

Hope Brook News

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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

As you will be able to see when you look through the pages of this newsletter, it has been a busy term—even if it has been quite a short term. The children have loved this term's trips and have gained so much from the 'hands on' learning experiences. The teachers have been really impressed by the children's behaviour and the interest they have shown, asking questions and generally being amazed by the world around them.

Today has been a lovely ending to the term. The children loved their 'street party style' lunch with fish and chips served in a cone. Every class made a special effort to decorate their table—with some amazing place mats, painted stones, balloons and paper chains. Each class was asked to design a centerpiece for their table—so we had models of cakes, a crown full of paper roses and a very impressive model of Buckingham Palace. Despite the breeze, the tables looked fantastic. (Pictures on Page 8)

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the flag raising event on the Recreation Ground. I think Annabel Sanders (flag design competition winner) found it moving and was very pleased to receive her own personal flag from the Parish Council. A picture of the flag can be found on Page 3. Thank you to the Parish Council for organising the flag design competition. Taking part in the competition has certainly inspired the children's interest in this historic occasion. We would also like to pass on our thanks to Ian Corbitt for raising the flag and to Trevor Reynaert for playing the bagpipes for the occasion. The piece Trevor played has been composed especially for the Diamond Jubilee. I believe it is called Diu Regnare—meaning 'Long to Reign'. You may hear this piece being played again as the sun sets on June 2nd.

Following the flag raising event, the children returned to school for an afternoon of traditional games. The weather was perfect for the day and the children's behaviour was exemplary. I should pass on a special thanks to the children in Y6, who were so helpful and sensible in helping to get the equipment organized for the day. Kestrels, you were absolute stars today.

Having mentioned today's weather, I thought it might be helpful to provide a reminder about our recommendations for children in warmer weather. We are hoping for some lovely summer weather next term and we will be reminding the children about all those 'sun safe' messages. We encourage children to wear sun hats when they are outside and will encourage them to drink regularly throughout the day. Water is always readily available to the children. They can refill their drinks bottles in the wet area and jugs of water are put out for the children every lunch time. We also encourage children to wear sunscreen. If your child needs to re-apply sunscreen at lunch time, we are happy for them to do that. Please send in a labelled bottle/tube of sunscreen for this purpose. During the summer term, we tend to spend more time outside so want the children to be prepared for warmer conditions.

I hope you all manage to have a lovely half-term break, enjoying time with friends and family. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school, on Monday 6th June.

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Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
Monday 6 June	Back to School	Tuesday 12 July	Year 6 Production (afternoon)
Wednesday 8 June	Brooklets Parents' Evening	Wednesday 13 July	Year 6 Production (evening)
Friday 10 June	PTFA Bingo Night at The Rec Pavilion	Thursday 14 July	Woodpeckers & Robins visit to Dunraven Bay
Tuesday 14 June	Year 4 & Year 5 Trip to the American Museum, Bath	Friday 15 July	Year 6 Visit to Beechenhurst
Wednesday 15 June	Y6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral	Monday 18 July	Kestrels Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
Wednesday 22 June	Kestrels Trip to Cardiff Synagogue and Museum	Thursday 21 July	Last Day of Term
Friday 8 July	Sports Day		

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>

Achievements Outside School

Football

Congratulations to Gracie and Gwen who were both involved in the under 8 county Cup final on Sunday 15 May. Sadly their team lost, but not without a good fight. At their annual awards evening on Monday 23 May, Gwen received the Parent's Player of the Year award which was a huge achievement for her, and Gracie received the Coach's Player of the Year award. They've both done incredibly well over this last year and these rewards reflect that.

Congratulations also to Phoebe Morris who was part of the winning team in the under 10 county cup final on Sunday 15 May. They won decisively 4-0, and as well as becoming County Champions they also won their league this year, only losing 1 match all season.

If you have any achievements from outside school to share, please e-mail admin@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk



School Dinners

The New menu for Spring and Summer is available on the school website https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/school_lunches_/311726 and on ParentPay.

Please could we ask you to help us by booking your child's lunch via ParentPay before the 8am cut off each day.

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.



Jubilee Flag Competition

The Local Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the Jubilee flag competition. They said it was lovely that so many families and children participated, you certainly have some very artistic children at school!

Laxi and Ram (of Longhope Village Stores) had the difficult task of choosing a winner, it was no easy feat that's for sure but they have settled on one. A big thanks to them for doing that. Annabel Sanders is the winner and will have her poster turned into a flag which will be raised at the Recreation Ground.



Longhope Parish Council—Jubilee Mugs

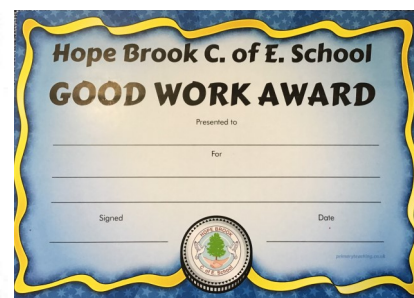
The Local Parish Council have purchased Platinum Jubilee Mugs for the children who live in the village and attend Hope Brook and Pippins. Those children have been given a token today to hand in at the Jubilee Celebrations on Saturday 4 June to collect their mug.

Good Work Awards

Each week a couple of 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 post them into the school letterbox (in the porch) before Wednesday so that we can award them with a Head Teacher's Award certificate and cup in the celebration assembly.

Well done to Olly Daughtrey, Joshua Leach, Scarlett Baker, Harley Easton, Toby Daughtrey, Jessica White, Ada Savidge, James Smith, Oakley Mansfield, Annabella Jones, Letty Vincent, Lily Webb, Betsie Matthews, Ted Matthews, Freya Vincent, Katie Pugh and Phoebe Morris who have all 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! Congratulations to Jasmine Jeavons, Lily Webb and Georgie Williams who have been awarded their fifth cup to keep.



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Netball District Finals

On Monday 16 May, the long awaited GPJ District Netball finals took place at Dene Magna. Congratulations to Toby D, Phoebe, Annabel, Freya, Ada, Ted, Toby H, Scarlett, Lily, Katie, Georgie, Lois, Jasmine and Isaac. Hope Brook Team A beat Tutshill 8/0 and Hope Brook Team B beat Pillowell 5/0.



We'd like to give a big 'thank you' to Mrs Nat Matthews for volunteering every Friday since September 2021 to coach the netball teams after school with Mrs James.

Rounders

On Tuesday, 24th May, some of the Year 6s took part in a friendly rounders match at Dene Magna alongside Mitcheldean and Drybrook Primary Schools. In true Hope Brook style, they showed great effort, teamwork and sportmanship. Thank you to Mrs Barnes who supervised the children for this event.



Masjid E Noor Mosque

As part of the children's religious education studies, Years 4 and 5 visited the Mosque in Gloucester on Wednesday 25 May. The Imam was most informative and the children extended their knowledge about the Muslim religion. They also got the chance to dress up in Muslim clothing and took part in wudu - the ceremonial cleansing of hands, face, head, arms and feet before prayer.



Krishna Mandir Temple

On Tuesday 3 May Year 3 and Year 4 children were lucky enough to be given permission to visit the Krishna Mandir Hindu Temple in Cheltenham as part of the religious visits programme at Hope Brook. It was fascinating to watch their daily worship. We observed the temple using a Puja Tray and honouring the Hindu dieties. It was very different to our own worship at school.



Gloucester Cathedral

On Monday 16th May Kestrels class went to Gloucester Cathedral. They were looking at the links between places and objects in the building to British Values: democracy, tolerance of others, individual liberty, rule of law and mutual respect for other religions and beliefs. Some examples written about by Keelan Coleman:

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY - The pulpit showed individual liberty because people were allowed to speak their mind in front of everyone no matter what it was. They were also allowed to pray in it, showing people were free to speak and pray - this is what individual liberty means, free to speak and do.

TOLERANCE - The memorial dedicated to Sir George Onesiphorus Paul represented tolerance because he visited Gloucester prison and saw how poorly the prisoners were being treated - if one of the prisoners had fallen ill they were not taken care of. Also the food they were given was revolting and sickly; he paid for hospitals, better food and chapels in the prison. So, that meant even if people did bad things, Sir George was still tolerant of them.

After lunch at the cathedral and a VERY heavy thunder storm they began a historic tour of Gloucester. They looked at the monk's gardens behind the cathedral then walked up to view the Beatrix Potter museum. They walked to the Roman remains outside of Boots - Eastgate viewing chamber and then made their way back around Greyfriar's Priory (Franciscan House founded 1231 - only example in country). After that they made their way down towards the Gloucester Docks to view the Tall Ships, then around Llanthony Secunda Priory (Augustan Priory, 15th century tythe barn and medieval storage buildings) and then into the gardens. On the way back they looked at Robert Raikes house, now a pub (Sunday school pioneer and who started Crypt school) and St Mary de Crypt (Famous for its Tudor school room) and then finally the old chiming Bell and Baker's clock - above the beautifully preserved Edwardian shop front built in 1904. The bells are struck on the quarter hour by the figures of Old Father Time, John Bull and other characters representing Ireland, Scotland and Wales). They then made their way back to the bus and returned back to school.



Cotswold Wildlife Park

On Friday 20 May children in Robins and Woodpeckers visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Woodpeckers and Robins both had a great day. We saw lots of animals including giraffes, rhinos and even a red panda. Year 1 and Year 2 really enjoyed their talks from the zoo keepers and we also got to see some of the animals being fed. It was amazing seeing some of our favourite animals in real life and learn more facts about them. We're excited to use what we have found out in class for the rest of this term.



PTFA—Bingo Night

The PTFA have arranged a bingo night at the Longhope Pavilion on Friday 10 June. Meals will be able to pre-order, and bingo cards/ books can be purchased on the night.

More details to follow.



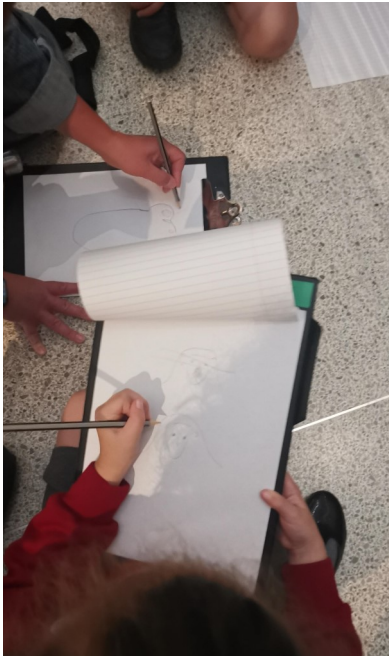
Ashmolean Museum

On Tuesday 5 May, Wagtails had a great day at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

We were able to be detectives and find real artefacts within the museum and guess what they were used for.

There were lots of items for us to spot and find - we even got to handle some too. It wasn't easy to figure out what they were but we got there in the end, with the help of clues and a torch. We were able to hold a mirror, an axe head and part of a statue.

The children loved the challenge of having a go at drawing some artefacts themselves too.



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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



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