



# The Hermitage School and The Oaktree School Newsletter



30th June 2023

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Since half term, the children have been exploring and reflecting upon our half termly value of Cooperation, another of our values that has been seen in abundance in just the last two weeks alone. As we journey towards the end of term we will think and reflect upon the importance of cooperation in making a happy and successful school and home life; the role we play in cooperating with others and when we would like to see cooperation from others. In assemblies we explore further why cooperation is needed within school and we will reflect on what happens when cooperation fails. We hope that you and your family will join with us, as we promote this value in school. You may like to support the learning around this value further, by discussing where it can be seen and when it can be useful at home.*

## **COOPERATION REFLECTION POINTS**

- Cooperation exists when people work together towards a common goal.*
- A person who chooses to cooperate, creates good feelings and wishes for other people completing the same task.*
- Cooperation is concerned with respect for one another.*
- Cooperation requires many other values including, courage, love, respect, consideration and unity.*

*When cooperating we need to know:  
Sometimes we need an idea.  
Sometimes we need to give up our own idea.  
Sometimes we need to lead.  
Sometimes we need to follow.*

*This value suits the end of the academic year so well, as we approach some of our most favourite school calendar events, including Team work in Sports Day, Productions and End of Year celebrations with Years 2 and 6, the Swimming Gala and further external sporting competitions.*

*Plans for the next academic year are well underway and we look forward to seeing many of you, if not at the Meet The Teacher events, then at one of our other events above.*

*Best wishes*

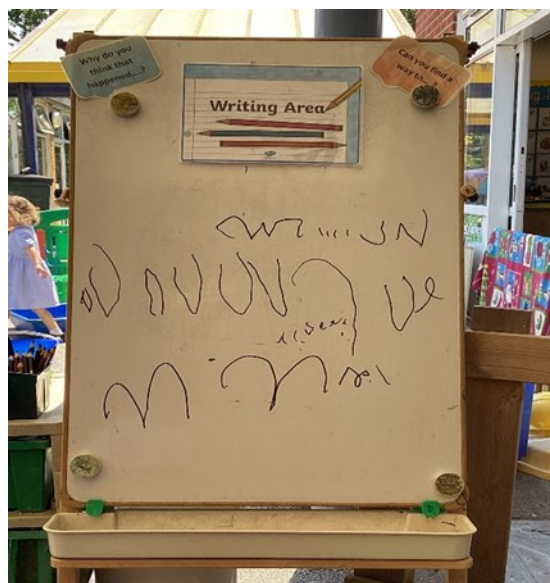
*Mrs Clare Spíres  
Executive Headteacher  
The Oaktree and The Hermitage Schools*

## Nursery

What a fantastic last term the Nursery children are having, we've been busy exploring our new topic "The Big Wide World." The children have enjoyed learning about the different countries people come from and how everyone looks a bit different but we're all amazing.

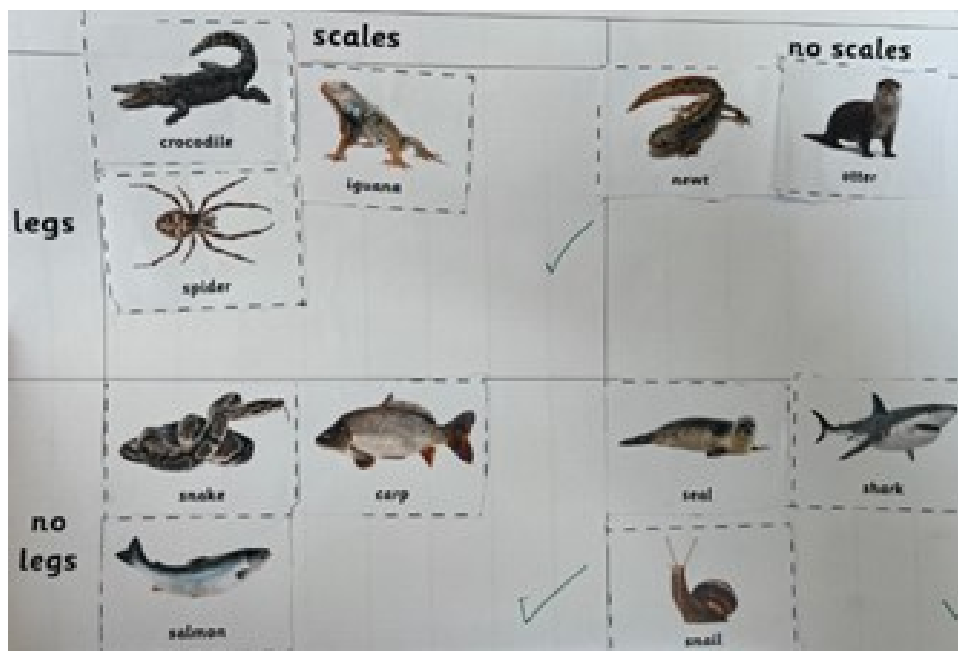


The children have showed such enthusiasm learning phonics' and used this knowledge in their early writing. Its lovely to see so many of the children attempting to write and form the letters correctly



## Year 1

The children have been really enjoying reading *The Snail and The Whale* this half term. They have been creating freeze frames of the story and thinking about what the characters might be saying or thinking. We have also been learning about different animal parts in Science, thinking about the different animal groups and the features of those animals.





### Year 3

This term, Year 3 are learning all about how to grow plants in Science. They will be going on their school trip to Wisely Gardens in a week, which will be the perfect opportunity to see their learning in action. In Art, they have been creating mixed media art work with a plant theme. They explored different ways of printing (tile printing and leaf printing) and made a collages background. To finish it off, they backed their own work and arranged it in a nature-inspired way for the final photograph. Aren't they beautiful!





## Year 5

Last half term Year 5 enjoyed their topic on rivers. In Art we made river dioramas out of shoe boxes and paper mache to show the different features of a river. It was great fun but very messy!



At the end of the half term we went on a 3 day camping adventure at the Bushcraft Centre in Tonbridge. We had beautiful weather and the children were all very well-behaved. We did activities such as lighting a fire and cooking our own lunch, camp crafts, camouflage and concealment and first aid. We had great fun but by the end we were all tired and smelly!



Camouflage and concealment



In the yurt singing campfire songs



Two very brave boys eating a fish eye!

## Sports News



On Friday, 19th May, our Year 4 and 5 boys did a fantastic job of winning another trophy for the school, and doing it in style. The Hermitage won their group convincingly with 11-0, 7-1 and 4-2 wins. A convincing 4-1 victory in the Semi Final against Goldsworth set up a final against West Byfleet. After going 4-1 up in the final and then conceding 3 quick and last-minute goals against a very good West Byfleet side, the match went into Golden Goal Extra Time. The boys dug deep and showed great resilience to find a way to grab the winning goal to win 5-4. The team played amazingly well by winning every game they played and scoring a staggering 31 goals in the process! Well done!



On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> June the year 4 and 5 Hermitage girls put in a fantastic performance. The girls battled hard and progressed out of the group undefeated. After a challenging semi-final, a late goal meant that Hermitage were through to the final for the second time that day. The girls showed resilience in the final to battle back against a tough Sythwood side but unfortunately it wasn't their day. A fantastic effort from all, coming home with a silver medal. Well done girls!



## District Sports



The Hermitage School children did an excellent job of representing the school at district sports. After completing a vortex throw, standing long jump, sprint and long distance run, the children came back to school feeling rather tired!. Each one of them showed the school values and put all of their effort into each event. That were a credit to the school throughout.

## Tri-Golf



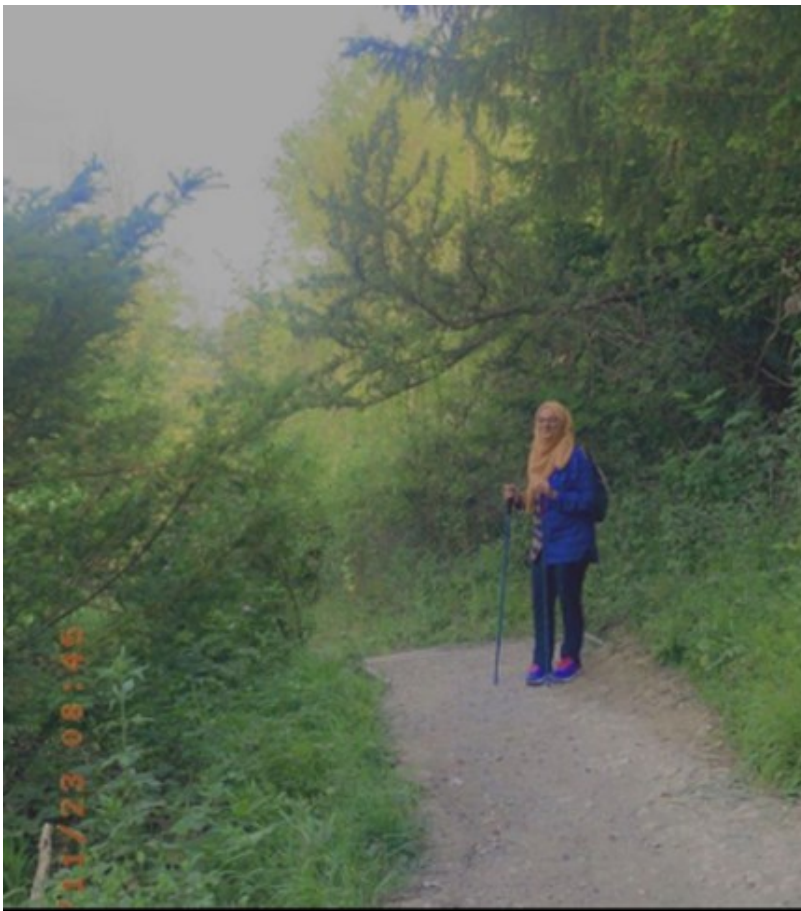
Some of our year 3 and 4 children took part in a Tri-Golf event this month. The event was an opportunity to play some Tri-Golf, practising their putting and chipping skills. The children were fantastic throughout despite the heat and were incredibly respectful towards the sports leader pupils of St Dunstan's that ran the event.

# Mrs Sahi, The Oaktree and The Hermitage

The school council met to look at how much money we have raised for the Mrs Sahi, The Oaktree and The Hermitage Schools Vs Mountain Challenge. We have raised over the target, and have managed to raise £3605. We are really thankful for those who have donated and are proud that we have raised more than our goal. Then classes have been taking part in different active challenges. Some examples are that in Chestnut they do just dance and in Sycamore they take part in Joe Wicks. We still want to encourage people to be more active than ever so will try to carry on with our active 5 minutes a day. It's not too late to donate!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/faaria-sahi>

By Elouise, Freya, Leo and Dottie from the School Council.



Good Luck Mrs Sahi!



## 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



## The Hermitage School

### 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
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
15.07.23	HOPA Colour run
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
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
15.07.23	HOPA colour run
19.07.23	Year 2 Performance
20.07.23	End of Summer Term – Finish at 1.30pm
21.07.23	Inset Day

# The Hermitage School and The Oaktree School

## Term dates and INSET days for 2022-23

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



# The Hermitage School and The Oaktree School

## Term dates and INSET days for 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023		
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of Autumn Term 1
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	AUTUMN HALF TERM
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> October	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	First day of Autumn Term 2
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term 2
Spring Term 2024		
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of Spring Term 1
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring Term 1
	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	SPRING HALF TERM
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Spring Term 2
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2024		
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Summer Term 1
	27 <sup>th</sup> May – 7 <sup>th</sup> June	SUMMER HALF TERM
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of Summer Term 2
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term 2
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY