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Dear Parents and Carers

As I sit here writing this end of year newsletter, I cannot believe how quickly this academic year has gone. I feel so grateful and proud as I reflect on the year gone by. We welcomed a new Reception cohort in September and are saying goodbye to our Year 6s in July. We have had residential and trips, visitors and workshops. Our children have had academic success with great results in EYFS, the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Key Stage 1 SATs, the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and our Key Stage 2 SATs. We have had many sporting successes across the year groups, choir and musical performances and have had a focus on pupil wellbeing.

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to some much loved members of staff. Mrs Carly Pinner is relocating to Hastings. She has had a huge impact on the children in Year 4 and will be missed greatly. We would like to thank Mrs Pinner for all her hard work putting together an indoor play lunchtime club for children. Mrs Sarah Munnely is leaving us after 10 years. She is much loved by the children and staff, and we would like to thank her for commitment to her role at HPS. After only a year with us, Mr Tim Black is relocating to France. He will be missed by both the children and staff and we would like to thank him for all the work he has done with our Junior Travel Ambassadors and with sustainability across the school. Both Miss Sophie Cook and Miss Rebecca Condren will be leaving us to join other schools. Thank you Miss Condren for your passion and enthusiasm for EYFS and thank you to Miss Cook for leading our singing assemblies and all the work you have done with PE. Miss Phoebe Newman is also leaving us this summer, she is taking a break from teaching and will be travelling around the world. Miss Newman - thank you so much for all the work you have done this year on our History curriculum. Finally, Mrs Amy Adams is leaving to move to a new school closer to home. There are not enough words to express our gratitude for all the work Mrs Adams has done with SEND. All our staff leavers will be truly missed by staff, children and families and we wish you all the best of luck in the future.

Next year, we welcome several new members to Team Hayes. Mrs Lucy Boorman and Miss Lauren Rees-Blackstone will be teaching in Year 1, Miss Stephanie Klass will be teaching in Year 2 and Mrs Amy Gouldsmith will be teaching in Year 5. We also have Ms Gaynor Rispoli joining us as a teaching assistant.

Although school will be closed for the children, it will remain open while we have various works completed. When you return in September, there will be a 'secure line' fence around part of the field, school and playgrounds. We have been able to pay for this following a successful Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) bid, which recognised that the school is not currently as secure as it could be. The secure line is being put in as a safeguarding measure and will mean that anyone entering the school site, outside of drop and pick up times, will have to come through the main reception. It will mean that we can control entry and exit points which will reduce the risk of outsiders entering the school.

You will also notice that we will have new playground markings in the small playground. This is being funded by the PTA, for which we are very grateful. The children are going to love them.

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I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our Hayes Primary School families for being so welcoming and supportive over this past year. Our most recent Ofsted report noted that our school is 'a close-knit community filled with friendliness and warm and caring relationships' and I could not agree more. I look forward to building on our successes next year.

I wish you all a wonderful and restful summer.

Best wishes.

Mrs Howell
Headteacher

EYFS

We have been so busy in EYFS this term.

We absolutely loved our local walk to find Knuffle Bunny. We walked to Hayes high street and found him with a lost poster in the dry cleaners. He was even there the next day when some of us were walking to school but he has now been reunited with Trixie.



There were lots of amazing different types of transport at our transport day. We loved looking in the different cars and sitting in the sports cars. We even learned all about how to charge an electric car!



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We also had a police officer come in to school to visit. She told us all about how to stay safe when we are out and about and we shared our learning about 'Clever Never Goes' which we have had assemblies on this term.



We saw the planes taking off and landing at Biggin Hill Airport on our other trip. Our teachers were so proud of how sensible we were on the bus there and how we used our road safety rules to check when we could cross the road. We also loved having a picnic on the field when we got back to school.



We have loved our time in EYFS and are excited to see what Year 1 has in store for us!

Year 1

Year 1 visited Godstone Farm at the start of the half term. On the day of the trip, we woke up a little bit worried with thunder and lightning, however, the weatherman was on our side and the sun came out just in time. The coach journey there was very loud because we were all so excited.

We got to feed the lambs, alpacas and smelly pigs, they were very hungry! We went on a minibeast hunt and found so many bugs. We learnt all about tortoises, guinea pigs and the bearded dragon and got to touch them all. We were surprised with how smooth the bearded dragon felt as his body looked rough. The bearded dragon was our favourite animal that we got to see up close.



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We came back to school and we have been busy writing bearded dragon fact files which we shared with the EYFS children. We had so much fun on our trip. Some of us were very tired and fell asleep on the journey back but we all had the best day ever!

Year 2

In Year 2 we have had a busy half term! We started off by going on our school trip to the London Zoo. We had a brilliant time there and got to see tigers, penguins, giraffes, gorillas and lemurs plus lots more! One of our favourites were the penguins as we could get close to their pool and watch them swimming under water.



We have also enjoyed designing and making lunchboxes in our DT lessons. We designed what we thought would be the perfect lunchbox for 'The lighthouse keeper' and then built them over several lessons using shoeboxes. We've made compartments for them, made hinges for the lids and added handles to carry them with.



We've had a great last half term in year 2 and are looking forward to the summer holidays!

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Year 3

In Year 3 we have had a busy term. In art we have been learning about sculptures and made our own buildings inspired by Friedenreich Hundertwasser and we also made our own Clarice Cliff inspired plates out of clay.



We have also had a visit from the charity 'Wateraid' and learn more about climate change and the importance of water. Children really enjoyed this workshop, especially when they replicated what children in water deprived countries have to do to get clean water, by carrying buckets on their heads.



One of the highlights this Summer was going to Forest School where children enjoyed so many outdoor activities such as the slack line, lighting fires, the rope swing, making dens, playing on the 'bus', making potions and perfumes in the mud kitchen, getting to explore insects in their own habitats and; last but not least, the hot chocolate at the end of each session!



Year 4



In Year 4, we have been making our own wire loop game. The children have been engrossed in making their ideas come to life. This project allowed the children to explore their creativity by designing their unique games and experimenting with the electrical circuits.



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It has been wonderful to watch their enthusiasm and they decorated their games and added a personal touch to each one. Our Year 4 students have truly showcased their ingenuity and team work, and we couldn't be prouder!

The children had a lovely time in the Norman Park woods, finding minibeasts, drawing microhabitats, identifying trees and looking for birds. The highlights were seeing tiny frogs that were under logs and enjoying a refreshing ice pole. We also visited Hayes Church and learnt about what happens there, as well as learning about those who fought in the wars and are buried in the cemetery.

It has been lovely having more time outside this term and being able to join together to play football and rounders, as well as learning cricket skills. Taking our maths lessons outside the classroom has been great fun. One of our lessons was all about money, where some of the children had shops with menus, the rest of the children were given some coins to spend and had to select items that were "on sale" at different stores. We also went on an angle hunt and had the chance to play battleships.

Year 5

On Friday, the year 5 sleepover took place at school. The students had a great time and created some unforgettable memories. The evening was filled with fun as the children gathered around the campfire, roasting marshmallows. They also engaged in various sporting activities, showcasing their teamwork and competitive spirit. To top it off, they baked some cakes, which they devoured while enjoying the film. The next morning, the children were treated to croissants and juice before being collected.

Year 6

In Year 6, we have been working really hard on our production and we were so excited to perform it to everyone. We designed the tickets ourselves, here are a few of our designs.



Megan



Eve



Darcey

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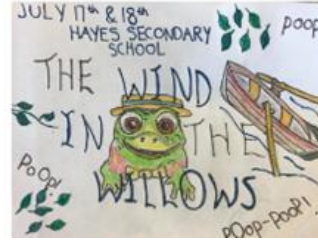
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Daniel



Archie



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French News



Bonjour!

This is what has been happening in our French lessons this term.

Year 3

The children have been learning about pets and animals. The children have shown a great deal of enthusiasm!

French Stars of the Term:

3I: Joseph Taylor
3NM: Jaik Srikumar
3M: Roisin McKeown

Year 4

The children have been learning how to order food and drinks in a French tea room. They are building their confidence and are able to perform in role-plays all in French!

French Stars of the Term:

4B: Zaviyar Ahmed
4C: Jake Davis
4S: Isla Ramputh

Year 5

The children have been learning how to describe their home and where they live. They are now constructing longer sentences and expanding their grammatical knowledge of the language.

French Stars of the Term:

5K: Victor Andreyev
5G: Finley Le Surf
5C: Annabelle Jones

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Year 6

The children have been learning about healthy lifestyles. We looked at healthy/unhealthy food and the benefits of exercising. The children have learnt how to give reasons and how to justify opinions.

French Stars of the Term:

6N: Ruby Slatter

6S: Remi McCay

6V: Eloise Frost

I wish the children in Year 6 all the best as they leave to go to Secondary School and wish them all "Bonne Chance!"

Fête de la musique / World Music Day celebration

On 21st June we celebrated La Fête de la musique and World Music Day. It was a great day where all the children got involved in some French and music activities. There were special assemblies and a wonderful rendition of The Lion Sleeps Tonight all in French by the Year 6 children!



"This special event took place on mercredi 21 juin 2023. During our French sessions Madame Townsend taught us how to sing The Lion Sleeps Tonight in a French version. Once we had perfected it, a couple of weeks later, Year 6 performed it to KS2 and a few pupils got to perform it to KS1. It was really fun and enjoyable to learn about French culture and where the music came from."

Megan and Sophie 6S

I wish all the children and their families "bonnes vacances!"

Madame Townsend

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PTA

SAVE THE DATE!!

PTA AGM: TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023, 6PM AT HPS

Events:

We think you'll agree the PTA have been rather busy this summer term putting on a variety of events and new fundraisers which have been fantastic fun to run and clearly enjoyed by the students of Hayes Primary.

At the end of the Spring term, the Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Sale was a huge success made even more impressive by the torrential rain we all endured! We were able to test-run the candy floss machine which proved very popular. The cookies made by the incredibly talented, Lovely Larder Lady, were stunning and the delicious cakes donated by the wonderful parents of Hayes Primary helped us fundraise over £700.



On the 5th May the PTA, along with some additional incredible volunteers, managed to laminate and tassel all 650 students Coronation Bookmarks which were handed out after their Coronation Picnic. The day concluded with an Ice Cream Stall and Snack Shack fundraiser which raised over £340.

Also in May, we hosted our first ever Doughies 'Make your own Pizza and Cookie Kits' fundraiser and made £187 for the school! An easy fundraiser to run with delicious tasting pizzas and cookies to boot. Thank you to all who supported us.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped run our stall at the Hayes Village Fair on the 11th June. It was a scorching hot day but wonderful to see so many parents helping to run the stall and fundraise over £270 for the school. Great community vibe!



What can we say about our Marvellous Men Wonka Bar Fundraiser in June? We were blown away by the support this new venture received. We raised almost £500 from this event selling chocolate bars with the hope of winning a Golden Ticket for some amazing prizes kindly donated by various Bromley and Hayes based companies.



The highlight of the event had to be our guest appearance from Mr Willy Wonka himself! The children loved it! Thank you to everyone who made this day so memorable!



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Rainbow Run Festival 2023

We hope you all enjoyed the Rainbow Run Festival on 25th June as much as we enjoyed running it! We wanted to make it even bigger than last year, and hope you'll agree that it was a huge success! We raised a total of almost £3,600 from this one event. Thank you to the volunteers who stepped up to run the stalls and to the local businesses who served delicious food and drinks on the day. A few highlights from the day had to be the grown-ups' vs children dance competition lead by the Mr Black as well as Mrs Beadle getting fully involved in the colour run! It was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun.



PTA Funded Projects

The PTA's fundraising efforts have supported the school in a variety of projects including: the Inspirational Speaker for 'Proud to be me Day'; Garden supplies for our gardening club; Outdoor storage facilities and additional lunch time sports equipment; Ice-cream van for our Year 6 to celebrate the end of SATs; a new Boom Box speaker; Playground Pals to encourage engagement and activity during break times; a candy floss machine – which we will all agree has been a huge hit!

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Gardening News

Our Gardening Club have had another fantastic term. We entered the Bromley Floral Fest Competition in June with a lot of effort going into our planter from Gardening Club children, Mr Black and some creative artwork from all involved, representing the theme of our school values.



At Gardening Club we harvested potatoes, carrots, strawberries and lettuce this term! We planted tomatoes, corn and green beans too. Gardening Club will continue to run in the Autumn Term - watch this space!

Sarah Osborne, PTA Gardening Lead

Uniform Hut News

Thank you to our incredible Uniform Hut helpers for giving up their time to enable us to open extra adhoc days this term including opening for the new Reception Starters Stay & Play Sessions and transition day. We have done a huge effort inside the hut with a complete tidy up to giving us more room for storage and making it easier to browse out pre-loved items.

As always we welcome any uniform donations that we can sell in our pre-loved section we simply ask that they are clean and in good condition so please pop them in the donations box outside the uniform hut.

The uniform hut is also selling a small selection of snacks – crisps and cold drinks – during its opening hours on Thursday mornings so please pop in and grab your after school snacks from us!

As much as we would love to open the Uniform Hut more regularly, we do rely on our amazing volunteers! If you can give 30min – 1hr of your time during the week please do get in touch with us. Thank you in advance for your support.

Justina Myers, Uniform Hut Coordinator

Dates for the Diary - Events for 2023/24 Autumn Term

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| Tuesday 19th June | - 6pm PTA AGM* at HPS |
| Sunday 24th September | - 2-4pm Welcome Reception Disco at HPS |
| Saturday 4th November | - 5-8pm HPS & HP Fireworks |

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Sunday 3rd December - 5:30pm Cinderella Panto at Churchill Theatre (tickets via ParentPay)

Sunday 10th December - 12-4pm HPS Christmas Fair

Watch this space for our Halloween Crafts and trail dates as well as and "Pimp my Pumpkin" competition!

** Please visit our website for more information on the PTA Committee Roles available from September which will be voted in at our AGM. Please register any expression of interest in the role by emailing hpspta@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.uk*

Volunteers

If you'd like to get involved in any of our events please email:

hpspta@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.uk and join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hps.bromley.pta>

Thank you!

Goodbye from the Chair

Due to a (slight) career change I am sadly unable to continue my role as HPS PTA Chair. However, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the families who have supported the PTA during my time as Chairperson this year. We have tried some new fundraising ideas and have received a wealth of support from you all so thank you.

I couldn't go without saying an incredible thank you to the amazing people behind all of these events – our PTA Committee! To Sarah, Justina, Ash, Claire, Rachel, Lisa and Ed - it has been such tremendous fun meeting you all and getting to know parents from across the school. We have had such a laugh during the planning, preparation and running of these events. I will miss working with you all but I know the PTA is in safe hands with the drive, determination and creativity you all bring.



Obviously, I will still be around the school and look forward to the seeing our PTA continue the amazing work and vital fundraising they have been doing for so many years.

Amy Gouldsmith, HPS PTA Chair

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

From your PTA

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Year 6 Parents

After such a successful Year 6 play...

Here's another exciting drama opportunity for all those Year 6 students starting at Hayes secondary next term.

Jane Davis (Eve and Grace's mum) is introducing LAMDA Drama tuition to Hayes secondary.

So look out for further info in September...

LAMDA DRAMA TUITION



From Autumn term 2023, ACT Drama will be introducing private drama tuition at Hayes Secondary.

What is LAMDA Drama?

LAMDA Drama lessons work in a similar way to music lessons. Students work in small groups, rehearsing scripts and students perform in a practical exam and receive a grade and certificate on completion.

Act classes are fun, creative and inspiring & focus on...

- developing drama and communication skills
- building students confidence
- unlocking the imagination & creativity
- providing a framework in which individual talent can grow, in order to achieve drama grades.

Jane Cameron
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