



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Newsletter

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Dates

- Parents Evening – Mon 11th & Tues 12th
- No Cookery Club due to Parents Evening
- Nearly New Sale – Thurs 14th
- Non-Uniform for Comic Relief – Fri 15th
- TAG Rugby Mega Festival – Weds 20th
- Parent Drop In – Weds 20th 2:15pm – 3:15pm



Letters Home

- Comic Relief – Non-Uniform
- KS2 Movie Night Reminder
- Hawthorn Trip Reminder
- Headlice
- Careers Convention
- Oak Ancient Egypt Day



Morning Activity Club

Activities this week have included marble painting, colouring in and using a variety of hat stickers to create pictures. We have also made models from magic clay and made houses from paper cups. "I am going to make a burger" – Zoe, magic clay.

Spanish - Mrs Norris

As Spanish is on Thursdays, it was World Book Day this week. Birch, Hazel, Hawthorn, Oak and Beech all tried to guess the Mr Men and Little Misses from their Spanish names. The children were then offered a choice of book in Spanish and every class chose Querido Zoo (Dear Zoo)! Everyone enjoyed trying to remember the animals and why they weren't suitable. In Oak Class we also had time to read Oso Pardo (Brown Bear) and in Beech we did some activities working out Spanish book titles and recognising extracts from different books in Spanish.

Chess Club

After 90 games of chess in the Cambridgeshire Chess Competition league for schools, Haslingfield finished 22nd out of 30 teams. 9 players represented the school over the season with everyone contributing to the team's score. Well done to them all!

Headteacher's Bulletin

Book week has been amazing – it is such a privilege to work with a team of staff that really understand how to link fun and learning together. All staff had a great time with the children looking at many aspects of stories including reading, writing and listening. It was great to see so many parents and relatives offer to support in various different ways, many volunteering to read stories – a class at a time! The support given by parents to help children's learning and enjoyment is very much appreciated.

Graeme McLeod

Book Week

We have had a fun and busy week for book week. Throughout the week the school has been buzzing with mystery readers which has been wonderful to see. The children have loved seeing so many parents and governors in school to read them such a wide range of stories. We have been dropping everything and reading when we hear the bell which the children have loved and have had the chance to read lots of their favourite stories. I was so impressed with the children's wooden spoon character creations and am extremely grateful for all your efforts. The children all had the opportunity to share their creations in assembly with the rest of the school. The character spoons have been used as inspiration for our whole school cold write which has been to include our character spoon in our very own stories. We received lots of 'Catch me reading' photos and were very impressed at how many different places the children could find to read a book.

Throughout the week the children have been working in classes to write a whole school story. There is a very mysterious, Harry Potter theme to this year's story and it is very exciting indeed! On Tuesday, the children took part in OAA (outdoor adventurous activities) in key stages with their houses. The activities included a scavenger hunt, character orienteering and a hunt to find the missing clues and letters. It was lovely to see the children working together in their houses so beautifully. On Thursday the school was an array of colour with the children dressed in their wonderful character costumes. We all paraded and danced round the hall to share our costumes and had a whole school (rather blustery) photo at lunchtime. On Friday we finished our week with our book swap and our whole school buddy quiz. The children had to answer some very tricky book related questions but ensured that they worked as a team to get the right answer.

It was lovely to see so many of our EYFS and KS1 children at our Bedtime stories event on Thursday. Lots of exciting stories were shared and the children had the opportunity to share their own books too. We hope to see lots of our KS2 children tonight at our movie night.

Many thanks for your continued support and a big thank you to all our mystery readers who were able to give up their time to read to the children.

Have a wonderful weekend. **Miss Peck**

Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons: This week we have had lots of fun taking part in the book week activities as well as performing in the dance share at CVC on Monday. The children took their amazing wooden spoons into assembly on Monday to show each other and then wrote about the character they had created. On Tuesday, the children took part in different physical activities outside, all based on a reading theme. We worked with Hawthorn class to write the middle part of our whole school story which the children heard in assembly today. Each class have been focussing on a fantasy story for the week; ours has been 'Where the wild things are' and the children have enjoyed making boats for Max to sail on and testing them to see if they floated or sunk and discussed why they thought this had happened. The children all looked amazing on Thursday for the dress up day and enjoyed sharing their stories with their buddies and talking about their costumes. We have had a great number of mystery readers throughout the week too - thank you if you came and shared a story with us. In Forest School we had fun on a rope swing and learnt how to be safe near the fire.



Birch – Mrs Fallon and Mrs Lovett: Wow! What a fun week it has been this week with lots of exciting book week activities going on. We have had lots of fun with our amazing spoon characters, writing descriptions and making up new adventures for them. We have started looking at the story 'Journey.' There have been lots of opportunities for super reading this week including reading with buddies, drop everything and read and the fantastic book swap. We have welcomed lots of Mystery Readers into the class and enjoyed listening to stories and poems. Thank you to everyone who managed to come in. We also got to start the whole school story with our friends in Beech class. It was really fun listening to the end result in Assembly. On Tuesday, we had a great morning doing book related sports activities such as orienteering, balance challenges, ten pin bowling and scavenger hunt. We teamed up with our KS1 house mates and had a great time. In Maths we have continued looking at length and height, learning how to use a ruler correctly and learning about centimetres and meters. Finally, well done to all of you for dressing up on Thursday. We always love seeing what you will come up with and it was great to see so many of you at the Book at Bedtime on Thursday evening.



Hazel – Miss Peck: Wow, what a wonderful and very busy week we have had. On Monday, the children were very excited to share all of their fabulous wooden spoon characters that they had created with the rest of the school in assembly. In English we wrote a character description of our wooden spoon character and wrote some wonderful stories that included their characters in them. Our book focus this week has been the picture book 'Journey.' The children have used their inference skills to predict what is going to happen in the story and how the characters are feeling by using the clues on the front cover to help them. In maths we have continued our unit on fractions and have been learning about the denominator and the numerator and what this tells us about the fraction. We have been finding $1/2$, $1/3$ and $1/4$ of different shapes and amounts. On Tuesday the children loved our outdoor activities morning and worked together in teams to find the missing letters, take part in a scavenger hunt and find the hidden Little Miss and Mr Men characters. Throughout the week we have been dropping everything and reading which the children have loved. The children looked amazing in their costumes on Thursday and enjoyed sharing their costumes with their friends and explaining why they had chosen them. The children have loved all of our 'mystery readers' this week and have enjoyed listening to the wide range of stories that have been shared. I would like to say a huge thank you to all for making this week such a success and helping the children with spoons, photos and costumes.

Hawthorn – Mrs Lees: Hawthorn have had a fantastic week this week with all the book related activities. Everybody remembered to bring their spoon in all dressed up as their favourite character. They told us about their character, which book it was from and why they'd chosen it. Well done everyone. We then used our spoon characters as inspiration for a new story for our cold write. There were lots of good ideas and I'm looking forward to reading them. On Tuesday morning everyone took part in a house orienteering activity, there was fantastic teamwork and lots of smiles. Yesterday we had some amazing costumes for book day and everyone enjoyed parading them in the hall for the rest of the school to see. Thank you for your help and hard work in creating these costumes. In Maths we have been using money, calculating different amounts and giving change. We have also looked at solving problems. This week in Music Hawthorn have been continuing with their project on Ancient Greek music, creating melodies using our 'good melody writing' rules and using Greek modes. In computing we have continued using scratch. This time we programmed a rocket to travel back to Earth, shrinking the rockets and changing colour as they travelled. Along the way some encountered space monkeys and rocks!



Oak – Miss Kimberley: This week we have immersed ourselves in Book Week. The children have been given a number of challenges related to books and reading including a Book Scavenger Hunt, Top 5s and the World Book Day Challenge. I was so impressed with the children's wooden spoon characters, which they have used as the focus for their stories for the cold write, which was to write a story with a clear structure based around their chosen book character. Thank you to all family members and friends who attended Oak Class Assembly last Friday, your support is always widely appreciated. I thought the children were magnificent. Thank you for providing all the wonderful costumes. These will get another airing in the last week of term when we have History off the Page Ancient Egyptian Day. Just to round off the Osiris and Isis theme, the children have recounted the myth of Osiris and Isis in their English Books. On Tuesday morning the whole of KS2 participated in a book themed OAA session. The children took part in 4 different activities in Mixed House teams. Much fun was had by all. We have also been visited by mystery readers this week, including Mrs Lees, a school Governor. In Maths we have continued to look at maths word problems, encouraging the children to explain their reasoning. With Miss Houghton the children have been looking at the origins of Pancake Day.



Beech – Mr Brown: This week in Beech Class we have fully embraced book week by completing a variety of activities which I hope will have inspired the children to discover new authors to pursue. On Monday we started the morning by working alongside Birch Class to write the beginning to the whole school book where the children certainly came up with imaginative responses and then were later shared a story by Miss Peck as part of the teacher story swap. On Tuesday we explored a poet and analysed their poem's features and then wrote our own poems about our house elements in the style of the poet. We then took part in a range of book themed outdoor adventurous activities in our houses where it was lovely to see our class being extremely supportive and encouraging towards the younger members of KS2. On Wednesday we completed our cold write activity where we drew inspiration from our wooden spoon characters and wrote an opening, build up and set the problem leaving the reader in suspense what would happen next. We also wrote information pamphlets to encourage people to support and help the remaining people in Norwich after reading an extract from the book Floodland where sea levels had risen and the city had become an island faced with problems such as lack of basic supplies. Later in the week we completed an inference and prediction activity based on the story The Boy at the Back of the Class and we also wrote a character description inspired by a picture. On the last day of the week we created presentations of our favourite authors which will be shared either in the library or the classroom and then concluded the day by taking part in a buddy book quiz. It has been a very enjoyable week to be a part of and it was lovely to see how well the children participated in dressing up on World Book Day. I also want to thank all our mystery readers for coming in and reading to us, the class and myself truly appreciate your efforts.