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Dear Parents / Carers

It has certainly been an exciting week at Hope Brook this week. There's been dancing with parasols and dragons, Bollywood style movement and sporting success. It has been a happy week at Hope Brook.

Cross Country Success

What an amazing afternoon we had at yesterday's cross-country event. Twelve pupils from Y6 and twelve pupils from Y5 took part in a Forest schools cross-country competition. Everyone tried their best and were exemplary representatives of our school. Well done to all of the children who took part. I am so proud of what you achieved.

I should give a special mention to some members of the team. Our Y5 girls were absolutely incredible - coming 1st (Phoebe Morris), 2nd (Florence Jones) and 3rd (Katie Pugh) – what an achievement. This success was closely followed by the Y5 boys – coming 1st (Leo Croker), 2nd (Isaac Lawrance) and 10th (Ben Pearce). In the Y6 races, Lily Webb placed 7th and Annabel Sanders came 10th in the girls' race, and Toby Hayward came 8th in the boys' race. All of these children have now qualified for the County competition which will be held in Cheltenham on March 12th. Mrs Hollis and Mrs Collis said the children were superb. They participated well, listened to all the instructions carefully and supported each other fully. Look out for the pictures on the website.

Dance Days

On Thursday, a specialist dance tutor visited the school to provide workshops for Wagtails and Woodpeckers. Wagtails experienced a 'Bollywood style' dance workshop which they found quite challenging but very enjoyable. The children had to concentrate hard to keep up with the music and the movements.

Woodpeckers enjoyed a workshop based on Chinese traditions. There was dancing with parasols and, of course, dragon dancing. Everyone enjoyed the experience.

Many thanks to Jodie, from the Dance Days team who provided such enjoyable and exciting sessions for the children.

Chinese New Year Wishes

Many of you will have noticed the red pieces of card tied to the hedgerow at the front of the school. Woodpeckers class are currently finding out about the life and culture of people in China. At this time of the year, Chinese New Year – which is on Tuesday 1st February, it is customary to write a wish for the future on a piece of card and tie it to a tree. The red pieces of card contain the wishes of the members of Woodpeckers class. I believe they have also buried some pennies in the

school grounds which it is believed will bring you peace and prosperity in the coming year. It is always so interesting to hear about customs and traditions from around the world.

Kestrels and Kingfishers Trip

Next week, Kingfishers and Kestrels have a trip to look forward to. On Friday 4th February, they will be visiting 'We the Curious' in Bristol. Kingfishers will be visiting the planetarium and taking part in a space themed workshop. Kestrels will be taking part in an 'innoventions' workshop.

The children will need to be in school at the normal time as the coach will be leaving at 9am. They will return to school at approximately 4.00pm. The children will need a packed lunch and a drink in a non-breakable container. They should wear school uniform but will not need to bring any additional money with them.

Entering and Leaving school

Now that we are no longer marking out social distancing spaces, can I remind parents that children should enter and leave the school grounds via the paths. We ask that no parents or children use the school car park area as this is a designated area for the movement of vehicles. We also ask that parents keep to the path when entering and leaving school, rather than using the driveway. We realise that this does slow down the exit from school but believe this is the safest way to leave the site, and will discourage children from running out of school.

Have a great weekend

Stephanie Severn