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Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 28th February 2025

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Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope that you had a great half-term. The first week back has been very full on and the children have been working hard and engaging in a range of activities. If you would like to explore the topics that your child is learning this term, you can find this information on our website under the 'Classes' section. All classes have now uploaded their Spring 2 Curriculum Overviews.

The children in year 3 had a fantastic time during their Roman wow day. All adults and children had a great time and fully immersed themselves in a fun filled day. Thank you to all involved for making this a great experience for the children.

Well done to the children in Yellow class for showing such confidence and enthusiasm during their class assembly. I was extremely impressed with the children's ability to showcase such wonderful learning. Their singing and dancing skills were impeccable and we were all amazed by their ability to sing in isiZulu and memorise all the song words. Well done once again!

I was extremely proud today of the children who received our very first set of Headteacher's Awards. They produced some excellent work and were excited to have been chosen by their teachers. I thoroughly enjoyed having lunch with them on our 'Golden Table'. We had various conversations, mainly about food! Thank you to Miss Coleman for setting our table up.



We were very fortunate to host a group of trainee teachers from the Chiltern Training Group this week. They spent two days with us observing good practice across the school and delivering lessons to children. It is always a great opportunity for us to share the great teaching and learning we have at our school and we are proud of all our children and staff. The trainees commended the children on their behaviour and courteous manner across the school.

Monday is secondary allocation day for our year 6 pupils and I hope that the children are happy with their new schools. The day can be an anxious one for pupils and parents—if you require any support around this, please come and speak to us and we will be happy to help in any way possible.

On Tuesday, we will be holding our Key Stage 2 SATs meeting (8:15am & 4:45pm) for parents and children in year 6. You only need to attend one of the sessions. These will be held in William class and you can enter the building via the year 5/6 door from the playground.

Next Thursday is World Book Day and Mrs Baldwin & Miss Davidson have organised many activities for the children to partake in during the course of the week. The kitchen staff will also be making some themed desserts during the week. Children will also be sent home with a World Book Day voucher for the value of £1. Staff and children are invited to come to school on Thursday dressed as a book character. We encourage you to be creative and use clothing/items you already have or make costumes. We do have some costumes/props available in school if needed. Please speak to your class teacher about this. Costumes must be comfortable and suitable for school. We ask for a voluntary donation of a £1 which will be used to enrich our reading book selections. Thank you for your continued support with this.

You may have seen Mrs Carter-Hills in our school office this week—we welcome her to the team. We will also be welcoming Mrs Ali, our Family Support Worker who will be starting with us on Monday.

In the summer term, we are planning to host a careers' morning for years 5 and 6 children. This will involve parents/carers or family members coming along and talking to children about their careers and the paths they took to reach their goals. Your job could inspire our children! A date for the event will be arranged once we have enough interest, however, we can only run this event with your support.

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 come to this event, please email the school office by Friday 28th March to express your interest at office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs R Parmar

**VALUE OF THE MONTH
FOR FEBRUARY:**

Kindness

**the quality of being friendly,
generous, and considerate.**



**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.

**Key Stage 2 SATs Meeting
for Year 6 parents**

Tuesday 4th March at 8:15am
Tuesday 4th March at 4:45pm

You only need to attend one of these sessions.

We will share information about the upcoming statutory SATs tests. You will also have the opportunity to ask us any questions.

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.

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Attendance Winners

EYFS/KS1: Gold with 100%

**KS2: Emerald with
99%**

**Whole School
Attendance:
94%**

Housepoint Winners

**EYFS/KS1:
Balmoral— 88 points**

**KS2:
Buckingham—131 points**

**Overall Winning House:
Buckingham—207 points**

EARLY YEARS

Nursery

This week throughout nursery, we have dived into a new book - a well known classic, Rosie's Walk. One of the great things about this book is it introduces the children to prepositional language, teaching children that how they use their words can help to describe a location, time, place and position of an object or character. We have spent the week creating our own farm windmills from junk modelling and exploring farm animals from the story and much more.



Reception

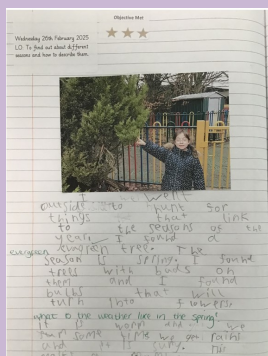
Welcome back! This week we have enjoyed learning about the story The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle. We have learnt about the different stages of a plant growing. We have also been busy creating simple AB repeating patterns using cubes, compare bears and lego. We were extremely creative and used different materials to make flower pictures. We are consolidating our learning in phonics and revisiting the phase 3 phonemes and digraphs to support our reading and writing. During PE we are learning different skills for gymnastics moving in different ways and creating high shapes.



KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

In science this week, year 1 reviewed their learning about the seasons. We listened and joined in with a song helping us make associations. The children then explored the outdoor areas within the school to find features associated with the seasons.



Year 2

We have had a lovely first week back following the half-term break! We began looking at measurement in maths, using rulers and metre sticks to measure the length and height of objects in metres and centimetres. We have also learnt to use the abbreviations m and cm to make our lives easier! In English, we have started looking at narratives. We have been looking at a lovely short story about a polar bear named Blizzard who doesn't always listen to his mum- some of the children were able to relate to this very well! We used this to spot features of a narrative and plot events on a story map.



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

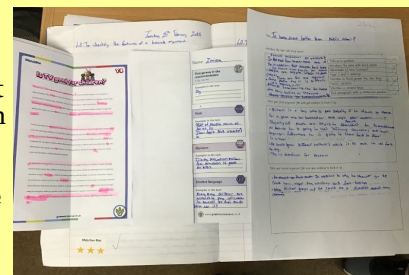
Year 3

This week, we had an incredibly exciting Roman-themed wow day. It was fantastic to see the children arriving to school dressed as either an Ancient Roman, a soldier or as a Roman Lady. During the day, they were able to engage in various fun activities thereby bringing this part of history to life.



Year 4

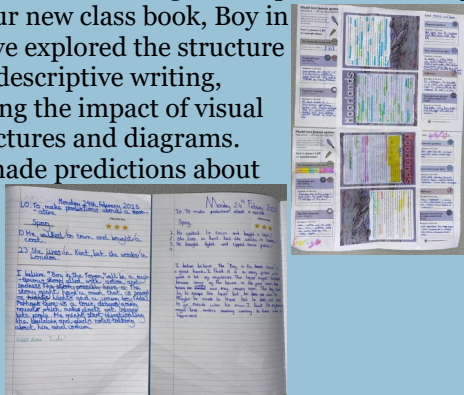
We have started reading Kensuke's Kingdom in their classes. They have been practising their persuasive vocabulary, and this week, they took part in their first debate. They came up with great ideas on why or why not Michael should be allowed to travel around the world and be home schooled rather than stay in a traditional learning environment.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Year 5

This week, year 5 has been learning how to present a descriptive text based on our new class book, Boy in the Tower. They have explored the structure and key features of descriptive writing, while also considering the impact of visual elements such as pictures and diagrams. Additionally, they made predictions about the book using modal verbs and adjectives.



Year 6

This week, we have been completing our unit of algebra in maths. We have been solving tricky algebraic equations and word problems. We have started reading our new class book called Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick. This links to our geography lessons where we are learning about rivers. In English, we have enjoyed writing our own instructions. We painted our canopic jars, which are based on one of the four sons of Horus (an Egyptian God).



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

Early Years *Primrose H, Daisy Y, Efrem T & Soraiya T*
Years 1, 2 & 3 *Lilah M, Lola Ann S-S, Ava-Kate B & Theodore R-S*
Years 4, 5 & 6 *Lara R, Mia C-T, Jasmine I & Sofia Y, Samira A, Diana P, Marcel K & Shae E*



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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	3 March		Year 6	National Offer Day - Secondary School
Tuesday	4 March	8:15-8:45am	Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs Information Meeting for parents
Tuesday	4 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 3 - Blue Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Tuesday	4 March	4:45-5:15pm	Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs Information Meeting for parents
Thursday	6 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 2 - Purple Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	6 March		All children	World Book Day—children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character.
Tuesday	11 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 2 - Charlotte Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	13 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 1 -Orange Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Friday	14 March		Year 1	Trip to the library
Tuesday	18 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 1 - Green Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Thursday	20 March	2:45-3:10pm	Reception - Platinum Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Tuesday	25 March	2:45-3:10pm	Reception - Gold Class	Class Assembly - parents invited
Monday	31 March	3:45-6:15pm	All children	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	All children	Parent Consultation Evening
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.

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!



SEND conference for parent carers

Hear from our new Director of Children and Families and get information and support from a variety of organisations



You can also sign up for two of the following workshops on the day:

- Therapeutic thinking
- Graduated approach
- Speech and language
- Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

The conference is taking place on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at the Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road, Flitwick, MK45 1AH. There is a morning session running from 9:30am to 12:30pm and an evening session running from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

To book your free place please visit:
bit.ly/CBCSEND2025 or scan the QR code on this poster.





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