



Spring walk



Little Acorns went on a spring observational walk to explore the changes in the season. We discussed what happens to the environment around us and how the trees change to the warmer weather. Little Acorns had the opportunity to observe flowers begin to bud and blossom on the new spring trees. They learnt about how plants grow and what is needed to take care of them. Little Acorns had lots of fun exploring the changes that occur in this spring season.





Coding Project – Year 5

In conjunction with Parkside Studio College, we are elated to launch our Coding Project, for 10 amazing Year 5 pupils. The participants will be selected based on their entries submitted on Friday 10th May. Each entry will be in the form of an electronic poster with the following information:

- What is coding?
- What industries use coders?
- What careers can coders choose to follow?
- Why should students choose coding at Parkside?
- A minimum of 3 interesting pictures.

We look forward to providing the selected pupils with first-hand coding experience from industry-based professionals.

Phonics Practice Papers – Year 1

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers, children in Year 1 will practise their Phonics tests, during the week commencing Monday 13th May. 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, 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!

Enrichment Clubs – Summer Term

Enrichment clubs will proceed from the week commencing Monday 6th May. All clubs will be held on either Wednesday or Thursday each week and will run until Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June. **Please note all Enrichment clubs will start straight after school and finish at 4:30pm.**

Year 6 SATs Week – Free Breakfast!

Research shows that when children eat a good breakfast and are well hydrated, their ability to concentrate and focus on learning at school is improved. With this in mind, we are offering all Year 6 children the opportunity to attend school at 8:10am on each day of the week commencing Monday 13th May, the week of their assessment tests, for a free breakfast! We would also like to remind parents, guardians and carers of Year 6 children to ensure that they bring a small bottle of water to keep on their tables throughout the week of the tests. Thank you.

Outdoor Pedestrian Training – Year 3

Children from Year 3 will be taking part in Outdoor Practical Pedestrian Training sessions on **Tuesday 14th May**. These sessions will last for one hour per class and will take place out of the School grounds on residential streets surrounding the campus. Please ensure your child has a coat and appropriate clothing on the day to take account of the weather.

Remember - Stop, Look, Listen...THINK!

Indoor Pedestrian Training – Reception and Year 1

On Tuesday 14th May, Reception and Year 1 will be taking part in an Indoor Pedestrian Training session. The sessions will last for 30 minutes, where the children will learn about keeping safe as a pedestrian.

Whipsnade Zoo – Year 2 Trip

On Friday 17th May, the Year 2 children will be attending Whipsnade Zoo in Dunstable. We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that **all payments should be made through your child's iPayimpact account.**

Pirate Day – Year 1


On Thursday 23rd May, the children will take part in a full day based around pirates by exploring the basic elements of pirate life. Year 1 children are invited to come in dressed up as a pirate and they will be delivering a special assembly for all parents, guardians and carers. The assembly will be a joint year group assembly, which will be at 9:00am and 2:30pm. Both assemblies will be held in the Main Hall and parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend one session.

Superhero Day - Reception

The Reception classes have been looking at Superheroes this half term and have learnt a lot about the difference between superheroes and real heroes. We therefore would like to end the term with a fun activity for the children. **Friday 24th May will be celebrated as 'SUPERHERO DAY'**. The children are invited to come in to school dressed in their favourite superhero costume.

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). Please check these dates, as they will be particularly helpful to parents, guardians or carers planning family holidays and activities.

 MAY TO JUNE 2024		
MAY		
Monday 13th to Friday 17th	Practice Papers - Year 1 Phonics	
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th	Year 6 SATs Week	
Tuesday 14th	Year 3 Outdoor Pedestrian Training	
	Reception Indoor Pedestrian Training Year 1 Indoor Pedestrian Training	
Friday 17th	Whipsnade Zoo - Year 2 Trip	
Tuesday 21st	Year 2 Outdoor Pedestrian Training	
Thursday 23rd	Pirate Day - Year1	
Thursday 23rd	9:00am	Year 1 Pirate Assembly (Hazel)
	2:30pm	Year 1 Pirate Assembly (Maple)
Friday 24th	Superhero Day - Reception	
Monday 27th to Friday 31st	Half Term Holidays	
JUNE		
Tuesday 4th	9:15am	Nursery & Reception Sports Day
	12:45pm	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 5th	9:15am	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day
	12:45pm	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day
Friday 7th	2:10pm	Parent Workshop - Years 5 and 6 (Child exploitation, Grooming and County Lines)
	3:15pm	Parent Workshop - Years 1 to 6 (Child exploitation, Grooming and County Lines)

Advance Notice: Sports Day

During the week commencing Monday 3rd June, Hewens Primary will be hosting our annual Sports Days. On Tuesday 4th June, we will be hosting our Nursery to Year 2 Sports Day and on Wednesday 5th June, we will be hosting our Years 3 to 6 Sports Day. All Sports Days will be held at Hewens College field and all parents are welcome to come and watch. Please see further information below for allocated times.

Date	Time	Year Group
Tuesday 4th June	9:15 to 11:15am	Little Acorns (AM and PM)
		Reception
	12:45 to 2:45pm	Year 1
		Year 2
Wednesday 5th June	9:15 to 11:15am	Year 3
		Year 4
		Year 5
	12:45 to 2:45pm	Year 6

All children are required to wear the full and correct Physical Education (PE) Kit for Sports Day. If your child requires a PE Kit, please make sure you place an order via iPayimpact. All children will also need their own water bottle which must be clearly labelled with their name.

 Week Commencing: Monday 13th May	
MENU 2	
MONDAY	
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Meatball Pasta Bake Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries</i> Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY	
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip Halal
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Chocolate Sponge</i> Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY	
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings (<i>sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna</i>)
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings (<i>sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna</i>) Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Fruit Tarts</i> 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	Vegetable Tart with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy
Meal Choice 4	Vegetable Goujons with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Vanilla Cheesecake</i> Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY	
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges
Meal Choice 2	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tomato Pasta Bake Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Apple Pie</i> Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day	

Birthday Treats - Non - Edibles only

Whilst we appreciate that you would like to provide your child with cakes and chocolates for their birthdays in school, we would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers that unfortunately, we are not able to give out any cakes or chocolates for birthdays in school.

We understand this may cause some disappointment to families and children however we are able to give out non - edible items. We thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

School Car Park

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers, that the car park on the Hewens Primary and Hewens College sites are for the use of staff only.

Use of this area for parking or turning any other vehicles around is strictly prohibited. This restriction is in place in order to minimise the risk of an accident involving children accessing and egressing the School. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Advance Notice: Summer Fair - Friday 5th July

On Friday 5th July, we shall be holding our annual Summer Fair, starting at 1:30pm. **On this day, the children will be dismissed from school at 1:00pm.**

If you are interested in renting a table or have any questions, please see the School Office (with a deposit of £10). All money raised will be used to fund medals and trophies for our ongoing School's Challenge Quizzes.