

# Hope Brook News

**Week ending: February 15th 2019**

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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

It is hard to believe that another term is coming to an end. Once again it has been an incredibly busy term. There have been lots of trips and even more sporting success. The following pages provide a bit more detail about what has been happening. There is lots to celebrate and lots to be proud of.

As you may have noticed, we are currently advertising for a new Early Years Assistant in Pippins. Unfortunately, Vicky has decided that she needs to spend more time with her family. We all know how precious those early years are with our children and we wish her well.

Next term we are looking forward to a new adventurous experience—the Y3/4 residential to TRAC. This looks like an amazing place to spend a few days. We are all very excited.

We have welcomed a new student to Woodpeckers this term. She will be with us until Easter and is busy getting to know the children in the class. Not content with becoming familiar with busy school life, she is getting married in the Half Term break. We hope she has a wonderful day and we will be welcoming her back with a new double-barreled name—Mrs Rigby-Smith. Good luck to the happy couple!



Miss Smith is a mature student who is a 3rd Year BEd student, based at Gloucestershire University. Prior to undertaking this teaching course, she was an accountant, based in Cheltenham. Her specialist subjects are maths and computing. She is very happy to be at Hope Brook and is looking forward to starting her teaching career.

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## Diary Dates

w/c 18th February 2019	Half Term	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 27th February	TRAC Parents Meeting 6.00pm	w/c 20th May	Arts Week
Friday 1st March 2019	Film Night (Rescheduled) 5.00pm	w/c 27th May	Half Term
Tuesday 5th March 2019	Parents Evening	w/c 24th June 2019	Dene Magna Induction Week
Thursday 14th March 2019	Parents Evening	Friday 28th June 2019	Passport Day
Friday 15th March 2019	Red Nose Day	Friday 5th July 2019	Sports Day 9.30am
Friday 5th April 2019	Easter Service 9.30am All Saints' Church	Tuesday 9th July 2019	Summer Production - KS2 2.00pm
W/c 8th April	Easter Holiday	Wednesday 10th July 2019	Summer Production - KS2 6.00pm
Tuesday 23rd April 2019	Summer Term starts	Tuesday 19th July 2019	Leavers Service 9.15am
w/c 13th May	SATs Week—Y6		

## Good Work Awards

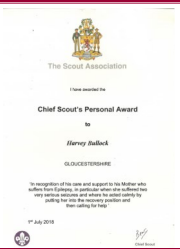
Well done Scarlett Baker, Max Beard, Lily Chelu, Peter Jones, Imogen Johnson, Isaac Lawrance, Ted Matthews, Iona Moore, Sofia Retsis, Letty Vincent, Georgie Williams and Martha Wooding who have all received the Head Teacher's Award this term. Keep up the hard work.

A special mention for Immy Harding and Aiden Moore as they have both received a Head Teacher's Award on 5 occasions so get to keep the cup. Well done!



## Chief Scout's Personal Award

Congratulations to Harvey Bullock who received this award from the Scout Association. He also received a letter from Bear Grylls, who is Chief Scout for the organisation. Very impressive.



## Raising money

Well done to the Eco-Committee who held their annual Eco-Sale on Friday 25th January. They raised £25.15.

Also, many thanks to everyone who purchased Christmas cards and wrapping paper this year. We raised £278.00 through the Arts Project. We were really impressed with the quality of the wrapping paper this year. We hope you liked it too.

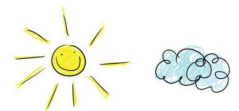
## Keeping Safe On Line

We know that new technologies raise more worries for parents than most other areas of parenting. Technology moves so fast and it is a challenge to keep up with the latest trends. On Tuesday 5th February, a local Police officer, Greg Steer, came in to talk to Year 6 about keeping safe online and internet safety in general. A very interesting discussion was held. The most important message we took away from this session was the need to talk to children about what they are doing on line.

Please do talk to your children. Ask them about games they have heard about and who they are talking to on line. Of course, make sure your parental controls are set appropriately. If you would like more information, there is a comprehensive guide to keeping your child safe online, available from the Family Information Service.

The booklet is called 'A Parent's Guide to Mobile Phone and Internet Safety' and can be downloaded from [www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk).

**A Parents' Guide to  
Mobile Phone and  
Internet Safety**



**If you don't know who  
to ask....ask us!**

The NSPCC also provide an online safety helpline 0808 8005002 if you have any questions about parental controls, or concerns over a social network your child uses. They also have information online, including how to start a conversation about online safety at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

## Woodpeckers Trip to Rococo Gardens

It was a rather chilly start to the day on Tuesday 5th February when Years 1 and 2 headed out to Rococo Gardens. This is what Carlos Sprekelsen wrote about the trip.

*'We were looking at the graceful white snow drops. There were billions of snow drops that we saw. After we had an explore in the maze it was lots of fun. I nearly got lost. Then we did a story or a short poem anywhere. We chose to do it in the maze and I wrote this. I see deers and snow drops and I played in the maze. Then we did measuring we measured a bench and two trees. Then we played in the park. My favourite bit was the climbing frame. Then we went to the pigeon house it was very interesting.'*

Phoebe Morris remembered this part of the trip:

*'We measured some snow drops and the pond. We figured out it was more than a metre stick. When Ben tried he dropped his metre stick in the pond! After me Katie and Lydia got the metre stick out.'*

*Next we went in the woods and went in a stick den after we went to a muddy park I got stuck in the mud then I went on the see saw.'*

Phoebe finished off her writing by saying: *'My favourite bit was everything! I was sad that we went home.'*



## Wagtails Trip to Greystones farm Nature Reserve

On Monday 14th January, Wagtails travelled to Bourton-on-the-Water to visit a very interesting nature reserve. The trip was the starting point for their Stone Age to Iron Age topic and provided some great hands on activities for us to experience.

The class started by dressing in cloaks and tribal face paint, before making their way to a replica Iron Age roundhouse, complete with a lit fire. Inside, they explored what the house was like, including using the Quern stones to grind grain and cook some bread dough on the fire.

Throughout the day, the children worked on two outdoor activities. Using flint and steel strikers, each child tried to create sparks and use these sparks to light cotton wool. In the Iron Age, the houses were built with walls made of wattle (a woven lattice of wooden strips) and daub (a sticky material usually made of wet soil, clay, animal dung and sand) so we loved getting muddy trying to create our own wall in this way.

The children were also lucky enough to get to try honey. They tried to identify parts of broken artefacts and pieced together hidden puzzle pieces to identify key things used by the Iron Age people to survive. It was clear how much farming has advanced since the Iron Age.





## Kingfishers Trip—Bristol Aerospace

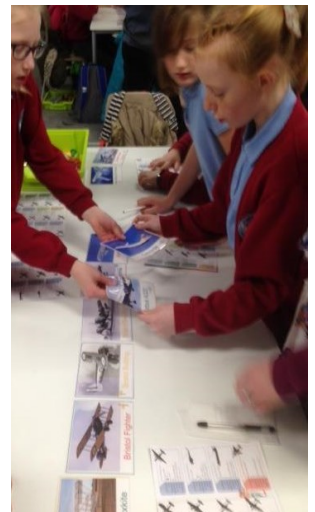
As part of the children's topic on the 'Battle of Britain', Kingfishers visited Aerospace, Bristol on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

In the morning, they carried out a workshop which explored aeroplanes throughout history including World War I and II. They created their own aeroplanes (exploring the forces required for flight) and had a competition to see whose plane would fly the furthest distance. Miruna was the lucky winner!



In the museum, Kingfishers looked at WWI planes and models of WWII planes along with more modern types of aircraft. They tried their hand at landing a plane using a simulator. There were a few crash landings but some managed to arrive at their destinations safely!

In the afternoon, the children had the rare experience of going aboard Concorde.



Despite the torrential downpour, a fantastic day was had by all.

## Kestrels Trip to 'We the Curious'

Kestrels faced some intriguing technical challenges when they visited 'We the Curious' in Bristol earlier this term. It was a challenging, but rewarding day, based around two key workshops.

The first workshop was an introduction to robotics and programming using exciting LEGO technology. The children wrote simple algorithms (and used logical reasoning to debug them!) in order to operate sensors on a robot. They navigated a map and completed a themed programming mission, putting into practice what they had learned.

The second cross-curricular workshop explored the creative and technical aspects of animation. Teams wrote, directed and premiered their own short stop-motion animation and gained an understanding of the skills involved, including a look at the history of animation. A fun day was had by all!



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## New Age Kurling

On Thursday 10th January 2019, four pupils from Hope Brook travelled to Newent School to take part in the Forest of Dean New Age Kurling Tournament. For those of you who have watched Ice Curling—this is a similar sport. Teams have to push stones (that are on bearings) towards a target. The aim of the game is get as close to the target as possible.



The tournament is just meant to be a bit of fun—and was certainly enjoyed by all the participants. Mrs Barnes was very proud of how well our team worked together and supported each other.



## Sportshall Challenge

Our amazing Sports Hall Athletics Team faced their biggest challenge yet when they competed in the finals of this year's Small Schools Sports Hall Athletics. The event took place at Cheltenham Ladies' College on Monday 21st January.

The team showed true Hope Brook grit and determination, narrowly missing out on a medal.



## Cross Country

Thank you to our Cross Country Crusaders who represented Hope Brook on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Having committed to the Daily Mile this year paid dividends with the result of 3 girls in the top ten, who are off to the County Final on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It was certainly a muddy run and there was a particularly challenging hill! Well done to all of you.



Good sportsmanship, fair play and respect is something we pride ourselves on at Hope Brook Primary School. This has been shown again this term as we have entered a number of important local sporting events which has resulted in a number of triumphs. Huge thanks must go to Mrs Barnes who has accompanied the children at all of these events.