



**The Hermitage School
and
The Oaktree School
Newsletter**



26th May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Continuing on our half termly value of resilience, I would firstly like to congratulate our children in Year 6 for completing their SATs this month. Not only did they enter into the week with a positive attitude, they also utilised all the "super powers" we have been discussing in assemblies which help to build your resilience such as, leaving a question if too challenging initially, to revisit it later or, re-reading and trying again. The entire year group did themselves proud and showed great bounce-back-ability.

We cannot forget our children in Year 2, who have also completed SATs this month, albeit unknowingly. They have remained positive and resilient, rising to every challenge they have faced this half term.

True resilience has also been witnessed in our many sporting events this half term, with both our Year 5 and 6 netball teams winning matches against St John's Primary and our Year 4 and 5 football team winning the Richard Jones shield, following a clean sweep in the tournament. This success reflects another lesson we have discussed this half term - that the result or outcome often seen in sporting events is only the tip of the iceberg. Many weeks, months and sometimes years of rehearsal and practice go on beforehand. It's resilience that helps us see it through.

The summer term trips are well under way and are inspiring and engaging children, furthering their learning linked to their topics. Children in Reception and Year 1 have continued to show our school values and been great ambassadors during their visits to Milestones Museum and Marwell Zoo. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for helping make these events happen.

Best wishes

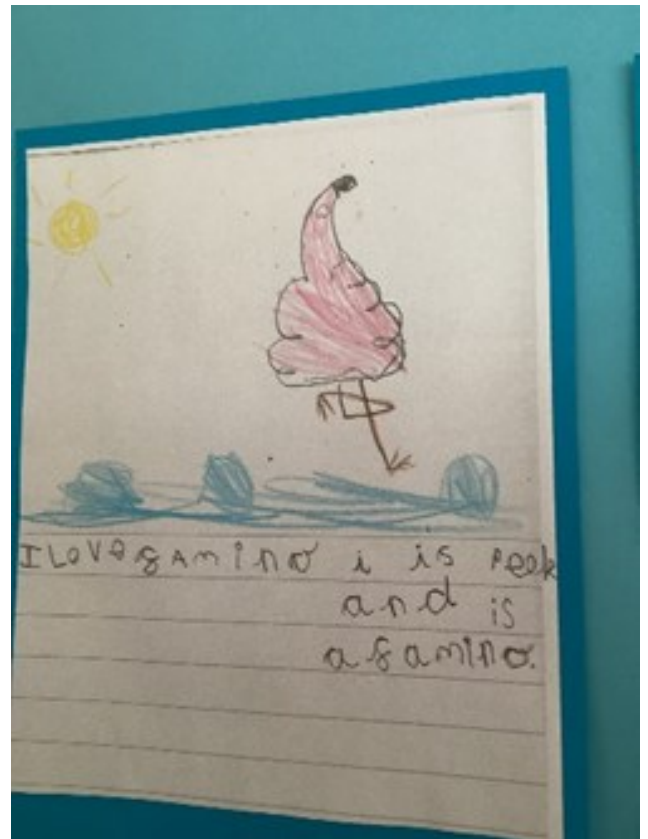
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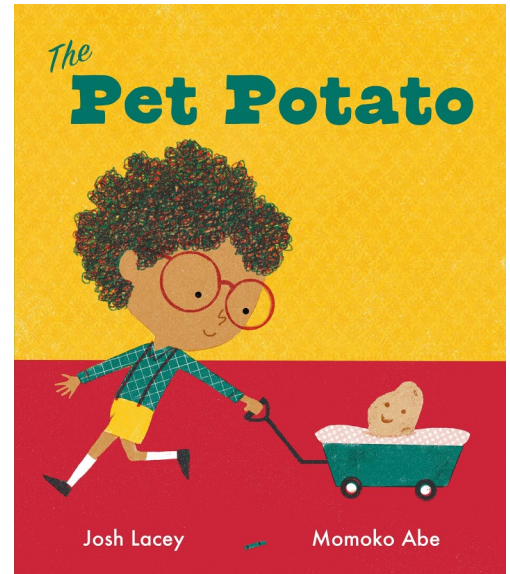
Reception

This half term's topic has been Animal Safari. The children have been learning about different animals and their habitats. They explored the animals' different features and what they eat. They have been using their knowledge to write sentences. Hedgehog and Squirrel classes shared their learning with us by delivering exciting assemblies. Last week the children went on their first school trip to Marwell Zoo. It was a fun day and the children enjoyed seeing the animals that they had learned so much about. Thank you to our parent helpers who helped to make this day even more special!



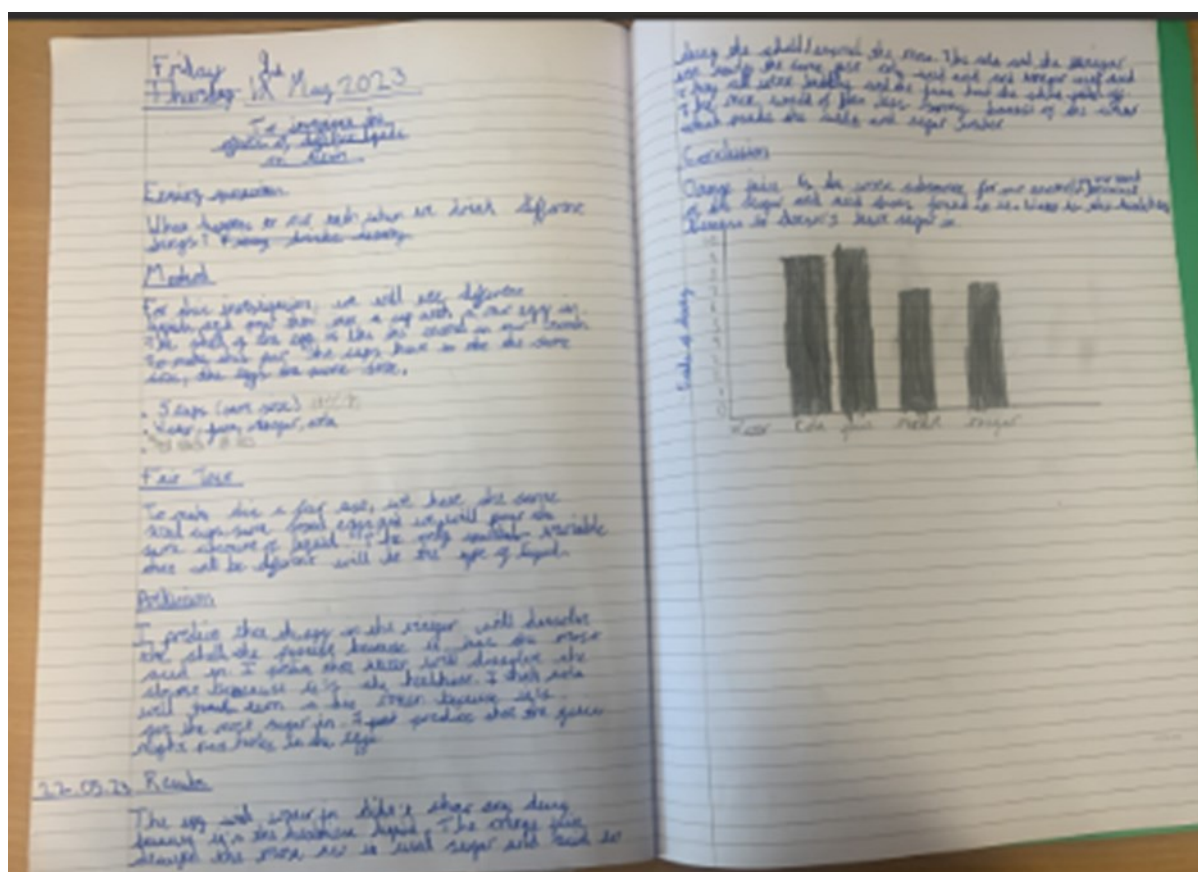
Year 2

In English, Year 2 have been reading 'The Pet Potato' by Josh Lacey. They have been exploring how to teach us about looking after pets and also how the different characters felt at different points in the book. On Friday, the children were given their own pet potato to look after! They spent today taking their potato on exciting adventures and making it a comfy bed. This week, they have been writing about the adventures that they went on with their potato—look how much fun they had!



Year 4

Recently, Year 4 conducted an exciting science investigation based around our topic on teeth. Read the excellent write up below to find out more:



Year 6

The Year 6 pupils have been lucky enough to take a trip to Neasden Hindu Temple. It is a beautiful building and a spot of serenity and tranquillity in the hustle and bustle of London. We had a wonderful morning sketching in the mandir, watching an Arti service and (with a brief pause for lunch in the park) an educational trip around the museum. It was a wonderful unique experience which we all thoroughly enjoyed.



The Orchard Centre

This half term in The Orchard Centre, the children have enjoyed various different activities as part of their learning.

Dory has been to visit us a few times where we have been practising what we learnt from the dogs trust workshop; how to stay safe around dogs.



We have also taken part in some cooking, where the children made a pasta bake. They had to peel and chop the vegetables.



Sports News

On Thursday 18th May, some Year 5 and 6 children took part in netball matches against St John's School.

It was a beautiful afternoon for netball!

The Year 6 team played their brilliantly to win their match on a final score of 7-3 to Hermitage.

The Year 5's were up next! It was their first experience of playing a match, and they also won the match with a final score of 6-0.

All the children were fantastic representatives of the school, cheering each respective year group on. Thanks to all the parents and carers on the sidelines as well.



Communication

Got a question or a concern?

Our school websites provide a rich source of information and many of your questions can be answered here...

<https://www.hermitage.surrey.sch.uk>

<https://www.theoaktreeschool.co.uk>

If you have a concern or need to contact any member of staff please email the school offices on either...

Info@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk

Or

Office@oaktree.surrey.sch.uk

Social Media

Have you discovered our Facebook and Twitter pages for The Oaktree and The Hermitage Schools yet? Find out latest news and events and celebrate our success with us by visiting...

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We look forward to sharing our news with you.

Forest School



Hello! I am Mrs Hallums, the Forest School Leader at The Hermitage.

I have three children, who all attended The Oaktree and Hermitage schools. They are now studying at The Winston Churchill School and at Farnborough 6th Form College. Outside of work I am usually found in the kitchen, garden or on the allotment that I share with Mrs Ditton - always with music on in the background!

This is my sixth year working at The Hermitage School, where I have spent most of my time working with the children in The Orchard Centre. I have been teaching at Forest School for the past year and am a qualified Forest School practitioner.

Each half term I take small groups of children, from all year groups, out to our woodland area at the far end of our school field. The children delight in discovering nature and learn how to look after our natural environment. We learn how to safely use tools, such as hand drills and knives, to create useful tools such as pegs for holding down shelters as well as jewellery, toys and games. A big favourite of the children is learning how to build and light fires safely and cooking popcorn, making smores and drinking hot chocolate.

There is, however, much more to Forest School and, through playing and learning new practical skills, the children develop social skills, build confidence and learn how our school values can be put into practice. I love to see the children learn and grow and all whilst getting dirty and having a lot of fun!

REMINDERS

Water Bottles



Please remind your child to bring a water bottle every day clearly marked with their FIRST and LAST name.

Correct School Clothing

Please can we remind you to ensure that all children's clothing are named. Children are to wear the correct uniform and no jewellery/ earrings are to be worn, this includes items such as Apple watches as they are a distraction throughout the day and it is classed as having a phone on them which is not allowed in school. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

School Lunches

A gentle reminder for all school lunches to be paid for in advance of meals being provided. If you are in arrears, please can you log into Scopay and make a payment to clear it. **Please note that the charge for a school meal is £2.70 per meal.**

Thank you



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Spring Term 2022/2023

17.04.23	Start of Summer Term
26.04.23	Hawthorn Class Assembly 8.50am
27.04.23	Yr 6 Trip to Neasden Temple
01.05.23	May Bank Holiday
08.05.23 -11.05.23	Yr 6 SATS week
12.05.23	Yr 6 Pizza Party afternoon
17.05.23	Redwood Class Assembly 8.50am
18.05.23	Yr 5 & 6 HOPA Disco
24.05.23 - 26.05.23	Yr 5 Bushcraft Residential Trip
29.05.23 – 02.06.23	Summer Half Term
05.06.23 – 09.06.23	Yr 6 Avon Tyrell Residential Trip
12.06.23	Orchard Book Look 2.50 – 3.10pm
21.06.23	Send Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 5pm
22.06.23	Sports Day
28.06.23	Meet the Teacher
28.06.23	Move up Morning for all Year Groups
15.07.23	HOPA Summer Event - moved to 15th July from 5th July
06.07.23	Reserve Sports Day
06.07.23	Swan Concert at Beaufort School
07.07.23	Annual Reports to Parents
11.07.23	Yr 6 Production – 1.30-3pm and 6.30-8pm
12.07.23	Volunteer Helpers' Tea Party
13.07.23	Yr 6 Production – 6.30-8pm
19.07.23	Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.30-3pm
20.07.23	Last day of Term – 1.30pm finish
21.07.23	Inset Day

The Oaktree School
Spring Term 2022/2023

17.04.23	Children return to School
25.04.23	Dragonfly Parent Consultation
27.04.23	Dragonfly Parent Consultation
27.04.23	Squirrel Class Assembly
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
05.05.23	Year 1 Trip to Milestones Museum
05.05.23	HOPA Disco – Year R, Year 1 and Year 2
08.05.23	Bank Holiday
11.05.23	Hedgehog Class Assembly
16.05.23	Class Photo's
19.05.23	Year R Trip to Marwell Zoo
29.05.23 – 02.06.23	Half Term
05.06.23	Children return to School
13.06.23	Rabbit Class Assembly
14.06.23	Reception 2023 Induction Evening
21.06.23	Move Up Morning
21.06.23	Year 1 and Year 2 Meet the Teacher – Parent Information Evening
22.06.23	Sports Day
23.06.23	Year 2 – Trip to Windsor Castle
28.06.23	Move Up Morning
05.07.23	Move Up Morning
05.07.23	HOPA Summer Fair
06.07.23	Reserve Sports Day
10.07.23	EYFS Book Celebration
11.07.23	Year 1 Book Celebration
12.07.23	Volunteer Helpers Tea Party
12.07.23	Year 2 Book Celebration
19.07.23	Year 2 Performance
20.07.23	End of Summer Term – Finish at 1.30pm
21.07.23	Inset Day

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Term dates and INSET days for 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022		
Thursday	1 st September	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Friday	2 nd September	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Monday	5 th September	First day of Autumn Term 1
Friday	21 st October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
	24 th – 28 th October	AUTUMN HALF TERM
Monday	31 st October	First day of Autumn Term 2
Friday	16 th December	Last day of Autumn Term 2
Spring Term 2023		
Tuesday	3 rd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Wednesday	4 th January	First day of Spring Term 1
Friday	10 th February	Last day of Spring Term 1
	13 th – 17 th February	SPRING HALF TERM
Monday	20 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday	21 st February	First day of Spring Term 2
Friday	31 st March	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2023		
Monday	17 th April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday	1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday	26 th May	Last day of Summer Term 1
	29 th May – 2 nd June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Monday	5 th June	First day of Summer Term 2
Thursday	20 st July	Last Day Summer Term 2
Friday	21 st July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY

The Hermitage School Term dates and INSET days for 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023		
Friday	1 st September	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Monday	4 th September	First day of Autumn Term 1
Friday	20 th October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
	23 rd – 27 th October	AUTUMN HALF TERM
Monday	30 th October	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Tuesday	31 st October	First day of Autumn Term 2
Friday	15 th December	Last day of Autumn Term 2
Spring Term 2024		
Tuesday	2 nd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Wednesday	3 rd January	First day of Spring Term 1
Friday	9 th February	Last day of Spring Term 1
	12 th – 16 th February	SPRING HALF TERM
Monday	19 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday	20 th February	First day of Spring Term 2
Thursday	28 th March	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2024		
Monday	15 th April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday	6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday	24 th May	Last day of Summer Term 1
	27 th May – 31 st May	SUMMER HALF TERM - these dates are still in consultation and may be subject to change
Monday	3 rd June	First day of Summer Term 2
Monday	22 nd July	Last Day of Summer Term 2
Tuesday	23 rd July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY