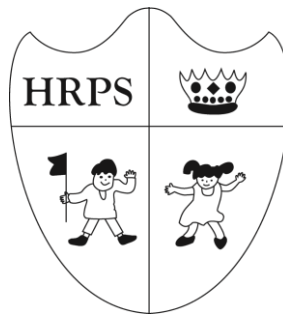


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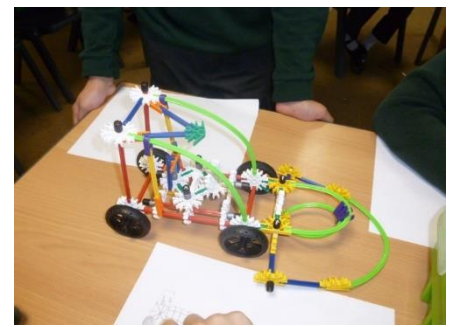
21 June 2024

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 STEM day

Year 6 enjoyed a STEM day on Friday, 7 June where they were tasked to create a bulldozer out of Knex. The children worked collaboratively with their peers and created some fantastic models.



Year 2 school trip to Ashridge- Thursday, 20 June 2024

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Ashridge on Thursday. They had a jam packed day with orienteering, mini beast hunting and creating natural artwork. The children were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

'It was a lovely sunny day and we had lots of fun.' (Tommy)

'My favourite part was lunchtime and creating natural artwork.' (Leon)

Rosalie said 'lunch was the best part because we got to sit in a beautiful meadow'



Science lesson in Elizabeth Class

Elizabeth Class have been learning about Newton's three laws of motion in Science. They made paper aeroplanes and discussed which Law of motion would be used. After some research, they found out that the tilt of the aeroplane and the angle of the wings means that air flows downwards off the wings. The downward force pushes back up against the wing, and lifts the wings due to Newton's 3rd Law: Action and Reaction. Every action will have an equal and opposite reaction.



Hot weather

Please remember to send your child to school with a refillable water bottle and a hat.



Packed lunches

A gentle reminder that packed lunches should be nut free and contain a range of healthy food and snacks. Please note that if grapes are provided, they should be cut lengthways to prevent children from choking.

School Clubs

Please note that on the last week of term there are no School Clubs.

Last day of term- Thursday, 18 July 2024

Please note that school will be closing at 2.00pm on the last day of term. In addition, there will be no after school club on that day. We kindly request that you make the necessary arrangements to have your child collected on time.

Staffing

I am pleased to announce the recruitment of some new teachers.

As Miss Yates will be leaving us for a post in a new school we have appointed a new experienced Early Years Leader. Mrs Rowena Baldwin has held the Early Years Lead role in two other schools in Central Bedfordshire already and I am confident that parents and carers will find her highly approachable and professional. We wish Miss Yates well for the future.

We have also appointed Miss Natalie Edgell, who has been working in the school recently and Mr Adam Kemp who we appointed yesterday. Mr Kemp comes to us with prior experience in both Primary and Special Schools.

We say goodbye to Miss Mole, who has secured a position nearer to her home and Mrs Henshall who is leaving teaching for the time being to utilise her prior industry experience to work in another sector. We wish Miss Mole and Mrs Henshall well in their new roles.

We have previously announced some other appointments including Miss Jaya Bhadersa our new Lead Practitioner and Miss Vikneswaran and Mrs March who will both be teaching in Key Stage Two.

I am sure our new teachers will be great assets to the team and these successful appointments mean we are well staffed for next year.

We are finalising structure for next year and will share this in advance of 'shuffle up' day which will take place on Tuesday, 2 July. Our new teachers will be joining us then and Miss Artihga Vikneswaran will be joining us on Wednesdays this term instead, which will further aid transition.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher



Free school meals

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call the Local Authority on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- Dates of birth for your children
- If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

If your application is successful, please contact the school office to confirm this to enable us to update our records to reflect this.

Contacting class teachers

Every class in Houghton Regis Primary School have their own email address to enable parents to easily contact their child's teacher. The format of the email address is the class name followed by @houghtonregisprimary.co.uk.

Nursery:

charles@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

platinumnursery@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

silver@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

Reception and Key Stage 1:

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gold@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

indigo@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

orange@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

purple@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

green@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2

blue@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

yellow@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

charlotte@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

red@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

elizabeth@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

sapphire@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

amber@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

emerald@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk



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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM 2024

Club	Year group involved	Day	Time of Day
Ballet	Nursery- Year 5	Tuesday	Afternoon
Gymnastics	Year 2-3	Tuesday	Morning
Ballet	Nursery-Year 5	Wednesday	Morning
Multi-sports Club	Year 3-6 (Boys)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	Year 3-6 (Girls)	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	Reception-Year 2 (Boys & Girls)	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Science Club	Year 4	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Taekwondo	Reception- Year 6	Friday	Afternoon

UPCOMING EVENTS




Event	Year groups involved	Date
Early Years Sports Day	Early Years	Thursday, 27 June 2024
Year 6 Production	Year 6	Monday, 1 July 2024 at 9:30- 10:30am
Pre-start visit Reception September 2024		Tuesday, 2 July 2024 at 9:30am
Year 6 Production	Year 6	Thursday, 4 July 2024 at 5:00-6:00pm
Year 6 Production	Year 6	Friday, 5 July 2024 at 2:00-3:00pm
Pre-start visit Nursery September 2024		Monday, 8 July 2024 at 9:30am
The British Museum Trip	Elizabeth Class	Tuesday, 9 July 2024
Houghton Regis Library Visit	Years 1 & 2	Tuesday, 9 July 2024
Sports Day	KS1 & KS2	Wednesday, 10 July 2024
Houghton Regis Library Visit	Reception	Thursday, 11 July 2024
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Year 6	Wednesday, 17 July 2024 at 9:30am
Last day of term	All	Thursday, 18 July 2024- school closes at 2pm
Inset Day- school closed for pupils	All	Friday, 19 July 2024



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Star Awards

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Jaden T	Henlie K-A	India W	Tia J
Kray H	Oliver S	Freya D	Adam G
Francesca K	Green Class	Edward M	Franky-Ray R-S
Sameer D	Purple Class	Dylan S	Francesca O
Kaiden-Callum D	Alexander S		Jorene B
George T	Anwita B-N		Amelia D
Oliver G	Bailey B		Sonny G
Mason H			David W
Alex P			

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis –
Gold and Purple 96.4%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –
Charlotte 98.6%

Upper KS2 Prince George –
Elizabeth 95%



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult

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FREE

SCHOOLS OUT PARTY

Friday 19 July
3.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Bennett Memorial
Recreation Ground
Ages 5 to 9

£6 per
wristband



INFLATABLE DAY

Friday 26 July
12 noon to 4 pm
Grove House Gardens
Ages 3+

FREE



DANCE WORKSHOP

Monday 29 July
10 am to 2 pm
Grove House Gardens
45 min sessions
30 spaces per session

FREE



SKATE BOARDING

Thursday 1 August
10 am to 3 pm
Grove Skate Park
4 x 1 hour sessions
12 spaces per session

10 am to 11 am
5 to 7 year olds

11 am to 12 noon
8 to 12 year olds

1 pm to 2 pm
5 to 7 year olds

2 pm to 3 pm
8 to 12 year olds

FREE



LET'S PLAY

Wednesday 7 August
11 am to 2 pm
Downside Recreation
Ground
Ages 0 to 5

10 am to 10.45 am
5 to 8 year olds

11 am to 11.45 am
8 to 12 year olds

12 noon to 12.45 pm
5 to 8 year olds

1.00 pm to 1.45 pm
8 to 12 year olds

FREE



SEASIDE DAY

Tuesday 13 August
11 am to 3 pm
Bennett Memorial
Recreation Ground
Ages 3+

£2 per go



ZORB FOOTBALL

Monday 19 August
1 pm to 3 pm
Grove House
Gardens
Ages 6 +

Call to book onto the dance workshop and skateboard sessions, anything else just turn up

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OLYMPICS ARTS, CRAFTS AND OBSTACLES

Thursday 22 August
10 am to 12 noon

Ages 3+
Brewers Hill
Recreation Ground



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YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

AGES 11 TO 19 (25 SEND)

Schools Out Party

FRIDAY 19 JULY
6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Bennett Memorial
Recreation Ground

Sports Spectacular

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY
4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Kingsbury Recreation
Ground

Obstacle Course & Human Table Football

THURSDAY 1 AUGUST
3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Bennett Memorial
Recreation Ground

Inflatable Day

MONDAY 5 AUGUST
4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Grove House Gardens

Outdoor Games & Climbing Wall

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST
3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Priory Gardens

Sports Extravaganza

MONDAY 19 AUGUST
3.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Downside Recreation
Ground

Chill & Thrill

Pilates, chill zone, silent disco &
football

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST
3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Bennett Memorial Recreation
Ground

Skate Jam

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST
12.00 noon to 4.00 pm
Grove Skate Park

ALL
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