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Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers
I hope you have had a wonderful week!

Year 6
We have been very busy this week, with the children in Year 6 completing their SATs exams! We are so proud of Year 6 for their resilience and determination. They have all been coming into school early, and they have approached the tests with such a positive mindset. They have worked so hard that we felt they deserved a celebration for all that they have achieved! So they have had a relaxing Friday full of fun and treats today. Well done Year 6!

Safety Outside of School Grounds
This week somebody in our parent/carer community approached me to tell me about some smashed glass outside the school grounds. While we are not able to take responsibility for the paths and roads around the school, I really appreciated the adult making us aware. They also informed me that they, along with another parent, had cleared as much of the glass as they could to make the area safe for children walking to and from school. Of course we would never expect anybody to put themselves at risk by handling glass! However we are very grateful to these adults for taking the time to ensure the area was safe. In today's assembly we talked about community mindedness, our value of the term, and we reflected on small steps we can take as individuals to make our community a better place – these adults are setting a very good example for our children! If you do come across any issues in the local area and wish to address them, you can report to the local council – their details can be found online.

Uniform
As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer, you may be considering transitioning to summer uniform. A reminder of our school uniform expectations:
Boys: Burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan; white shirt or polo shirt OR burgundy polo shirt; grey trousers; black closed shoes
Girls: Burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan; white shirt or polo shirt OR burgundy polo shirt, grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers; black closed flat shoes.
During the summer months girls may wear a red and white checked summer dress; boys and girls may opt to wear smart, grey shorts.
If you have any questions or concerns about our school uniform expectations, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can access our full School Uniform Policy here.

Our Uniform suppliers are **PMG School wear**. You can view their pricelist and contact details here and there is also a copy on the back of this bulletin.

https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/schoolleafletpdf12-single3.php?type=primary&schoolid=429

Refugee Support

Many of our pupils are aware of the difficulties faced by families leaving the Ukraine. As a community minded school, we would like to do something to offer support to these families, and others in similar circumstances. The School Council have discussed some ideas and would like to begin by holding a whole school non-uniform day on Friday 27th May. Pupils are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a small donation (we recommend £1). We recognise that there are many other families around the world affected by difficult situations that result in a need to leave their homes. Therefore, we have selected a charity that supports people all around the world. You can find out more about the charity we will be fundraising for here.

Curriculum

The children have been enjoying their topics this term. A reminder that you can see the Medium Term Plan for your child's class here. You can also access Knowledge Organisers on this page – these documents include the key knowledge pupils must learn each half term. It's really helpful to have a look at these together at home to support your child's long term memory (sticky learning!)

Community Tennis
You may be aware that our MUGA is used for a local tennis academy on Saturdays. We have included an article from the local paper about this fantastic academy. They are looking for new players, so do have a read and consider whether this is something that may appeal to your child.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes
Mrs. Manning
Headteacher

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Attendance W/c 02/05/22

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	86.2	0
Year 1	85.4	1
Year 2	87.9	2
Year 3	93.3	9
Year 4	92.5	3
Year 5	94.0	1
Year 6	90.0	5

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Community Mindedness Tokens

Year 1	32
Year 2	51
Year 3	57
Year 4	53
Year 5	90
Year 6	75

Coming Up...

Date	Event
09/05/22	YEAR 6 SATs week
19/05/22	Farm coming in to visit Nursery and Reception
19/05/22	Census Day
25/05/22	Year 3 trip to the Ashmolean museum
30/05/22-03/06/22	School closed for Half term
05/07/22 & 06/07/22	Transition days
20/07/22	School closes for Summer Break 2.00pm finish
21/07/22	Extra Leave day
	INSET DAYS - 2022/2023 02/09/22 05/09/22 04/01/2023 17/04/2023 21/07/2023

Letters this week ...

- Reading books letter
- Payment for the Farm Trip (Nursery & Reception only
- Census Lunch
- Highcrest Academy Banding (Year 5s only)
- Free School meals eligibility

This Week in School...

Nursery have been thinking about The Gingerbread Man story. They have enjoyed listening to the story and joining in with key parts. We have particularly had fun changing our voices to sing like the Gingerbread Man! The children made their own gingerbread biscuits to eat and then we investigated what part of the gingerbread person did most children eat first. We counted 13 children who like to eat the head first, 6 children like to eat an arm first and only 3 children like to eat a leg first! We made a chart to show this information. Outside has also been busy, here children created a huge bridge that the Gingerbread Man would be able to use to cross the river. We even put water under the bridge so when the children crossed the bridge they had to walk extra carefully!

Core Book: Gingerbread Man

Key Vocabulary: man, fox, boy, baker, cow, horse

Key songs: 5 little gingerbread lying on a tray (we have sent the words home this week!)

The **Reception** children started their week with a search for words and pictures which we matched up to discover what our new story is about. They found lots of creatures and plants from under the sea. They then enjoyed a character hunt, ticking off and writing the words for the characters they found on the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. The children have been learning to retell the story, using actions to help them and have been thinking about and writing what different characters in the story say to each other. The children have enjoyed discovering the various creatures that live in the sea by making up stories in the water tray. The children have also created a whole class under the sea painting using water colours. In maths this week, the children have been practising as a whole class to count beyond 20, starting at different numbers. They have also been looking at 2D shapes (square, circle, triangle and rectangle) by playing matching shape games, saying the names for the shapes and being able to describe each shape by saying how many sides and corners they have.

Phonics Link - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/DWVYpLsw/HFBnxDD3

Year 1

In English, we have finished learning our model text 'How to catch a star'. We thought of some fantastic adjectives to describe the characters in the story, and blew everyone away with our imaginative 'I wonder' questions! In Maths, we have been finishing up our volume and capacity unit, using vocabulary such as 'full, half full, empty' and looking back at counting in 2s! We have also been looking at the UK in Geography; this week we learnt about England, it's capital city and some landmarks around the country.

Year 2:

Well done Year 2 for yet another great week of learning and fun. In Geography, we delved further into the human and physical features of the seaside. The children enjoyed discovering and discussing this aspect of the seaside. In Maths, are developing our skills in reasoning and solving worded problems. The children have been working hard in adding and subtracting - with exchange as well as applying our skills and knowledge of multiplication in solving problems. In P.S.H.E, we discussed our uniqueness as individuals. The children enjoyed sharing and respectfully listening to each other's individuality. In Writing, we learned to improve our work through the use of repetition, effective verbs and conjunctions. What a brilliant week it's been. We are truly proud of your growth mindset! Keep up the great learning and don't forget to adventure into a fun book or two.

Year 3:

Year 3 have rewritten their own traditional tale- Cinderella but from the step sisters' perspective! It seems the step sisters aren't as mean as we thought they were… are they? In Maths, we are deep in the learning pit as we try to master equivalent fractions. The key learning we has stuck is that equivalent fractions take up the same amount of space. In History, we have written a diary entry from the point of view of an Ancient Egyptian travelling down the superhighway of the River Nile! Did you know the River Nile flows through eleven countries?!

Year 4:

Year 4: We have explored our model text from a reader's point of view and a writer's point of view this week as well as planned an alternative version of The Caravan, ready to write next week. In Maths, we started a new topic: money. We ordered and estimated money and have started to convert between pounds and pence by multiplying or dividing by 100. We also practised summarising a paragraph in a sentence this week in Reading. In Topic, we had lots of fun experimenting pitch and volume with instruments.

Year 5:

It's been a great week in Year 5! We've finished the story of Beowulf defeating the monster, Grendel, but it seems the victory won't last long before another monster strikes... We've also started writing our very own defeating the monster tales. We've created some very eerie settings and devilish, tyrannical monsters. In maths, we can now represent parts of a whole as fractions, decimals and percentages! In topic, we imagined what the life of King Alfred the Great was like and even acted out scenes from his life. From Year 5 - have a great weekend.

Year 6:

Wow! What an incredible week of resilience, determination and perseverance it has been in Year 6. I could not be prouder of the whole class. They have all worked so incredibly hard and it has been a pleasure watching them really take ownership of their learning during revision sessions. The SATs are over and Year 6 have shown us all the qualities of great learners after all we are growing minds for learning and crafting skills for life. A huge well done to all of the Year 6s. Have a great, well-earned weekend.

NEWS

Club served up an ace

By Stephanie Wareham

A SUCCESSFUL High Wycombe tennis academy for young people under the age of16 has received a £5,000 grant from a local community group.

The youngsters and the coaching team have been celebrating the news of the new grant from Marsh and Micklefield Big Local with cakes made by the Hills Café in Micklefield.

This initiative, which started in 2019, was previously made possible through funding from Public Health Buckinghamshire.

The Micklefield Tennis Academy employs Guy Britton, a British Lawn Tennis Association accredited coach with over 30 years' experience.

The tennis sessions are held on Saturday mornings at the Ash Hill School Tennis Court, which is provided at a discounted hire rate.

Mike Piggford of The British Lawn Tennis Association said: "This funding is fantastic news for tenais and will ensure that young people in the local community in Micklefield can continue to access weekly free activities which we know have great health and well-being benefits.

File photo

"We hope to continue working with the session organisers to expand these opportunities using the LTA SERVES programme."

Cllr Carl Jackson, Buckinghamshire Council's deputy cabinet member for public health, said: "Many congratulations to the Micklefield Tennis Academy.

"I am delighted that the council's seed funding has helped to establish this popular and much-loved local community facility.

"The tennis academy provides local young people with an opportunity to take part in regular physical activity, to benefit from skilled coaching, and to improve their confidence and social skills - hopefully all while having plenty of fun."

Rachel Brown, Marsh and Micklefield Big Local Chairman said: "Marsh and Micklefield Big Local are pleased to be able to support the Tennis Academy.

"The grant will allow the academy to continue to give young people in the community the opportunity to participate in a sport that may not ordinarily be available.

"Marsh and Micklefield Big Local recognises the importance of health and wellbeing in our community, and we believe the Academy contributes significantly to the health and happiness of those attending the Tennis Academy sessions."

The Marsh and Micklefield Big Local has been in existence since 2010 and is a group of residents who work together to improve the community and donate cash to local organisations and charities.

See marshandmicklefield.com for more information about their work.

Ash Hill Primary School

School Specific Item	Pricing
Ash Hill Sweatshirt	From £11.99
Ash Hill Sweat Cardi	From £13.99
Ash Hill Polo	From £9.99
Ash Hill Reversible	£24.99
Ash Hill Bookbag	£7.99
Ash Hill Pe Bag	£7.99
Ash Hill Leg Cap	£5.99

General Uniform (no logo) – Just some of the School items on the website

School General Item	Pricing	School General Item	Pricing
Classic Crew Neck Sweatshirt	From £8.99	Gingham Summer Dress	From £12.99
Plain Classic Polo	From £6.99	Socks - Ankle - 5 Pair Pack	From £7.99
Junior Boys Trousers Skinny Fit	From £9.99	Plain Round Neck T Shirt	From £5.99
Junior Boys Trouser Slim Fit	From £8.99	Jogging Bottoms	From £10.99
Junior Boys Trousers Standard Fit	From £8.99	Polycotton Pe Shorts	From £7.99
Junior Boys Trouser Sturdy Fit	From £10.99	Velcro Plimsoll	From £6.99
School Shorts Classic Fit	From £9.99	Mac In A Sac	From £8.99
School Shorts Slim Fit	From £9.99	Cotton Tights Twin Pack	From £9.99
School Shorts Sturdy Fit	From £9.99	Boys Race Swimtrunk	£8.99
Junior Pleated Skirt	£14.99	Event Square Leg Trunks	From £8.99
Long Sleeve Shirt Twin Pack	From £13.99	Girls Freestyle Swimsuit	From £12.99
Short Sleeve Shirt Twin Pack	From £13.99	Latex Swim Cap	£6.99
Long Sleeve Blouse Twin Pack	From £13.99	50 Iron On Name Labels	£5.99
Short Sleeve Blouse Twin Pack	From £13.99	Sew In Labels	£7.99
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