

Hello / مرحبًا

Dear Parents and Carers

I am so excited that we have a week dedicated to **Health and Wellbeing** across the schools. The children will be involved in many different activities including, yoga and dance in the **Infant School** and trips to the **Olympic Gym** across the week paid for by PATHS for every class from **Preschool** to **Year 6**. All children in the **Infant** and **Junior School** will meet Commonwealth Gymnast, **Steve Frew**, on Monday. There will be a final Forest School sessions in the **Infant School** and a wealth of activities to support the children for Wednesday's **Sports Day** [please remember not all children will race as the heats have already taken place].

A HUGE thank you to **Mrs Claire Booth** and **Miss Gill Vierstraete** who have worked hard to organise the 'Healthy Week' events with timetables, safeguarding arrangements for visitors and risk assessments for all the out of school events. We appreciate that Sports Days are important to families, please know both schools will be determined to schedule these events unless there are poor weather conditions. We are excited for our new style Sports Day in the **Junior School** but appreciate there is a limited amount of time due to the afternoon timings so please note some activities may change. **Please ensure earrings are removed or covered by a headband so all children can participate at the Olympic gym and some of the other activities.**

We hope that you received your child's **annual report** this week. We apologise for any delays, we have used a new system and there were some glitches with different platforms communicating with each other. Please complete the [form here](#) to share any feedback. **Thank you for your time.**

We thoroughly enjoyed the **Year 6** production this week. They were superb in their acting, dancing and singing and back stage skills.

Talking about **Y6**, it was superb to receive our **Year 6 SAT scores** this year. When **Mr Christopher Squires, Mrs Claire Gerrard** and I started at the **Junior School** in 2022, the results in the school were low [**Reading: 47% Writing: 12% and Maths: 37%**]. The results have been steadily rising over the past 2 years with the changes made to the curriculum and the high standards of teaching and learning. We are delighted to share that this year, the percentages of our children who achieved Age Related Expectations [ARE] have **risen** to: **Reading: 73% Writing: 62% and Maths: 68%.** **Well done Hartford!**

Best wishes / أطيب التمنيات

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Please note that all **reading and library books** need to be returned to school for **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Next week, all children** will need to bring in a **suitable bag** to bring home their books from this year. As in previous years we will need to keep a few back so that we can show the fabulous progress made by children in to any outside visitors in the autumn term.

**Please know that they will be returned!**

**Next week**, look out for the **Holiday Challenge booklets** which will be sent out on the last day of term.

All children who return completed booklets are entered into a **Prize Draw** for a super prize.

Don't forget to check the **lost property** in both schools. Please pop in and retrieve it because all unclaimed clothing will either be placed in the red charity box at the front of the school or washed for a preloved sale in September.

## Preschool

This week **preschool** have enjoyed exploring the story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' through some painting and mark making. We read, 'Animal Soup' and made our own animal soup. We linked this to our phonics learning, thinking about the initial sound of the animal names. We have been constructing using Mobilo to make lots of vehicles. We also welcomed our new September starters at our last Stay and Play session for this term. **Next Week**, we will join in with the 'Healthy Week' by tasting fruits from 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story, visiting the Olympic gym and having a dance and yoga session. On Friday we will celebrate our children moving to Reception with a low key party.

## Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2** in our Religious Education sessions we have been learning about how Christians and Muslims welcome and celebrate the birth of a new baby. In Literacy we have written a letter to the three little pigs and our maths learning has focussed on strengthening the children's understanding of the composition of numbers 5-10. The children are so excited about our Healthy Week! We will be enjoying yoga and dance sessions, visiting the Olympic Gym and enjoying our Sports Day on Wednesday morning!

## Year 1

This week **Class 3 and 4** had fun carrying out our science investigation with the boats we had made to find out which material would be most suitable for a boat to float. In art we painted our clay sculptures and in computing we compared typing on a keyboard to writing on paper. In RE we have been learning what lessons people can learn from the stories that come from different faiths. **Next week**, we are looking forward to lots of activities in our 'Healthy Week'. **Please remember PE kit to be worn every day next week!**

## Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** enjoyed using clay. How exciting! We loved being sculptors and creating ice patterns based on the images we have seen in Antarctica. We learnt about special books in Religious Education and enjoyed painting paper with tea so that it looked ancient. **Next week**, we look forward to celebrating homework, sports events and most importantly our final time together. We are so grateful to you for your wonderful support this year.

## Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut** Classes the children wrote a narrative with a partner. They planned their stories together and demonstrated excellent teamwork skills whilst writing it up. In maths, we explored time focusing on 'minutes to' and 'minutes past' and identified time in exact minutes. Our homework will reinforce this and we encourage the children to practise as time can be a tricky concept for some. Our RE days focused on the importance of religious texts. **Next week**, in 'Healthy Week' we will visit the local Olympic gym, talk about healthy eating, participate in Sports Day and extra physical activities. **We kindly ask that they bring in water bottles and hats as we will be outside more than usual. Thank you for your support!**

## Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow** Classes have secured their understanding of division with remainders using our Numberlink boards in maths. We loved watching the Year 6 play, it was brilliant and very funny! We wrote and decorated thank you cards to give to Year 6 as we were so impressed! We have enjoyed sewing our purses and wallets in DT and have been adding our fastenings to them – they are looking excellent! In RE, we have been learning about how peace is portrayed in different cultures and used our art skills to draw our peaceful place and create our own peace sign. **Next week**, we are looking forward to exploring a range of different activities and tasks linked to 'Healthy Week'.

## Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash** Classes have learnt to estimate volume and capacity, and deepened their understanding of multiplication. In English, they finished 'Who Let the Gods Out'. **Next week**, they are looking forward to 'Healthy Week' in which they will learn about healthy diets, focusing on mental health and participating in sports day! Sadly, it will be our last week with the current classes, so we will be making lots of happy memories for them to take up into Year 6.

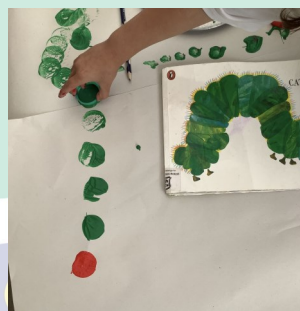
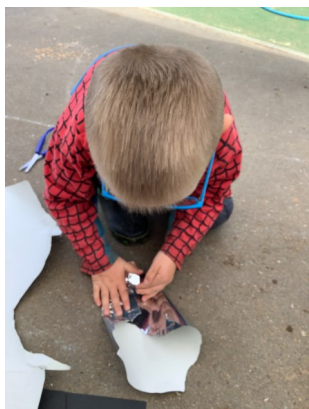
## Year 6

What an exciting week **Pine and Sycamore** Classes had. After 3 fantastic performances of their play, we are convinced we have some future stars of the stage and screen! We hope they enjoyed the experience. We are very proud of them all for all their dedication - thank you parents for your support with costumes, they looked fabulous. We were delighted to see their excellent SATs result this week too - all their efforts have paid off. Their leavers assembly was a lovely opportunity to reflect on their four years at HJS and look back at some wonderful memories - we hope you enjoyed coming along to this. **Next week**, is packed full of activities to ensure their last five days with us are ones to remember. Rest up over the weekend children - you'll need it!

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### Dates for the Diary/Mga Petsa para sa Diary

Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 15th July	A week of activities to support our minds and body including <b>Sports Day</b> on <b>Wednesday 17th July 9.30am for Infant</b> and <b>1.00pm for Junior</b>
Last day of Term	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Last day of Term
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our <b>After School Club</b> will <b>not</b> be open on this day due to staff training.
Autumn Term begins	All schools	Wednesday 4th September	All Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils are expected to be in school from 8.40am [HJS] and YR, Y1 and Y2 from 8.45am [HIPS]
Meet the Teacher	All Schools	Wednesday 11th September	Book an appointment on <b>Schoolcloud</b> [from 4.9.2024] for a <b>5 minute chat</b> with the new class teacher to share any top tips [questions will be shared in the new term before the meeting for ease]. You will be able to see the class your child will be in.



### Healthy Week [ Wk beg Monday 15th July] and Sports Day [Wednesday 17th July]

Please see all **Sports Day** and **Healthy Week** letters coming to you via email.

These letters will share the format of **Healthy Week** activities [e.g. Olympic Gym visits for all, Park Trips for Infant School, Olympic Sports Visitors for all etc] and **Sports Day**.

We hope that we can make all the children happy and safe throughout the events so please ensure you read them.

**Thank you for your support.**





Discover and enjoy the amazing books in your local library.

Become a marvellous maker by joining in with our fabulous activities.

Complete the Summer Reading Challenge and receive your very own Marvellous Makers medal and certificate.

Start collecting your special Marvellous Makers stickers from Saturday 20th July.



# Huntingdon Library

## What's on at Huntingdon Library for families this summer!

Future Stars Matilda Theatre Workshop	Monday 22nd July	10:00am - 1:00pm	4+ years	Booking required Free
Dynamic Dioramas	Monday 22nd July	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Making Playdough	Wednesday 31st July	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Crafty Monkeys: Decorate a Mug	Monday 5th August	10:00am - 11:30am	5+ years	Booking required £
Puppet Sewing	Saturday 10th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Pencil Case Decorating	Friday 16th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Junk Modelling	Tuesday 20th August	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Imagination Jars	Wednesday 28th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £

For more information or to book your place on an event, please ask a member of staff at Huntingdon Library, call 0345 045 5225 or email: [huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

