

Exciting Author Visit & Book signing!



Luke Temple, a passionate children's author, visited our school on 15th January 2024. During his visit, he conducted exciting literature workshops, which ignited the pupils' appetite for reading and writing. The children received valuable insights into the creative writing process and the inspiration behind his many books. Over 100 of our pupils held intellectual conversations with him during the book signing event, which took place the following day.



Stone Age Pottery Making – Year 3



In Year 3 History, the pupils studied the topic, "Stone Age to Iron Age." As part of their History project, the children created 3D Stone Age pottery pieces. The pots were made out of clay and decorated with geometric patterns. The pupils were excited and thrilled with the outcome of their pot designs.





SATs Parent Workshop

On Tuesday 16th January, the Year 6 teachers presented a comprehensive SATs workshop for parents, guardians, and carers on how to support their children with improving Mathematics, Reading, Writing and Grammar skills. The workshop included information on the national expected standard in Year 6 for Mathematics, Reading, Grammar and Writing, as well as, how and when SATS will be administered and supported during this academic year. Overall, it was a successful and informative workshop. If you missed the opportunity to attend, or require any clarification, please see your child's classroom teacher for further information. Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop.



Year 1 Phonics and Year 6 SATs Tests


We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers, that children in Year 1 will practise and sit their Phonics test, whilst Year 6 will sit their practice SATs paper during the week commencing Monday 22nd January. It is also extremely important that they attend school every day. Please also remember that a good breakfast is always an essential meal for children before school, particularly when they are sitting tests. Research has shown that children who eat a healthy breakfast have improved alertness, concentration, mental performance, mood and memory. We wish all our children every success in their tests!

Booster and Enrichment Clubs – *Spring Term*

Booster will commence on the week of Monday 22nd January and will be ongoing throughout the course of the term. Children will be invited by their teachers to attend these booster sessions in order to help develop their understanding and knowledge in Mathematics or English. Please be advised that booster sessions take priority over all upcoming enrichment clubs. On the other hand, enrichment clubs will proceed from the week commencing Monday 5th February. To ensure that each child gets a fair opportunity to participate in an enrichment club, clubs will be limited to one per child. Letters will be sent out on Monday 22nd January and registration will open on Wednesday 24th January at 7:45am. If your child was selected to attend a booster session after school, please avoid choosing an enrichment club that is being offered on the same day. Thank you.

TERM DATES - 2023 to 2024

The 2023 to 2024 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via (www.hewensprimary.co.uk/term-dates). Please check these dates, as they will be particularly helpful to parents, guardians or carers planning family holidays and activities.

 JANUARY 2024		
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		Practice Papers - Year 1 and 6
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th		Booster Clubs Begin
		Life Base Workshops
Up until Thursday 25th		Library Visits
Monday 22nd		Send out Enrichment Club Letters
Wednesday 24th	7:45am	Enrichment Club Registration Begins
Wednesday 24th	2:45pm	Young Voices Parent Workshop
Monday 29th to Friday 2nd February		National Storytelling Week
Wednesday 31st	9:30am	Year 4 Outdoor Pedestrian Training

Life Base Visit

During the week commencing Monday 22nd January, members of the Life Education Hillingdon will be visiting the School to host workshops for each class. These workshops form a very important part of the curriculum and will be interactive sessions for the children.

Library Visits

Up until 25th January, each class from Reception to Year 6 will be visiting Hayes End Library. During the Library visit, your child will get to see their local library, read and discuss stories. If you would not like your child to attend the Library, please inform the school office or email us at hewensprimary@trhat.org.

Young Voices Parent Meeting

On Wednesday 24th January, we will be holding a meeting at 2:45pm regarding the Young Voices Concert which is taking place on Friday 2nd February. At this meeting, we will be providing relevant information about the running of the day. If your child is taking part in the Young Voices Concert this year, please ensure you attend the meeting. Thank you.

The Look Out Discovery Centre - Year 3 Trip

On Friday 9th February, the Year 3 children will be attending The Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that the reply slip and payment for the Look Out Discovery Centre are due by Wednesday 24th January. **All payments should be made through your child's iPayimpact account.**

National Storytelling Week - Dream Up A World

Have you got a story to share? National Storytelling Week will be celebrated from Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February. We are calling all parents, guardians and carers to come into school and share a story with their child's class or another class. The sign up sheet is located at reception and you will be contacted to arrange a time once you have signed up and indicated the date you are available. We look forward to welcoming you on board to help our pupils dream up a world! To close off the fun filled week, we have arranged for storyteller Steven Camden to tell some of his favourite stories, as well as some top tips on how to become a storyteller.

		Week Commencing: Monday 22nd January	
MENU 1			
MONDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Chicken Goujons with Potatoes and Beans	Gluten/ Dairy Free	
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
TUESDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Ratatouille Spaghetti	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/ Dairy Free	
Dessert Choice	Jam Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
WEDNESDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 4	Lightly Spiced Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/ Dairy Free	
Dessert Choice	Lemon Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
THURSDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 4	Turkey Escalope with Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/ Dairy Free	
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
FRIDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges		
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 3	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/ Dairy Free	
Dessert Choice	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day			

Discount for families

To help families who might find cost or other challenges a barrier to visit attractions in London, they are offering a discounted rate from £1 to £3 for those currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance. Tickets must be purchased online and in advance.

(<https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/london-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets/>)

(<https://www.whipsnadezoo.org/plan-your-visit/whipsnade-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets/>)

(<https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/visit/tickets-and-prices/one-pound-tickets/>)

(<https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/visit/tickets-and-prices/one-pound-tickets/>)

(<https://www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace/visit/tickets-and-prices/one-pound-tickets/>)

(<https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/visit/tickets>)

(<https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/visit-kew-gardens/tickets>)