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Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter Friday 21st March 2025

Acting Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have enjoyed the lovely weather this week and the children have embraced their learning, particularly through the use of the outdoor spaces.

Children in Green class delivered a wonderful assembly to parents, detailing all the fascinating work they have completed this term. We were treated to facts about the Polish flag, as well as counting in Polish! We finished off the assembly by being taught 'bossy' words and were even told when to clap! A thoroughly enjoyable assembly!

On Thursday, children in Platinum class shared a beautiful assembly, which involved lots of singing and sharing of their work. They were proud of their paintings of fruit and vegetables and gave some great reasons for their favourite ones! We were all extremely impressed with the confidence shown during this performance and how much progress the children have made this year.

Well done to all children in both classes and thank you to the adults for making these assemblies so memorable and enjoyable for us all.

The children in year 2 have been busy practising their sewing skills this week and have made a great attempt at creating bookmarks. A personal thank you to Mrs Scott-Hyde and Ada for creating a wonderful bookmark for me!

A reminder that our Parent Consultation Evenings are being held at the end of this term. Appointment sheets are available outside your child's classrooms. Please see below:

Day	Date	Time	Classes
Monday	31st March	3:45-6:15pm	Silver, Platinum Jubilee, Gold Platinum, Orange, Green, Purple, Charlotte, Blue, Amber, Emerald, & William
Thursday	3rd April	4:00-7:00pm	Silver, Platinum Jubilee, Gold Platinum, Orange, Green, Purple, Charlotte, Blue, Amber, Emerald, William & Charles
Tuesday	6th May	3:45pm-6:15pm	Yellow, Sapphire & Elizabeth
Thursday	8th May	4:00-7:00pm	Yellow, Sapphire & Elizabeth

Next week is the last week for all after school clubs—football, netball, street dance and boosters. Your child has been sent home with a letter today regarding information about after school clubs in the summer term. If you have any queries about these, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

PTA Updates

Thank you to members of the PTA who have been selling raffle tickets this week ahead of the Easter raffle, which will be drawn on Thursday 3rd April. You can still purchase raffle tickets next week. On the last day of term, Friday 4th April, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for our PTA. We ask for a contribution of £1 and all proceedings will go towards our PTA fund. We are grateful for the work the members of the PTA to support the children and our school. There are upcoming events planned and we would appreciate any support from parents who are able to volunteer. If you are able to support, please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinides at: ptahrps@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you on the gate on Monday morning.

Mrs R Parmar

VALUE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH:

Resilience

the ability to be happy, and successful again after facing a challenge



Kidz Zone Before and After School Club Information

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit our website or book on www.kidzzoneclub.com.

Years 5 & 6 Careers' Morning

In the summer term, we are planning to host a careers' morning for years 5 and 6 children.

We are looking for careers in any sector, such as: retail, hospitality, education, computing, engineering, medicine and healthcare, construction, media or performance of the arts, accountancy, banking and finance, law enforcement and security, leisure and tourism and more.

If you are able to support us with this event, please email the school office by Friday 28th March to express your interest at office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is £2.20 for Nursery and £2.40 for Reception-Year 6 children. This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Studybugs QR Code



Attendance Winners **EYFS/KS1: Green with 100%**

KS2: Elizabeth with 100%

Whole School Attendance: 94.4%

Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1: Balmoral—44 points

KS2: Buckingham—82 points

Overall Winning House: Windsor—99 points

EARLY YEARS

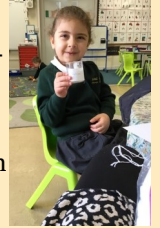
Nursery

Throughout nursery, we have continued to embrace Spring by learning more about the seasons and the weather they bring. Together with Mrs Gammon, the children created some beautiful artwork by painting a jug of fresh flowers. The children used botanical language and we discussed the fine details of the petals, stem and leaves. We have a class of mini Monets!



Reception

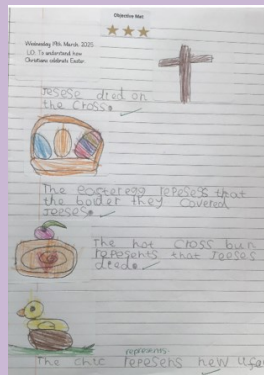
This week, we have been reading the story Oliver's Vegetables. The children have discussed why vegetables are important in our diet and how each vegetable helps us to grow. We spoke about where vegetables come from. Children spoke about which vegetables they liked and which ones they did not. In maths, we have been using number lines to count forwards and backwards from any given number. The weather has been quite nice, outside the children have enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen area.



KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

This week, we have been learning all about Easter and how it is celebrated around the world. The children listened to the Easter story and identified the significance of the eggs, the cross and hot cross buns.



Year 2

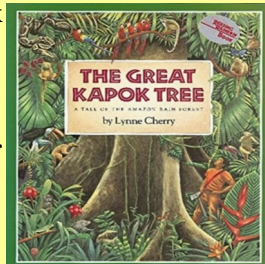
We have had the most exciting time sewing this week. We had a great time learning to thread a needle, do a running stitch and create the most wonderful bookmarks ever! A big thank you to the parents who were able to join us and help us with this (as you can imagine, sewing with lots of 6/7-year-olds is not for the faint-hearted!)



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

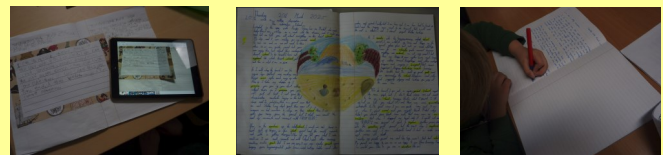
Year 3

This week, we have been continuing our written work about the book, The Great Kapok Tree. The book is about a vibrant tree in the rainforest, inhabited by various animals and insects. However, there is a dilemma - should the woodcutter cut the tree down? It has been a wonderful way for the children to learn about the importance of the rainforest and why we need to protect it. They have all worked hard in writing a setting description that depicts the rainforest, using fronted adverbials, adjectives and expanded noun phrases.



Year 4

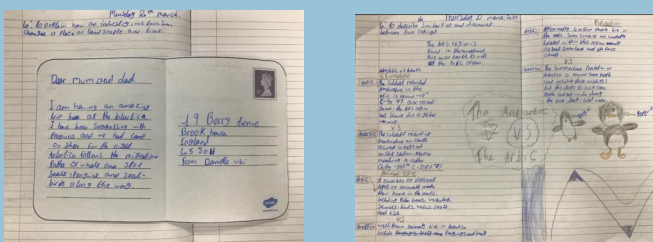
In year 4, we have started rehearsals for our Easter production. The children have been working hard to learn the songs and their lines and we look forward to sharing this with you all. In English, we have been writing a setting description about the desert island in Kensuke's Kingdom. We used a checklist to include the correct features and grammar.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Year 5

Over the past two weeks, we have embarked on an exciting journey of discovery, diving deep into the fascinating contrasts between the Arctic and the Antarctic. From icy landscapes and extreme weather conditions to the incredible wildlife that calls these frozen regions home, the children have explored the unique characteristics that set these polar opposites apart.



Year 6

This week, we have been converting decimals into fractions, as well as converting fractions into percentages in maths. We have also been recapping some skills so we are ready for our SATs in May. The children enjoyed measuring angles on the tables with protractors. In English, we have been writing explanation texts to explain to the audience (the reader) how to care for an animal. In science, we have been learning about how our eyes allow us to see. The children all worked hard to include the new scientific vocabulary.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years *Emily H, Avyukta G, Abigail BP*
Years 1, 2 & 3 *Arthur R, Lena G, Kaiden-Callum D, Ada A, Ayla Rose R, Zac A*
Years 4, 5 & 6 *Harrison P, Adwik BN, Bailey B, Alexandra E, Isaac R*



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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Tuesday	25 March	2:45-3:10pm	Reception - Gold Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Monday	31 March		Reception	National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP)
Monday	31 March	3:45-6:15pm	N, R, 1, 2, Blue Class, 4, 6	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday	1 April	9:30-10:00am	Years 3 & 4	Easter Performance - parents invited
Wednesday	2 April	2:45-3:15pm	Years 3 & 4	Easter Performance - parents invited
Thursday	3 April	4:00-7:00pm	N, R, 1, 2, Blue Class, 4, 6	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday	4 April		All children	Non-uniform day to raise funds for PTA
Friday	4 April		All children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2:00pm. There will be no clubs or after school clubs on this day

Summer Term

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Tuesday	22 April		All children	INSET Day—school closed for all children
Wednesday	23 April		All children	Children return to school
Monday	5 May		All children	School closed—May Bank Holiday
Tuesday	6 May		Year 4	Trip to Tring Museum
Tuesday	6 May	3:45-6:15pm	Year 3—Yellow & Year 5	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday	8 May	4:00-7:00pm	Year 3—Yellow & Year 5	Parent Consultation Evening
Monday-Thursday	12-15 May		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Friday	16 May		Year 6	Bowling Trip
Monday-Friday	19-23 May		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs Week—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Monday-Friday	26-30 May		All children	Half-Term
Monday	2 June		All children	INSET Day—school closed for all children
Tuesday	3-6 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs Week—Maths
Monday	9 June		All children	School photographs - please ensure children have their full uniform in school for their photograph.
Monday-Friday	9-13 June		Year 1 & Year 2 resitting	Phonics Screening Check Week
Wednesday	25 June		Year 2	Trip to Ashridge
Tuesday	8 July		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs results
Tuesday	22 July		All children	Last day of term

What Is a PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. Volunteer organisations like this are usually composed of parents, class reps, teachers and other school staff who come together for regular meetings to discuss the school year and upcoming events.

PTAs bridge the gap between parents, teachers and pupils, helping to build productive relationships and further ensure the school is a place where pupils can thrive.

PTAs are now established in most schools and parents enjoy working closely with teachers, creating bonds with other parents, fundraising for events, working with the local community and learning more about the curriculum.

What Do PTAs Do?

These groups may aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn.

Members of a PTA are likely to work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

PTA Events at Houghton Regis Primary School

In previous years, the Houghton Regis PTA has organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

Why are PTAs Important?

PTAs give parents more of a voice and get them feeling involved. Parents can provide the school community with a fresh perspective and highlight any concerns in a supportive environment.

The organisations are also instrumental in providing additional opportunities for pupils by strengthening the overall school experience.

Why Should You Join a PTA?

Being a part of your child's school PTA has several benefits:

- Scheduled meetings allow parents to keep up to date with upcoming academic events and socials.
- It creates stronger relationships with staff members, where they can easily communicate expectations and standards of learning.
- It allows parents to establish relationships and network with other parents.
- Parents can support the school in creating the best environment possible for their child and other pupils, helping make a real difference.
- PTA members can learn new skills, from fundraising and problem-solving to communication and creativity.
- As a member of the PTA, you'll be able to see measurable results and appreciate the impact of all your efforts!

Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinos at: ptahrps@gmail.com if you would like to find out more information.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record

For more information go to:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



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E G G S - T R A V A G A N Z A

Visit us at Houghton Regis Library as we host our very own Easter Scavenger Hunt along with other activities, in collaboration with the shops of Bedford Square!

Saturday
5th April
10am to 2pm

Easter Scavenger Hunt

Collect your Hunt sheet from the library, and then go explore Bedford Square for clues!
(library card required for entry, under 16s only)



Cheeky Chick Card

Decorate your own Easter Card to give to someone special, or keep it for yourself!

Bunny Headband

Craft a flowery bunny headband and wear it before, or after the Scavenger Hunt!



And more!
Whilst stocks
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The Library's Easter Scavenger Hunt has been sponsored by the following:

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