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## Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 7



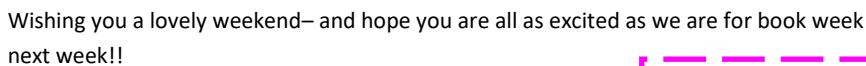
This week, the children have celebrated International Language Day. Children spoke proudly in their mother tongue and promoted linguistic, cultural diversity and multilingualism within our community; and learnt to say 'hello' and 'good morning' in different languages. Did you know that 14 languages are spoken across our school?

Our Reception classes went out and about to Gatton Park. Despite the cold and damp they behaved amazingly, learning about minibeasts including symmetrical, minibeast hunting (caterpillar and digging for worms!!) and learning about bees and nature. What an amazing first trip!



On Friday, we were very excited to have Liam come back and teach a workshop with the children (and staff) using our Acropad! Acropad have 400 centres across the country and some of you may have air tracks at home too. Each class has bounced, played games, scrambled, tumbled and showcased their acrobatic skills. They even used the bats and balls to compete across the mat - great fun was definitely had by all! We are looking forward to incorporating all of the skills we learnt today in our PE lessons to continue to encourage fitness which in turn helps support positive mental health.

I am pleased to say that Bailey has settled in well to school routines now. Please can I remind everyone, that only he has special permission to be on site as he is fully insured under our public liability insurance as well as with our community knowledge. Other dogs still should not be brought on to the site unless they are Assistance Dogs.



Mrs Mace



After Easter, KS1 classes (Years 1 & 2) will finish at the slightly later time of 3:00pm and not 2:55pm to comply with the DFE requirement in length of the day.

## Upcoming events

## 1st March—book swap

## 1st March—Secondary school outcomes

## 2nd March—World Book Day -dress up & Theatre

**3rd March—Parent read with your child from 2:30pm**

### 13th March—Inset Day

**17th March—Red Nose day—cake sale 3pm in hall**

### 31st March—end of Spring term

### 17th April—Inset Day

## 17th April—Primary school outcomes

## Bailey's Blog

This week I have been feeling sorry for myself. I have had my second vaccination and other medications and it has made me feel quite ill. So, I have had a quiet week, either sleeping or being carried around! By the end of the week, I was excited to see the children working and had lovely gentle, cuddles which put me to sleep. Over the weekend, I will be able to go on the grass!

**I am looking forward to book week next week, where the children will be reading me stories!**



This week, the children discovered a huge nest of eggs in the garden which created a great sense of awe and wonder as the children were encouraged to suggest who might have laid them. This was part of our Talk for Writing “hook” which will link to the introduction of the story “Peely Wally” next week. The children also enjoyed looking at different types of eggs as well as participating in other egg related activities.

Our home corner turned into a “Vets Centre” where the children helped to look after some poorly animals. The children enjoyed sharing their own pet pictures and Bailey even dropped by to say hello.

We also celebrated Shrove Tuesday by looking at how to make pancakes. The children even had a turn of flipping their own pancakes.

**KS2 classes are using Language Angels for learning Spanish. Language Angels interactive games and karaoke app is now live on the Apple app store! It's completely free and available to all pupils.**

The android version for the Google Play store will be available soon. The app is available on the Apple App Store from any Apple device and searching for ‘Language Angels’. The children should recognise the angel character in the app icon.

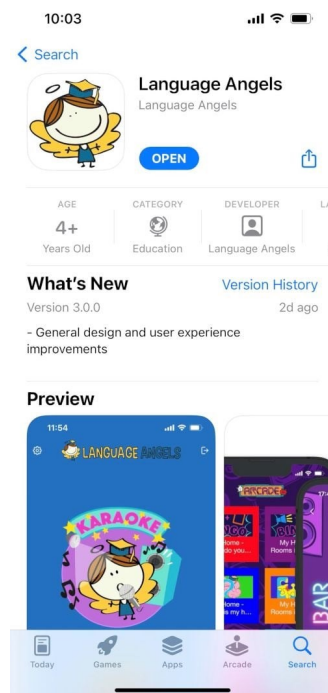
As this is the first version of the app so some of the functionality future releases of the app will have is currently limited. For instance, this current version of the app will not work with any individual school, class or pupil logins you may have setup previously. This means you will not be able to see a record of any pupil scores in the games they complete on the app. Individual school, class or pupil login functionality is still live and active for your pupils if they access the games and karaoke area from our website instead of from the app. This will be possible in future versions of the app but not with this first version release.

We have created a simple login which all your pupils can use to access and use the app.

**Username: la2023app Password: la2023app**  
(NB: username and password are case sensitive.)

Once logged in they will have access to all our interactive games and all of our karaoke videos.

The app is completely safe for pupils to use and there is no way for children to be able to contact or interact with anyone else on the app.



### Communication this week

- Year 4 PSHE letter
- Year 2 trip letter

## Attendance

1st place:	Pullman (6) - 99.4%
2nd place:	Inkpen [R] - 98.3%
3rd place:	Morpurgo (6) - 98.1%
Whole School:	95.7%

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Yell**—to shout something in a loud, sharp voice.

(KS2 Lower) - **Dismiss**—to treat someone or something as unworthy of serious consideration.

(KS2 Upper) - **Incite**—to stir or encourage villainous or rebellious behaviour.

### **ACTION: UKHSA advice for education and childcare settings amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever**

As winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels and pupils are returning to education, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published a [reminder on how to minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings](#). UKHSA advice remains clear that children can continue to attend as normal unless they are unwell and have a high temperature. [Further information](#) on when a child is too ill for school or nursery is available. There is no requirement to be absent from school on a precautionary basis. School staff should continue to maintain their high expectations for face-to-face attendance. For further information, please also see our Education Hub post on the [latest guidelines around COVID-19](#) and for Strep A, our separate post on the [exact circumstances in which children should be kept off school](#). UKHSA is providing regular updates on [Strep A](#). Both UKHSA and DfE are continuing to closely monitor the situation. To help reduce the risk of some illnesses, including flu, vaccinations are being provided in schools. UKHSA, in collaboration with NHS England and DfE, have produced a [briefing for secondary schools](#) giving details about all vaccines offered to adolescents in schools and the role that schools play. This includes information on the flu vaccination programme being offered this year to those in Years 7, 8 and 9.

**If any children are on antibiotics 4 times a day—this can be administered in school—please come to the office to complete a form and speak with the office staff regarding administration of this.**

### **School Dinners**

If you have booked a school dinner and then send in a packed lunch for your child/ren. Please can you advise the office that you no longer require it. Thank you.

### **Absences & Sickness**

If your child is absent from school, please email [absence@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:absence@hamseytlt.co.uk) or leave a message on the absence line (01883 622000 option 1). Please let us know their full name, class and reason; including any symptoms they may be displaying. We do need to hear from an adult each day a child is absent for safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring your child to school if they have been sick during the night. If your child has been sick or has an upset stomach, children must be off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Parking**

We have been made aware that some of our families have recently received penalty notices for parking outside the

school. Penalty notices are issued by the Council and we are unfortunately unable to comment or advise on this issue.

The zig zag lines are marked clearly as are the times where parking is not allowed on these markings. **Please park considerably around the neighbouring properties to the school. We have had some complaints recently, of**

**inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times for school and other activities. Some of our nursery parents have also noted parking issues, making it difficult when walking with their young children.** We do have slightly staggered starting times to help alleviate this issue. Thank you for your assistance.



### Healthy pack lunches

We've noticed that some of the pack lunches coming into school are not necessarily healthy or nutritious. Please can you ensure that what you send in is enough to keep them going for their afternoon lessons.

**Please remember we are a nut free school—this includes spreads that may contain nuts.**

A Guide to Building...

## Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2/P

Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



### Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"

Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.

**Snacks**

### Fruit

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

**Veggies**

(Great for Snack or Lunch)



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

**CAN YOU SPARE A HOUR OR SO A WEEK? COULD YOU OFFER TIME TO HEAR SOME CHILDREN READ OR HELP KEEP OUR LIBRARY TIDY! IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WHO WILL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH MRS MACE TO DISCUSS HOW TO BE A VOLUNTEER. PLEASE NOTE- A DBS WILL NEED TO BE APPLIED FOR UNDER OUR SAFEGUARDING EXPECTATIONS.**

We are collecting used printer ink cartridges. Please bring them and put them into the recycling box in the office. We are unable to recycle toner or laser cartridges. Any cartridges recycled, helps the school to raise some money. Thank you!

Recycle  Charity

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We are regularly asked by parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school as to how you can support the school to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education. If you would like and are able, to support the school and your child's education, please buy one of the books on our Amazon wishlist. This will arrive at school a few days later and be added to the children's non-fiction book box or class library.



### School Uniform

We are depleting our school stock of uniform. Please check to see what items of uniform you may need and please order through us in the first instance. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. <https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School>

Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery.

**\* Price and Buckland have announced there will be slight price increase from 1st April \* - please consider if you need any new uniform items before this price increase.**

## HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Fairtrade chocolate and banana cake

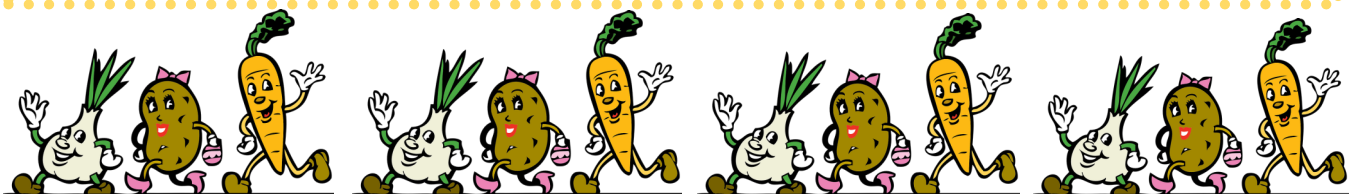
#### Ingredients

- 100g Co-op unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 175g Co-op Fairtrade white sugar
- 2 Co-op British eggs
- 60g Co-op Fairtrade cocoa powder
- 110g Co-op plain flour
- 2 ripe Co-op Fairtrade bananas
- 2 tbsp Co-op semi-skimmed milk
- 100g Co-op Fairtrade dark chocolate, broken into small chunks
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 100g Co-op unsalted butter, softened
- 60g Co-op icing sugar
- 20g Co-op Fairtrade cocoa powder, sifted
- 1 tbsp Co-op semi-skimmed milk
- 6 Co-op Fairtrade Irresistible Belgian flaked white chocolate or milk chocolate truffles, roughly chopped
- 12 Co-op Fairtrade white chocolate buttons, roughly chopped



#### Method

- Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/Gas 4
- Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin with greaseproof paper
- Beat the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy
- Gradually beat in the eggs with 1 tbsp of the cocoa powder and 1 tbsp of the flour
- In a separate bowl, mash the bananas with the milk
- Fold the banana mixture and the chocolate chunks into the batter
- Sieve together the remaining cocoa powder and flour, bicarbonate of soda and baking powder
- Fold into the mixture
- Spoon the batter into the tin and bake for about 1 hour, covering the top with grease-proof paper or foil after 30 mins
- The cake is cooked when it's risen and shrinking from the sides of the tin
- Allow to cool in the tin for about 10 mins then transfer to a wire rack
- To make the icing, combine the butter, icing sugar and cocoa powder with the milk
- Spread the icing on top of the cake and decorate with the chocolate truffles and chocolate buttons



**FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS**

Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that the pandemic has had an effect on families, but the expectation is still that every child should now be attending school full time. If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

**Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School**

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carers for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).
  - Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
  - The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.
  - In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.
3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration. If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Inclusion Officer.

**Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions**

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carers liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

**Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice**

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is currently £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued. Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130

South West - Tel: 01483 517179

North East - Tel: 01372 833588