

Hope Brook News

Week ending: January 24th 2020

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Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to whatever 2020 might hold.

County Finalists

On Thursday 23 January two teams represented Hope Brook in the County Finals in Cheltenham in the Sports Hall Athletics and the New Age Kurling events.

The New Age Kurling Team:

Megan, Abigail, Harry and Henry.

The Sportshall Athletics Team:

Ava-Lou, Immy, Iona, Isabel, Ellie, Sofia, Darcy, Chloe, Max, Sam, George, Max, Jack, Sam, Lewis, Thomas, Isabel and Chloe.



We are very proud of everyone who took part in the qualifying events and the finals. It was noted that our children showed great support and sportsmanship for each other and towards the other teams. They represented Hope Brook impeccably and proudly. We are proud of them all.

Special awards were given to Abigail for Determination, to Max for Teamwork, and to Darcy for Honesty.

Congratulations to the Silver Medal Winning Team!



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Diary Dates - Spring Term

Date	Event	Date	Event
Friday 7th February	'Books for Bugs' Bookfair	Thursday 27th February	GPJ High 5's Netball Tournament
w/b Monday 10th February	Readathon Week	Tuesday 17th March	Woodpeckers visiting Gloucester Quays
w/b 17th February	Half Term	Friday 3rd April	Last Day of Term 9.30am Easter Service
Tuesday 25th February	Y3/4 Gymnastics event@ Dene Magna	Monday 20th April	Return to school

A full calendar of events for the year is on our website

<https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/calendar/> We hope you find the diary dates helpful. We always aim to plan events well in advance—but please be aware that sometimes date changes are unavoidable.

Reading Event

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the 'Reading Journey' session on Friday 24 January; we hope that more parents will be able to attend the evening session on Wednesday 5 February starting at 6pm. If you need childcare for this, please return the slip at the bottom of the letter in your child's book bag.

School Dinners

Thank you for your support in using the new online meal booking system with Parentpay; we do hope that you are finding it more convenient than the previous paper forms. Meals can be booked until midnight the night before and need to be paid for within two hours of the booking.

Good Work Awards

Well done to Pheobe Morris who has received a 'Headteacher's Award' this term.

Remember, if our pupils work really hard and are presented with the cup five times during their time at Hope Brook - they get to keep it!



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New Age Kurling

On Thursday 9 January we took two teams to represent Hope Brook at the New Age Kurling competition at Newent Community School.

Team A—Evie, James, Charley and Harvey

Team B -Abigail, Harry, Henry and Megan

Well done to everyone involved and congratulations to Team B who won the event and qualified for the County Finals in Cheltenham.



District Cross Country

On Wednesday 22 January, some of our year 5 and year 6 children took part in the District Cross Country individual selection races at Newent Community School.

Well done to Iona, Isabel, Anabel, Lauren, Georgie, Robson, Ava Lou, Darcy, Ellie, Sofia, Nell, Max, Sam, Harvey, Lowen, Max, Thomas, George and Jack for their performances on a very wet and muddy course.

Congratulations to Iona, Isabel, Ava-Lou, Darcy and Max who we believe have qualified for the next round at county level by finishing in the top 10 of their respective groups.



We The Curious

On Thursday, 16th January 2020, children in Kingfishers and Kestrels classes visited We The Curious in Bristol.

Kingfishers children carried out a workshop all about the Earth, Sun and the Moon where they learnt about night and day, the orbit of the planets around the sun and the order of the planets in our Solar System. They also discovered that the diameter of the moon is about one-quarter the size of the diameter of the Earth and had a competition to see who could blow up a balloon which could accurately represent the diameter of the moon when compared with the model Earth.

Later, the class buckled up in the Planetarium and blasted off into space. We visited all the planets in our solar system! Wow! What a journey!

Kestrels workshop was based around 'Innoventions'. They did a workshop exploring cams, levers and pulleys to make such items as see-saws and slingshots. We wonder what inventions they will be inspired to create in the future!



Safety Reminder

Please could we remind parents to be a good role model by using paths and not walking on the road or cutting across the car park at school.

For parents who walk their dogs to school, please tie them up to wait for you by the school rubbish bins; we do have some children who are frightened of dogs.

Children have been reminded that they should walk in and out of school and that scooters and bicycles should be pushed once inside the school gates. We would also like to remind parents that there should be no cars on site between 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.



Potential Snow Closures

Whilst we have avoided any snowfall so far this winter, should we need to close the school due to extreme weather conditions please check the Gloucestershire Closed Schools website for confirmation.

<https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>



Hope Brook PTFA News - January 2020

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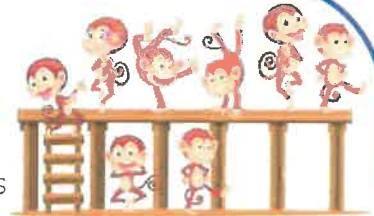
What's on your family's wish-list for Hope Brook? From benches to books to workshops and wildlife; we welcome your comments and suggestions, at the gates, at meetings or via email or Facebook.

Do you have skills, talents, or materials you can offer? Are you a DJ, a photographer, a carpenter, a cake maker...? Let us know!

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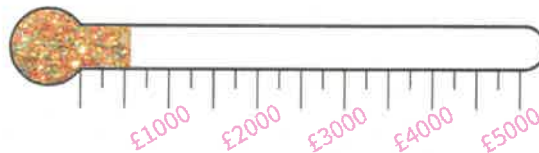
The trim trail is to be extended!

Money was raised by the previous Hope Brook PTFA with this intention so, as soon as the weather improves, plans to expand the trim trail will go ahead. Expect to see a traversing forest and much demanded monkey bars...



This PTFA has its first funds

A HUGE thank you to 'This or a Harley' who donated the proceeds from their gig at The Latchen just before Christmas. Thanks to them this PTFA has its first funds: £583!



We need...

...school uniform your children have grown out of. Please consider donating it to the PTFA, (+ shoes in good condition). Uniform sales will start this term and stocks are low after the PTFA break.

Dates for your diary

13th & 14th February
UNIFORM SALE
3:15 pm at school



24th April
CLASS PHOTOS and
whole school photo



15th May
SATS DISCO
KS1 followed
by KS2



