

Hope Brook News



**Week ending:
9th February
2024**

Dear Parents, Governors, Staff and Friends,

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The spring term may be a short one but, here at Hope Brook, we have already managed to pack in plenty of exciting learning and experiences! It is always thrilling to see how the children are 'Growing Together with God's Love to Bring Hope to the World', developing their academic abilities, spirituality, friendships, physical skills and so much more.

As I move around the school each day, the excellent efforts of children in their learning are always apparent. They are always so enthusiastic to share with me the progress they are making and the new things they have learnt! This term our local PCSOs visited Pippins, Robins and Woodpeckers and shared with the children idea for keeping themselves safe. Our visitors were really impressed with the behaviour of the children as well as the thoughtful questions they asked.

Through the School Council, Worship Council and Eco Council, children are growing in their leadership skills as well as learning how to work together as a community and to care for each other and the wider world.

In collective worship, we continue to grow together as we learn about God's love for the world and this is reflected in the children's efforts to care for the wider world through projects such as the sponsorship of animals through WWF. We also have space in collective worship to reflect on what is most important and to each of us and to develop our own personal spirituality as we consider the 'Ows, Wows and Nows' of life.

Thank you to all the amazing staff at Hope Brook who work so hard to provide so much for all our children, enabling us all to 'Grow Together'. From the Pippins staff to the teachers, the office staff, the midday supervisors, the caretakers and the TAs, we really do have a dedicated team at Hope Brook who all have the best interests of the children at heart.

I hope you enjoy reading in more detail about the many opportunities and experiences we have enjoyed this half term in this newsletter.

Miss Marks

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Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
Monday 19 February	Back to School	Monday 3 June to Friday 14	Year 4 National Multiplication Check
Thursday 22 February	Young Voices at the NEC	W/C 3 June	Bikeability for Y6
Tuesday 27 February	Space Explorer Dome (after school)	W/c Monday 10 June	Year 1 National Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 28 February	Ian Young (Author visit) for Y3-Y6	Thursday 13 June	Class Photos (am)
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day	Thursday 13 June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester cathedral (pm)
Monday 11 March	Moon Buggies Workshop (Kingfishers)	Monday 24 to Friday 28 June	Dene Magna Induction Week
Monday 18 March	GPJ Netball	W/C 3 June	Bikeability for Y6
Wednesday 20 March	GPJ Girls' Indoor Football Finals	Thursday 13 June	Class Photos
Friday 31 March	Easter Service at the Church Last Day of Term	Tuesday 2 July	Multi-Sports (GPJ) at Newent Community School
Monday 8 April	Back to School	Friday 5 July	Sports Day (am)
Wednesday 17 & Thursday 25 April	Parents Evenings	Tuesday 9 July	Key Stage 2 Production (pm)
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday	Wednesday 10 July	Key Stage 2 Production (evening)
Monday 13 to Friday 17 May	SATS week - Year 6	Tuesday 16 July	Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
Friday 24 May	Term Ends	Friday 19 July	Leavers Service for Parents (am) Last Day of Term
Monday 3 June	Back to School		

We hope an overview of events in the year is helpful and will try to stick to these dates as closely as possible. However, there will inevitably have to be some changes made for reasons we have not yet anticipated. Please check future newsletters for any changes or the calendar on our school website <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/calendar/309901>

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School Dinners

If you believe that you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> to apply online.



Adopting Animals - Giving Hope to The World

Kestrels' bake sale on Friday 26 January to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund was a great success -we raised £62.10. Thank you to everyone for your support.

The Christmas Post Office that Woodpeckers class organised raised a total of £43.81 for the WWF.

Key stage 2 have decided to adopt a rhinoceros and key stage 1 children are adopting a snow leopard.

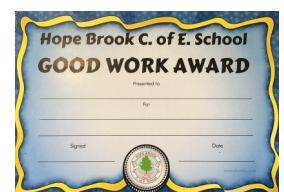


Good Work Awards

Each week children from each class may be given a 'Good Work Award' in our Friday celebration assembly. If your child gains five good work awards, please ask them to hand in to the school office before Wednesday so that we can award them with a Head Teacher's Award certificate and cup in the celebration assembly.

Well done to Emrys Bathgate-Brown, Tilli Harris, Archie Kay and Charlie Kay who have achieved a Head Teacher's Award this term.

If they work really hard and are presented with the cup five times in their time at Hope Brook - they get to keep it!



Maths Challenge

On Friday 19 January, some of our year 4 pupils took part in the Primary Quest Maths Challenge at Redmarley Village Hall.

Well done to Bobby Stead, Noah Jeavons, Emilee Englefield and Emily Dangerfield-Wheeler for representing Hope Brook school very successfully.

It was lovely to see them using their maths skills in a fun way. Thank you to Mrs Hollis for transporting and supervising the children at the event.



Dance Lessons

Dance Lessons:
Years 1 and 2

This term, Year 1 and 2 have been having dance lessons with a dance specialist, linked to our topic on China. They have been developing a variety of skills and have been using props such as

scarves. They have been practicing travelling in different ways and moving like a dragon!



New Age Kurling

On Wednesday 10th January our Kurling Team of year 3 and year 4 children took part in a large inter schools tournament; 24 schools competing to be District Kurling Champions.

Hope Brook's team did us proud. They worked well as a team, encouraging and praising one another during matches. Every game started with polite introduction and shaking hands with their opponents.

We may not have come home with a medal, but we certainly impressed the other schools with our manners and behaviour.

Thank you to Mrs Marshall for supervising the children.



Cross Country

We are very proud of our distance runners who represented Hope Brook at the Individual Cross Country event on 24th January.

All of the pupils gave their very best performance. Well done to Sandy Stead, Jess White, Skye Smith, Gracie Morris, Evelyn Beard, Daisy Jones, Max Beard, William Noble, Zachary James, Charlie Kay, Sam Sherratt and Theo Lawrance for putting in their best effort on the day and demonstrating the school's value of 'perseverance'.



Three pupils are through to the County final which takes places on 25th February at Newent School: Max Beard, William Noble and Sandy Stead. Many congratulations to them and we wish them all the very best of luck. Many thanks to Mrs Barnes and Mrs Collis for supervising and to Miss Marks for transporting the children to the event.

Promoting a Love of Books...

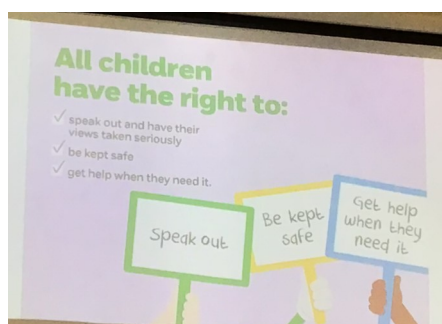
On 6 February Books for Bugs in Mitcheldean brought a selection of their books to school for our Book Fair.

Thank you to everyone who supported this; the children absolutely loved choosing a books from the wide variety of topics and our school library will have more new books for the children to enjoy reading.



Speak Out Stay Safe

On Wednesday 31 January, children in Years 1-6 had a workshop with the NSPCC on 'Speaking Out and Staying Safe'.



Cooking in School

This term, the children have enjoyed cooking foods linked to their topics.

Robins have been learning about China (and trying to eat Chinese food with chopsticks); Kestrels about South Africa (they made and ate vegetable couscous) and Wagtails have been studying India (cooking vegetable curry and rice).

