

## Celebrating World Book Day!



It was a pleasure to celebrate World Book Day on 7th March 2024, with a delightful array of literary festivities. This year, both staff and pupils were encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book characters, which ignited the magic of storytelling throughout our school. The highlight of the day was a special assembly titled "The Masked Reader," where mystery and intrigue unfolded as individuals, hid behind the curtains and disguised their voices as they read extracts from their favourite books. After each reading, the pupils had the fun task of unmasking the reader.

**Let's continue to encourage our children to immerse themselves in the enchanting world of literature, where imagination knows no bounds and stories come to life.**







## Fasting at Ramadan

As Ramadan begins, we would like to make parents, guardians and carers aware that at The Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust, **we only allow children in Year 6 to fast**, as, in our experience, fasting in year groups below this has a detrimental effect upon a child's overall performance. Children in lower year groups could be supported to fast at home on the weekend if required, allowing families to supervise their health and well-being very closely. If you would like more information about this, please speak with a member of staff in the School Office.


## Assessment Week

During the week commencing Monday 18th March, the children in Years 1 to 6 will be undertaking their Rising Stars and SATS Practice assessments. In order for us to help the children in their progress, it is extremely important that they attend school every day. Please also remember that a good breakfast is always an essential meal for children before school, but in particular 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!



## TERM DATES - 2024 to 2025

The 2024 to 2025 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via ([www.hewensprimary.co.uk/term-dates](http://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.

			MARCH TO APRIL 2024	
MARCH				
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd		Practice Papers - Year 1 Phonics and Year 6 SATs		
		Assessment Week		
Wednesday 20th		World Water Day Poster Competition Deadline		
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st		Last Days of Enrichment Clubs		
Thursday 21st		World Poetry Day		
		Junior Citizens Event - Year 6		
Friday 22nd		World Water Day		
Wednesday 27th		Easter Bonnet Showcase		
Thursday 28th		National Dental Programme - Reception and Year 1		
		End of Term (Early Dismissal)		
APRIL				
Monday 15th	1:00 to 5:00pm	Parent Consultation Meetings		
Tuesday 16th				
Wednesday 17th		Term Begins		
Friday 19th	9:00am	Parents Internet Safety Workshop		

### Last Days of Enrichment Clubs

Please be aware that next week will be the final week of Enrichment Clubs for the Spring Term. Therefore, the final clubs will be held on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. Thank you.

### World Poetry and World Water Day

Thursday 21st March will be observed as World Poetry Day at Hewens Primary. We aim to encourage pupils to participate in the oral tradition of poetry recitals which research has shown improves memory. Since it will also be World Water Day on Friday 22nd March, pupils will learn and recite poems about water. Each class will choose a selection of children to represent the class in a grand performance. Pupils are also encouraged to take part in the poster competition with the theme 'Leveraging Water for Peace'. The deadline for the competition is Wednesday 20th March.

### Junior Citizens - Year 6

On Thursday 21st March, a selected group of Year 6 children will be attending a field trip for the Junior Citizens Event at Brunel University. The children will be transported via the school minibus and will arrive back to school by dismissal time. Please ensure you have returned the consent form to the school office for your child to attend the trip.

### Easter Bonnet Making

On Wednesday 27th March, Hewens Primary will be hosting an Easter Bonnet Showcase for the pupils. In preparation for this, we would like all children to make a bonnet at home using recycled materials. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak with the class teacher.

Week Commencing: Monday 18th March		
MENU 4		
MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Mediterranean Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Raspberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Jam and Coconut Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Diced Lamb with Vegetable Stir Fry	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cheese and Onion Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Custard Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

### End of Term - Thursday 28th March

A reminder to all parents, guardians and carers that Thursday 28th March is the last day of term. Children will be dismissed at staggered times starting from 11:30am. Please see below for times:

Year Group	Pick-Up Time
Nursery AM	11:30am
Reception to Year 6	12:00pm

Please note that afternoon Nursery will not be open and there will be no aftercare available on this day. Thank you.

### School Photographs Orders

The class school photograph proofs were distributed to each child this week. Orders will be limited to online ordering, directly to Fraser Portraits via ([www.orderphotos.co.uk](http://www.orderphotos.co.uk)) or over the phone at 01202 692433. You will be required to log in with your account details or enter your proof card identification to be able to place an order. **Orders must be placed before Friday 29th March in order to receive free delivery back to the School.** Please note that these will not be delivered until after the Easter Holidays. Unfortunately, any order received after this date will need to be ordered directly from Fraser Portraits and will incur an additional surcharge of £4 per order. For all orders placed after the deadline date, packs will be sent directly to your home address.