



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 6

Dear All

This week, I have been excited to visit all classes to observe their lessons. I have been delighted to see the children engaged in their learning from Reception enjoying story time and painting; Year 1 engrossed in finding parts of whole numbers; Year 2 reciting their text map for their news report 'The Big Bad Wolf' to me and our Trust CEO; Year 3 being scientists investigating which material have the most friction; Year 4 and 5 in PE and Year 6 learning to record multiplying two digit numbers by a two digit number! I was particularly excited to sit in on music lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 who are learning to play the glockenspiels and xylophones. I was so impressed with them all keeping to the same rhythm and ability to learn a tune. It is amazing the breadth of learning that our children have.



On Monday, Miss Walker led assembly on Dyslexia Awareness Day. Children were really engaged to learn about dyslexia and the strategies people use to support this. On Thursday, Mr Brown helped us celebrate National Poetry Day too by reading us



lots of poems. We hoped this would inspire them to read more poems for enjoyment. Some were really funny!

I do hope you have all had a chance to look at the children's photographs— they looked lovely! It is not always easy to take photos on a child let alone over 300!

This week we had an external advisor who visited during lunchtime. She was extremely complimentary about the behaviour of the children, how well they played together and the older children were nurturing the younger children. It is always nice to know others spot how caring and polite our children are!

As part on our constant online safety reminders, we have been made aware that some of our older children appear to be discussing/watching a program called 'The Squid Game' on Netflix. Just to make parents/carers aware this, this program has a Netflix rating guidance of 15 years old. Please do check your parental controls just in case.

Just a reminder that from next week, I shall not be in school for the next few weeks. The SLT will be on site or please do send an email via the school office. I will still be in hospital on Friday, so Mr Boffa will be writing the newsletter!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

Kittle Photographic

The photographer commented on how well behaved and polite, the children all were, when he was in school on Tuesday.

All children who were present for the photos will have received an individual card with a unique reference for ordering.

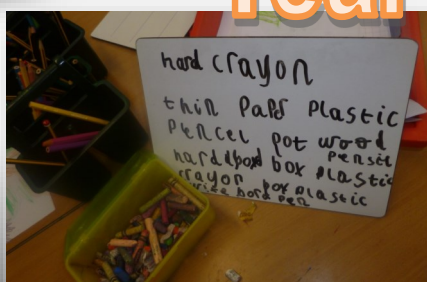


Year 6



Pullman class taking part in collaborative art linked to their topic of Natural Disasters. The final piece is amazing!

Year 1



In Year 1, we were investigating materials this week and why we choose materials for a certain purpose. We compared a bean bag with a chair, pastel crayons with pencils, whiteboards with blackboards.

Reception have been exploring colours in nature for forest school this week. They have also been investigating pairs. Reception matched the pairs of socks and then worked on developing fine motor skills by pegging them on the line!



Reception





This week we have been following the children's interests in our new fish. We have explored under the sea and spoken about how to look after the fish. We have been ordering fish by size and number sequencing. We have made different kinds of fish in the art area and enjoyed the shark in the park story too.



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 do have slightly staggered starting times to help alleviate this issue. Thank you for your assistance.



Communication this week

- Nasal flu e-consent for years R-6
- Letter to Years 2 & 3 for home learning workshop on 13th October after school in Murphy class.

Upcoming events

- Reception 2022 parent tours Wednesdays
- Half term starts from Friday 22nd October (additional day agreed by Surrey)
- Harvest Festival 12th October

Attendance:

1st place: Morpurgo (6) 98.2%

2nd place: Kinney (3) 97.3%

3rd place: Dodd (1) 97.1%

Whole school: 93%

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 its 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.

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Shout**—to say something very loudly

(KS2 Lower) - **Bellow**—to say something loudly and usually with anger

(KS2 Upper) - **Fulminate**—to issue a thunderous verbal attack

Travelling Book Fair



During the week commencing 18th October 2021 (after school in the small dining hall), The Travelling Book Fair will be at Hamsey Green, offering a range of books for all ages, from £2.99. Every purchase earns the school rewards that can be spent on books to enhance the library and promote reading for pleasure.

This is a cashless fair, please see details (with email) how to make a purchase/payment. Books will be displayed for you to browse. Books purchased (with confirmation) will be available to collect from the book fair. Please note that payment option 1 is not an available option at our school.



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.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share



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!

Secondary School open events information

<https://riddlesdown.org/admissions/admission-into-year-7/>

<https://www.warlinghamschool.co.uk/87/admission-arrangements>

<https://www.oxtedschool.org/>

School tours are running every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (9am-10am and 12.15pm-1.15pm) starting from next Tuesday 21 Sept up to and including Thursday 21 October. Please visit our Open Evening section on our school website <https://www.oxtedschool.org/News/Main-School-Open-Evening/>, where you can register for our Open Evening and also find more information regarding school tours.

<https://www.destafford.org.uk/>

Croydon High School for Girls <https://www.croydonhigh.gdst.net/>

Year 5 & Year 6 parents of girls, our **Open Morning on Saturday 9 October 2021**, if you are interested in attending this event please register for a specific tour time for this event via the link below or the via attached invite.

Due to unprecedented interest in our Open Morning this year, combined with our desire to remain cautious about the number of people on site at any one time, we are asking visitors to book a specific tour time for Saturday 9 October [here](#).

Each tour will start with a welcome from our Headmistress, Emma Pattison, after which you will be introduced to your pupil guide, who will show you around the school, meet our teachers and answer any questions you may have.

We anticipate each tour will last approximately an hour and a half and we suggest you aim to arrive 15 minutes before the start time to allow for parking and making your way to our Senior Hall.

Harvest Festival—Tuesday 12th October

We will be supporting Nightwatch again this year. Please bring any unopened, in date, non perishable food items and unused toiletries to the classrooms from Monday 11th October. Thank you for your support.



Surrey County Council are running these workshops, please click on the links below for further information. www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning.

Courses for Parents who speak English as an additional language

[Raising Bilingual children EAL workshop Friday 15th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Applying for a primary school place EAL workshop Friday 22nd October 1-2.30pm](#)

Storytelling fun and half term activities

[The Hungry Caterpillar Storytelling workshop \(2-4 yrs\) Saturday 9th October 10-11.30am](#)

[Fun activities for half term \(3 & 4 yrs olds\) workshop Friday 22nd October 10-11.30am](#)

[The Gruffalo storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Wednesday 27th October 10.30am-12pm](#)

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[Elmer Storytelling workshop \(2-4 yrs\) Saturday 30th October 10-11.30am](#)

Courses for family wellbeing and cookery

[Yoga for Anxiety 3 week course Tuesday 5th - 19th October 10-11.30am](#)

[Family Yoga \(5-10 yrs\) 3 week course Wednesday 6th-20th October 4.30-5.30pm](#)

[Yoga for Resilience 3 week course Thursday 7th-21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Soups and Bread 2 week course Thursday 14th -21st October 10-11.30am](#)

Parenting Courses

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 7th-14th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 14th-21st October 7.30-9pm](#)