proving to be a huge success. Pupils are not only improving their physical skills but also having lots of fun and building their confidence. It's fantastic to see them out in the community, representing Hope View School so positively.



Class 6 This term, during English lessons, class six have been focussing on writing to persuade. They have designed their own products such as drinks, snacks, and shoes, and have developed advertisement campaigns around their products. They chose the genre, audience, and purpose of their products, and then made some amazing posters which are now on display in the classroom (seen in the picture). The next task was to create the concepts, scripts, and storyboards for a TV advert. We got some wild and wacky ideas for their adverts, the visitations of a witch, and a drink being delivered by a giant gecko.

Class 2 started their mock exam practice for maths and science. For history they are completing a presentation.

For Science they have visited the water treatment in Eastbourne so they could learn how the water is treated to become potable.



Voyagers: The Voyagers have continued to impress with their dedication and commitment to learning. This term we have worked hard towards our ELC qualifications. In English we have looked at the topics of Hobbies and Charities. Pupils engaged in a persuasive debate about which charity we should fundraise for. In Science we looked at Biology, conducting a heart rate experiment and Physics. In Maths we have looked at Statistics where we found out some of HVS' favourite pizza toppings, cars and takeaways. We have also looked at Calendar and Time. In PSHE pupils have learnt about being in a community and have also been celebrating difference, learning about different disabilities as well as other cultures. In Life Skills pupils have undertaken the Velo Project and a cooking project where they have cooked different meals from around the world. Pupils also learnt some simple phrases in Makaton, including "Hello, we are the Voyagers class".

To kick off Term 2, **Class 1** were asked to host the Upper School assembly. After lots of discussion and practice, all the members of the class took part in what can only be described as a spectacular, captivating, and historically accurate reimagining of the Gunpowder Plot. All pupils showed great confidence and took particular pride in their individual roles to provide the rest of the Upper School with a theatre performance for the ages. Special mention the pupil's portrayal of King James I (complete with Scottish accent). This humorous and informative production showed just how much these pupils have grown; willing to stand in front a hall full of people and deliver rehearsed lines with aplomb. Skills like these will doubtless help Class 1 with their future lives, once they finish their exams and leave Hope View School in the summer. Well done!



Class 5 have had a positive start to their year. Since taking over as their form tutor, they have made both myself and Mr Alex feel very welcomed into the class, and we have enjoyed watching them mature over the first two terms. The pupils are engaged in the form time activities, we discuss national events, local news, their wellbeing and on Fridays take part in a weekly challenge which I set, the favourite so far being the Ka-Blab board game. I am very much looking forward to watching the pupils progress further in 2025.



Class 3: I joined the school in September, and I have been warmly welcomed by my tutor group. They have quickly settled into good routines, showing great dedication to their learning. I am pleased to report that their classroom teachers have shared positive feedback, highlighting their progress and hard work. This term, they played a key role in planning and delivering a whole school assembly on 'Dealing with Anger,' where they presented thoughtful ideas about managing emotions. In English lessons, they have shown strong engagement with reading and other activities, demonstrating a genuine commitment to improvement. Overall, it's been a fantastic start, and I look forward to continuing the year with them.

Upper School Finish Times:

From Monday 6th January 2025 the following school finish times will apply (Kent and Medway have been informed, as well as transport)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arrival 08:30	Arrival 08:30	Arrival 08:30	Arrival 08:30	Arrival 08:30
Departure 15:05	Departure 15:05	Departure 15:05	Departure 15:05	Departure 14:45

Lower School

Lower Site News:

Pupils returned to school very excited to see the new playground equipment had been installed over the summer, we have been raising funds towards this through our Summer Fair's so thank you for attending and contributing.

We have been working hard on raising engagement with reading, all pupils are expected to read at least three times a week at home, when you sign to let the Class Teacher know they have read, they're rewarded with stickers, certificates, something out of the treasure chest and such like – keep up the good work everyone!



Discoverers have enjoyed learning about fact files in English they are designing their own fact file based on their own UK bird of prey. In maths Discoverers have been practicing their multiplication and division becoming faster and recalling them and learning about the number facts around them. In science they have been researching forces and even created their own parachute which they threw out the window! Discoverers have learnt a lot of new skills during our life skills sessions including researching and presenting news topics, planning projects, and experiencing life as a waiter!

Squirrels class have worked hard this term on their English project, advertising a product. They have used persuasive language and catchy slogans to really sell their product. In maths, we have been studying multiplication and division, practising our times tables regularly. Squirrels have thoroughly enjoyed their science learning about forces this term and loved creating parachutes to test out air resistance. Outdoor education has also been a highlight for Squirrels this term and they have enjoyed learning lots of new skills including building shelters, creating fires (safely!) and lots of teamwork.

Adventurers have been working hard reading and writing their own Non-Fiction texts following the theme 'Frozen Planet'. They've been inspired by Sir David Attenborough's films and reading about Arctic animals in fact books. Art lessons have seen the pupils painting and decorating their own beautiful Arctic animal pictures and creating junk models using recycled materials. In maths they have been developing their addition and subtraction skills using higher numbers and applying their times table knowledge to solve multiplication and division problems. In Science pupils have been experimenting with changes of state, taking part in various fun experiments involving solids, liquids and gases.

Look at this amazing example of teamwork during Outdoor Education this term! Adventurers have been fantastic at making dens and especially using natural materials to create tepees.



Badgers class have really enjoyed exploring shape in maths this term. They have had fun creating 2D shapes from straws and playdough and have been busy learning all about the properties of 3D shapes. In English, Badgers class have been focusing on non-fiction reports based on the Arctic and Antarctica and they are very proud to have created their own non-fiction reports on an Arctic animal. Badgers class have been very creative in their art and ICT lessons, creating tealight holders and baubles for the Christmas Fair and making music in ICT. In science, the focus has been on nutrition and the human body. The boys really enjoyed drawing around each other and adding the skeleton and vital organs. Outdoor Education is always one of the highlights of the week, and this term the boys have been learning basic survival skills and have even created some crafty fir cones.

Term 3 School Events!

Monday 6 th January 2025	Start of Term
Tuesday 14 th January 2025	TD/IPV and Men ACWY Vaccinations
Tuesday 21 st January 2025	School Photos
Friday 31 st January 2025	Academic Review Day – Both Sites Closed.
Friday 14 th February 2025	Last Day of Term for All Pupils



In Term 1, in science, **Rabbits** Class investigated 'Electricity', constructed circuits and learnt how to draw accurate circuit diagrams using recognised symbols. More recently, the boys have been exploring the topic of 'Light' and they have looked at how shadows are formed.

Lower School Finish Times:

From Monday 6th January 2025 the following school finish times will apply (Kent and Medway have been informed, as well as transport)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arrival 08:30	Arrival 08:30	Arrival 08:30	Arrival 08:30	Arrival 08:30
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