

Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior Newsletter 19 26.1.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Kung hei fat choy! Happy Chinese New Year! We have had a lovely week, finding out about this special event through our weekly assemblies. In the Infant School these can be found on our [YouTube Channel](#).

I hope that you have seen our latest **Kingswood letter** which was sent home this week for all **Y5 pupils**, in preparation for next year – how exciting!

Last week, **Peterborough United** popped into both schools and issued **every family and staff member** free tickets to some of their games. If you haven't seen this fantastic opportunity please pop into the office for further information. I hope to see you at one of the matches!

Following on from last week's **maths presentation** in the infant school, please explore the [maths page on our website](#) for ideas to support your child at home and to find out some of the methods we use to calculate.

Mrs Jo Smith met with the **Junior School Council** and they have already made important decisions that they would like addressed for World Book Day [coming soon on **Thursday 2nd March**].

Just a reminder, all **Infant School children** and staff are invited to wear **Victorian clothes** as part of our whole school **Sparky Day**, please note that **Class 5 children** do not need to wear PE kit to school on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend folks. Best wishes/Wszystkiego najlepszego Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Year 6 Science Competition / Konkurs naukowy 6 roku

Year 6 are taking part in the **Microscopes4Schools** competition run by the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology. For the competition we have been lent a digital microscope and the children will be given time to go outdoors and collect samples to photograph using the microscope. The 10 best images will be sent off to the organisers and the winning school will receive some equipment to support science lessons. This week, both classes came together to meet some of the scientists who work at the MRC LMB over zoom and ask them their questions. We have already had lots of children say they would like to take part so I am sure we will have some great pictures to share in a couple of weeks!

Dates for the Diary / Daty do Pamietnika

Victorian Day	Infant School	Monday 30th January	Infant children are invited to wear Victorian outfits
Y6 SAT Meeting	Junior School	Monday 30th January	Y6 Parents and children invited to a meeting regarding the end of KS2 SATs from 6.00pm
Y5 Space Centre visit	Junior School	Wednesday 1st February	Y5 children will [despite <i>any</i> strike action] be visiting the Space Centre as part of their space work
The Nest Meetings	Infant School	Tuesday 7th February	Letters will go out to specific families for an afternoon invite [2.45pm]
School Discos	All Schools	Thursday 9th February	Some changes to the event but price and times will be the same as Autumn
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 13th February	All Schools closed for this week
Zoo Trip	Infant School	Tuesday 21st February	All children invited to go on our Sparky Start Whole School visit to the zoo [see letter sent 20.1.2023]
Year 5 Swimming	Junior School	Tuesday 21st February	All Year 5 children will walk to the St Peters Recreation Centre for their swimming sessions
World Book Day	All Schools	Thursday 2nd March	All children and staff invited to wear their pjs for the day and bring in their favourite book
Last day of term	All Schools	Friday 31st March	All children return to school on Tuesday 18th April at 8.45am

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Preschool

This week, preschool children have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. Eddrick and his family kindly provided decorations, money wallets (with a chocolate coin in) to send good wishes to all of the children and some sweet snacks for us to try. We made lanterns and also thought about the dragon used in celebrations to dance. We created our own movements and made our own dragon costume head and used our fantastic listening ears to tune into a drum and bell sound meaning go and stop What a fun week! **Next week**, we are going to make some bird food to hang in our garden and link to thinking about our environment and the weather.

Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, we have been learning a little bit about Queen Victoria and getting ready for our special Victorian school dress up day on Monday! In Forest School we have had the opportunity to make our very own egg box bird feeders and our PE sessions have focussed on balancing bean bags on different parts of our bodies, rolling a ball to each other and moving around the space safely with developing control and coordination. **Next week**, we will be finding out about what school was like for children in Victorian times and thinking about the composition of numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 as 'five and a bit' using our fingers and practical resources.

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been writing sentences with capital letters and full stops. We have been learning to order numbers and how to add by counting on. At forest school we have been making seed balls for the birds and making our own nature ice hanging decorations. **Next week**, we will be writing postcards in English and using number bonds in maths.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6**, we used a thesaurus to find alternative adjectives. We aimed high to find adjectives with suffixes e.g. deceitful, fearful, greedy; biggest, fiercest; dangerous. In maths we added near multiples of ten and adjusted by one e.g. $23 + 19$, add 20 but adjust by subtracting 1. During enquiry lessons we became historians and placed important events, such as the coronation of Queen Victoria, on a timeline. **Next week**, in English we will recap the features of an explanation text, so we are ready to write about Queen Victoria. In maths we will add and subtract multiples of ten to and from a 2-digit number. We are looking forward to experiencing life as a Victorian school child.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we have been working on our 8 times tables, making connections to the 4 and the 2 times tables. In English, we have been looking at adverbs to express time and they have an excellent understanding of them. In art, we have been looking at prehistoric art and making charcoal sketches of native British animals. **Next week**, we will be starting our new geography unit which is settlements and our new history unit which is the Indus Valley.

Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, we have been developing our knowledge of apostrophes and thinking carefully about when to use them in our writing. In maths we are persevering with our multiplication and have thought about this using practical resources to help us. We have also been practising our times tables and shown fantastic resilience with this! In science we really enjoyed experimenting with sound and volume and displayed great teamwork in our investigations. **Next week**, in history we are looking forward to finding out more about Roman Britain and in English we can't wait to see what happens next in our class text 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

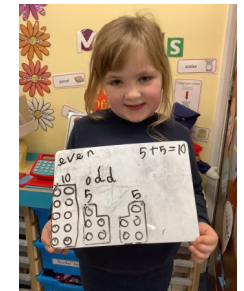
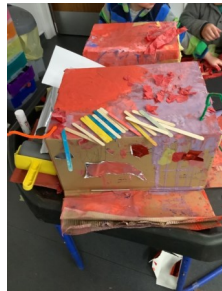
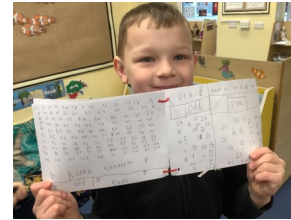
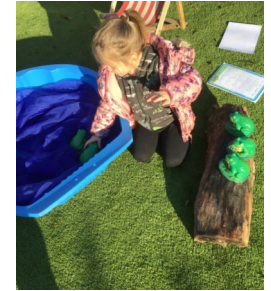
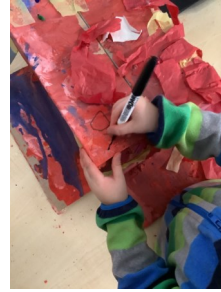
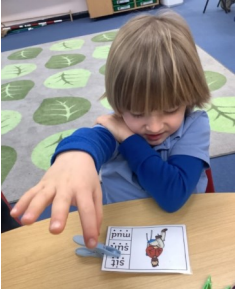
Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, we continued to read 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and explored the thoughts and feelings of the main character 'Michael'. We learnt how to use parenthesis using commas and identifying the key features of a diary entry. In maths, we continued learning about Fractions. In computing, we answered questions using an electronic database. We also answered questions using a paper database and then compared the efficiency of the two. We found electronic databases were more efficient and we explored the reasons why this might be. **Next week**, we will be planning our own diary entries by focusing on the key features that we learnt about this week. We will write a diary entry from Michael's perspective in 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we continued to study Myan art, we found out about their spirit companion, wayob, and incorporated this into their design symbolising themselves. Next time we will look at Chiaroscuro art and create some ourselves which will be on SeeSaw. In science, we had a zoom meeting with scientists from Cambridge who introduced a competition: to find natural objects and photograph them using a microscope. The microscope will be ready for them to use next week to create their pictures to enter into the competition – we will keep you updated!

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