

Hope Brook News

Week ending: March 2nd, 2018

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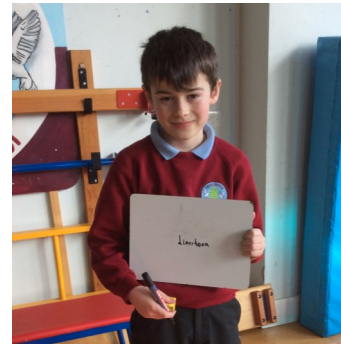
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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

It was our Spelling Bee last week at Hope Brook. Over the previous weeks the children had been working hard at learning their spellings (100 words each for our juniors!) and this was their opportunity to show off their skills.

The highest scoring spellers from each year group took on Mrs Selwood in the final, in a knockout competition —with Henry B & Mrs Selwood coming in joint first place, with their correct spelling of the word diarrhoea.



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Diary Dates

| Date | Event | Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 6th March | Netball Tournament Newent School | Thursday 26th April | Dene Magna Maths Challenge |
| Thursday 8th March | Parents Evening | Friday 27th April | Movie Night 5pm -7pm |
| Sunday 11th March | All Saints Church, Longhope Mothering Sunday Service Choir performing at 9.30am | W/c 14th May | SATS week - Year 6 |
| Tuesday 13th March | Parents Evening | Wednesday 6th June | Cathedral Leavers Service Year 6 |
| Friday 16th March | Visit to Westons Farm Robins & Woodpeckers | Tuesday 12th June | Weston Super Mare Trip Robins |
| Friday 23rd March | Sport Relief & Mad March Hair - Non Uniform Day | Thursday 14th June | Country Dance Festival Speech House |
| Wednesday 28th March | Easter Service 9.30am All Saints' Church | Friday 29th June | Moving Up Day |
| Thursday 29th March | INSET Day | Friday 6th July | Sports Day 9.30am |
| Friday 30 March—Friday | Easter Holidays | Wednesday 18th July | Summer Production - KS2 2.00pm |
| Monday 16th April | Back to School | Thursday 19th July | Summer Production - KS2 6.00pm |
| Monday 23rd April | St George's Day Theme Day | Tuesday 24th July | Leavers Service 9.15am |

Good Work Awards

Well done to Keelan Coleman, Arthur Ross-Collins, Toby Harding, Lexi Barrington, Toby Daughtrey who have all received the Head Teachers Award.

If your child receives 5 Good Work Awards, please ask them to bring them to the school office, so that they receive the Head Teachers Award and get to keep the cup for a week!



Sporting Successes

We've had a great start to the Spring term with lots of sporting successes to report.

Our Key Steps Gymnastics team was in action at Dene Magna School in the Forest North heat and we are very proud to report that they came first! The team then went on to compete in the County Finals and finished in an amazing 3rd place!

Well done to Max Cruickshank, Ava Lou Morris, Immy Harding, Anabel Sprekelsen, Lauren Pearce & Isabel Jones. A special thank you also goes to Mrs Barnes and her daughter Autumn, who have been coaching the team on Tuesday evenings.



A number of our Year 5 & 6 children took part in the District Cross Country event at Newent School on a very cold and muddy afternoon in February. The course was longer than in previous years; at just short of two miles, and the children did a fantastic job in some very competitive races. A special well done goes to Emily Henson, who finished 4th in the Year 6 girls race and qualified to take part in the County Finals later this month—Good luck Emily!



We love to celebrate the successes of all the children at Hope Brook—sporting or otherwise, so if your child has recently passed an exam, won an event or done something special, please bring in the certificate / badge to the school office and we would be happy to present it to them in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Cannop Ponds

Years 1 & 2 visited Cannop Ponds to compare the woods to our own in Longhope and Lois Compton in Year 2 was our reporter for this trip.

One day the infants went to a beautiful place called Cannop Ponds. It was such a pretty sight to see! We went on a Friday morning. We did a little walk. But before that we went on the bus to catch a ride. I was shocked because the ducks brought a smile to my face because they were gorgeous. When we reached the muddy part of the lush green forest it was like a game of stick in the mud! We also did some dam building, but it didn't work out so well. Finally it was time for a snack. Then we went to wash our stinky muddy boots. After that we changed into some sensible clothes to go on the bus. It was a lovely trip! Love Cannop Ponds.



Key Stage 1 Information Afternoon

Many thanks to everyone who came to the information & coffee afternoon. It was lovely to see so many parents. We discussed the tricky problem of being able to tell the time using an analogue clock and a digital clock. Having their own teaching watch will help children come to grips with this tricky concept. Many parents would like some more maths worksheets for the children to complete at home and we discussed the methods used in school. General questions about English were also addressed.

An update on grammatical terms used in school will be the focus for our next afternoon.

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Robins visit to Australia

Robins Class 'visited' Australia this term and found out that an airport can be a very busy place. They made tickets and passports and even brought their summer clothes to change into when they arrived!



Lent Assembly

Mr Gacek joined us to lead an assembly on Lent and how we can use it as a time to Spring clean ourselves, by giving up something for Lent. The children thoroughly enjoyed the assembly and we would like to thank Mr Gacek for coming in to join us.



Bananagrams!

During our spelling bee week Kestrels' class held their own Bananagrams championship! Played in a similar way to Scrabble, but without the board, the children played in small teams to see who would be crowned our champions. Following some ruthless games and rematches due to equal scores, our champions were Maddie, Lexi & Henry!

