



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

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Learning to achieve excellence

Dates

- Tues 13th Tag Rugby and Mega Festival
- Thurs 15th Football match at Home to Meldreth
- Fri 16th Final Yr 6 Bikeability session
- Fri 16th Hazel class Bun Day and Assembly
- Tues 20th EYFS/KS1 trip to Woburn
- Fri 23rd Hawthorn Assembly and Bun Day



Book week 2018

Wow, what a week! I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our wonderful mystery readers. We had a record number of readers across the school this year and the children have loved every minute of it. The entries for the 'Catch me reading' were as impressive as ever and there has been a winner chosen from each class. All of the 'Catch me reading' entries will be on display in our library by next week. The children have been busy working in classes and groups to write our whole school story which is called 'The Haslingfield Heroes.' All of the children have worked so hard on it and it is as comical as ever. The story will be on the website as soon as it has been edited! All of the classes have taken part in book related Outdoor Adventurous Activities and have shown great team work and perseverance. The children all looked wonderful on Friday and have clearly gone to a great deal of effort, a huge thank you to you all! All of the teachers were dressed as 'Gangsta Granny' and were a little rebellious at lunchtime on Friday, hiding all of the Queen's jewels. The children thankfully found them and returned them to Mr McLeod the police officer! Lunchtime ended with a whole school photo. The children took part in a book related quiz in their houses and wowed us all with their knowledge and understanding of a range of different books. Our celebration assembly was a little different this week with the opportunity to show off our fantastic costumes, share the 'Catch me reading' winners and read and reveal the completed whole school story.

Headteacher's Bulletin

As you may be aware Haslingfield School will temporarily be adding another KS2 class from September this year. Funding is not available from Cambridgeshire County Council to sustain this arrangement on a long term basis; the school would require an additional £35000 per year, approximately, pupil numbers dependant, before considering the possibility of maintaining a seven class structure. In light of our PTFA already making valuable contributions which the school relies upon, a new fund raising approach may be required. One idea being considered desirable by the school is the possibility of receiving a 'corporate donation'; if you are able to advise or are in contact with someone that could assist the school please do contact the school office.

Graeme McLeod

Letters Home

- Woburn trip permission reminder
- Football Thursday 15th
- Rugby Mega Festival
- Tag Rugby



Morning Activity Club

This week we have made pictures with beads, modelled with sand clay, painted with watercolours and made crocodiles from lollysticks and pipe cleaners. "I'm really happy to be having my first challenge at morning activity club" - Benedict



Out of School Club

This week we have made Mother's Day cards and coloured pictures. We also talked about healthy eating and the children completed a healthy eating quiz. In a science experiment we made yogurt pot communication devices with string.

The OOSC mobile number is now working, out of school hours please contact us **on 07847 241994.**



Spanish Club – Mrs Siddall

Buenos Dias! Due to almost all of Spanish Club attending dance share on Monday this week's Spanish session has been postponed until next Monday. We will be taking a look at the seasons and months of the year. We are hoping to make live internet contact with a Spanish school as part of our international schools award during a future session. More information will follow. Adios!

Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Fallon: We have had a very busy and fun week during Book Week. We have been looking at the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' and have designed and written about our own wild thing. We have found wild things hidden around the room and used them to order and count to 20 and have given the number one more and one less. We have stopped and read our books every time the school bell has rung and we have loved having our mystery readers in and hearing lots of new stories read by different adults. Thank you to those who came in. After looking at the boat Max used in our book, the children designed and made their own boats and then tested them to see if they floated or sank. We all joined in with outdoor games based on our different stories too and have helped to write our own Haslingfield story. Today the children all looked fantastic in their costumes and had fun trying to find the jewels which the gangster grannies (teachers) had hidden around the school. What a lovely week!



Birch – Miss Peck: What a super fun week we have had during book week. Our book focus this week has been the story 'Where the wild things are.' We have made our puppets of the characters of the story and made our own scenes from the story too! In small groups the children acted out the story using lots of expression and role play! The role of Max and the wild things were played particularly well. The children designed and described their own wild things some of which were rather scary! We looked at a setting from the story and used amazing adjectives to describe it. We have enjoyed dropping everything and reading when we hear the bell and have had the opportunity to listen to lots of fantastic mystery readers. We enjoyed our book week focus Outdoor Adventurous Activities on Tuesday and had to find the missing wild things under the cones and cross the hot desert using only hoops to help us. The children looked absolutely amazing on Friday and enjoyed talking and writing about the character that they were dressed up as and explaining why. They had the opportunity to share their favourite stories with their buddies and take part in the whole school book quiz. We even managed to make something ready for Mothering Sunday too! I hope the children have a very restful weekend after our busy week!



Hawthorn – Mr Brown: Wow we have crammed in so much amazing work in our book week! On Monday we started book week by reading some more of our class book 'Who Let the Gods Out' and then wrote a character description to describe the villain's transformation from a weak feeble character to an all powerful daemon. We listened to a musical accompaniment to the story of Varmints and drew what we thought the settings could be using our imaginations. We then read the story to see whether our ideas matched up to the real thing. During the middle of the week we joined forces with Birch class to contribute to the whole school story and then read some poetry and selected some of our favourite words and phrases. We listened to Michael Rosen perform his poem 'Chocolate Cake' which inspired us to do some performance poetry including actions, different voice tones and sound effects. We also created a travel brochure about Tobago after reading about the country in the story 'Gregory Cool'. Later in the week we created a story sequencing board game to share with Ash class and also a story in a box where we created a scene from our favourite books. Finally I would like to thank the mystery readers who gave up their time to come and read to the class during the week. All the children were really engaged by your book choices so thank you for sharing them with us.

Oak - Miss Kimberley: Many thanks to all the parents, who attended parents evening. It was great to share all the success and high points of your children's year so far. On Monday the Year 5s met a real Author, Isabel Thomas, and the children participated in a workshop. Meanwhile, the Year 4s wrote some amazing setting descriptions, inspired by some science fiction pictures of alien landscapes. The Year 5s reported back to the year 4s on the workshop and the Year 4s shared their setting writing. I was very, very impressed with the quality of descriptive language. On Wednesday, we enjoyed an OAA Book Character Hunt and a mystery word game outside. The children particularly enjoyed making a story box for a scene from one of their own favourite books. Another favourite activity of the children's was writing the Haslingfield School story. Oak and Hazel combined forces to conclude this year's story. Lots of familiar names appear in the story and lots of twists and turns in the plot. All will be unveiled at this Friday's Celebration Assembly.



Hazel – Mrs Walls and Mrs Maddison: This week Hazel class have been really getting into the spirit of Book Week! We read through 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak and did all manner of wild things afterwards! Role-playing, wild monster designs, descriptions (some were quite scary!) and performance poetry. We have also been treated to several mystery readers who the children really enjoyed listening too. In addition to ALL of this the children went to Comberton Village college where they performed their Penguin Dance at the multi-school dance share event. More than 9 schools took part and as well as doing an absolutely fantastic performance of their own (well done children - we are very proud!) they were able to watch all the other schools perform their routines. This week there will be no formal set homework. Instead we ask that the children simply read as much as possible!



Beech - Mrs Petty: On Monday, all of Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a workshop with the author, Isabel Thomas, who writes science books. She encouraged the children to describe animals and plants whilst others listened and drew from the descriptions. They also investigated original ways to transport a straw. During the rest of Book Week, we have been studying another Shaun Tan book called The Lost Thing. Whilst it is a picture book and can be accessed by any age, the themes and messages inferred throughout the text are suited to our age and older. Without telling the children Tan's intent, they worked out several of the messages he was trying to convey after many insightful debates. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the story. They have worked in teams to recreate all stages of the story through their dioramas and these will be lined up in order, retelling the story, in the classroom for anyone to come and see. The children also recreated their own story for another 'lost thing' using illustrations and Tan's style. We enjoyed our book themed OAA activities, all the DEAR sessions, the book swap and having our mystery reader, Mrs Lee, one of the governors. In Science, the class learnt more about DNA and chromosomes before making their own double helix structures. In drama, the children assumed Victorian roles and discussed the merits of having a servant.