

Hartsbourne Newsletter - Spring Edition 3 - 25/02/22

It has been so lovely to see everyone back at school after the half term full of enthusiasm. We were lucky to have only obtained a small amount of damage during the recent storms and are hoping to have all of the issues rectified by the end of this week. Let's hope that the new spring term brings more spring like weather!

A huge thank you to all of the children and families who have already taken part in the Friends of Hartsbourne 2022 sponsored challenge. We are incredibly close to raising the money we need for our new library and the good news is there's still time to join in! Closing date is the 4th March. We have some great pictures of the children completing their challenges later on in the newsletter. As always thank you to Friends of Hartsbourne for all of their support and hard work with raising funds for our school.

Please can you ensure that all children are coming into school with correct uniform or PE kits. We are seeing more children wearing hoodies and trainers and are having to remind them that this is not uniform. Full details of our uniform expectations can be found on our website, <https://hartsbourne.org.uk/parents/uniform/>. Children also need to remember to bring in their Forest School clothes on the correct day. The nature reserve is full of signs of Spring but is still very muddy so appropriate footwear is very important.

This week we were happy to welcome back Mr Bidewell after his accident. He is working reduced hours to help ease him back in so there may be some delay with work around our site. Mr Bidewell has asked me to share the following message with you all.

"My lifelong passion has always been playing football, so when a conversion/challenge materialised from Y3 boys over Lunch one day what followed was inevitable, well participating in the beautiful game part at least....."

I would like to personally thank & express my surprise, appreciation & gratitude to all of the Hartsbourne Parents & Children for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity, which I do not feel worthy of. For those of you still old enough to remember record players from your amazing generosity I did purchase a very good (Audio Technica MM) cartridge and look forward to hours/years of high quality music away from our beautiful game. Completely overwhelmed, your Caretaker."

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.
Mrs Harte and all the staff at Hartsbourne

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

Wednesday 9th March - Yr 3 Natural History Museum

W/B 28th March - Year 6 to PGL

Yr 5 Puppets Performance Week

Friday 1st April - Last day of term

Tuesday 19th April - INSET Day

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd April - Science Week

Friday 22nd April - FoH Spring Trail

Thursday 28th April - Yr 5 & 6 KNEX Challenge

W/B 9th May - Year 6 SATS Week

Tuesday 17th May - Class Photographs

Friday 27th May - INSET Day

W/B Monday 30th May - Half Term

Don't forget to follow us on social media.

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Primary School



Learning Gems & Housepoints

Sapphire: works well as part of a group and collaborates to develop learning and ideas.

Year 1 – Ria worked brilliantly with a team in maths this week, and Eduardo listened to different children's ideas and reflected on them.

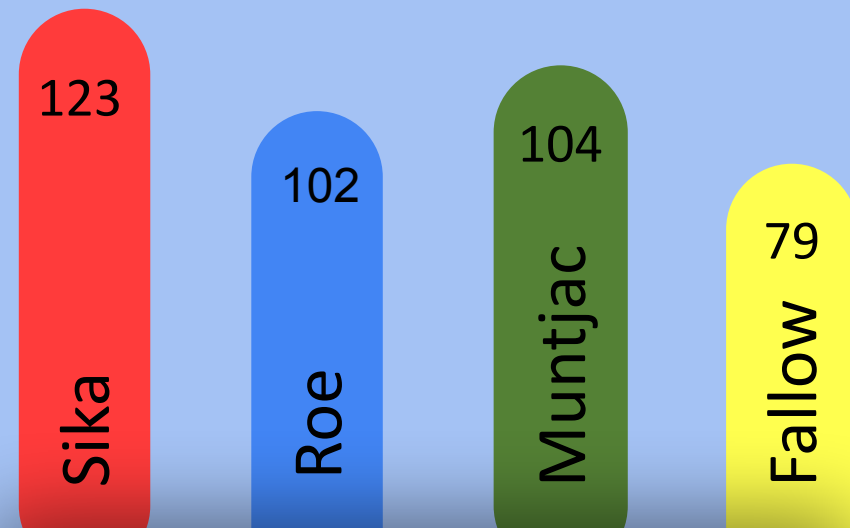
Year 2 – Chase was an excellent team player in both literacy and maths this week and Georgia works collaboratively and is always a supportive learning partner.

Year 3 – Brodie is very enthusiastic when given the opportunity to work collaboratively and Ayaan works well with a variety of learning partners.

Year 4 – Taylor readily accepts challenges to his ideas from his peers and Darcey maintains a positive and supportive attitude when working in a group.

Year 5 – Olly is a fantastic team player who brings out the best in others and Dimitri is great at helping others and listening to their opinions.

Year 6 – Zac always listens and shares ideas when working collaboratively and Eowyn is a great listener who always takes on a challenge, including organising the school library this week!



Sika wins!

Wellbeing Week

We had a fantastic last week of term focusing on wellbeing and strategies that we can use to look after our mental health. A big thank you to Mrs Altbach and Kat from Art Box for our yoga and art workshops. Keep your eyes open for our outdoor body positivity art installation going up soon!



World Book Day

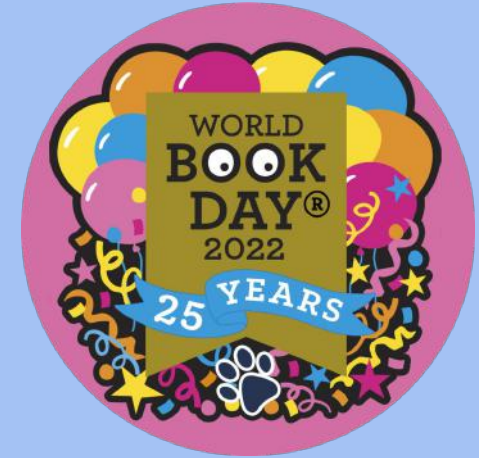
World Book day is nearly upon us. We have lots of exciting things going on for the children including dressing up! We know that a lot of parents feel pressure around this day but please do not worry. Costumes can be as elaborate as you like or as simple as pajamas and a favourite bedtime book. We are not having a theme so please choose an outfit that your child is comfortable with.

Story Jars

Our story jars are looking fabulous. There is still time to make one and send it in for our gallery on World Book Day

The Masked Readers

Keep an eye on google classrooms and our Facebook page next week to see if you can figure out who is behind the mask!

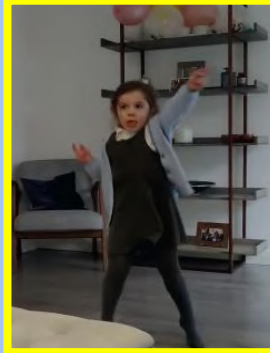


Book swap

Each class will have a box in their classroom for a book swap. If your child has any books at home that they no longer read then please send them in to swap with a different book.

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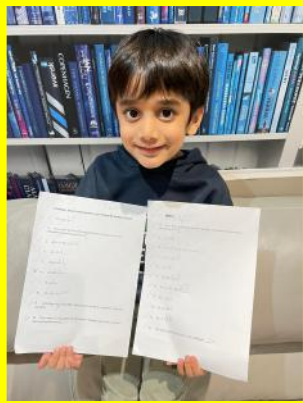
Well done to all of those children that took part in the fundraiser. We were very impressed with all of your ideas. Below are a selection of pictures to show what they got up to!



Aimee and Belle - Climbing

Darcy - Dancing

Edie - Bird spotting Yashil - Couch Jumping!



Casey
& Kiaran
Word
searches
and Maths
problems













Finley & Tobias - Swimming



Safeguarding Spotlight on Online Safety

At school we have been learning about staying safe online. We would really appreciate it if you could talk about these SMART rules with your children. We are receiving more reports about unpleasant interaction over social media and Roblox. Please help us help your children by giving them the information and language that they need to keep themselves safe.

				
Stay Safe	Don't Meet Up	Accepting Files	Reliable?	Tell Someone
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.
				

SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

PEGI 7+


With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefters and online predators.

Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.



Panto

Due to the rise in Omicron cases, the pantomime starring our very own Mr Harper has been postponed until the 4th and the 5th of March. Please see the poster below if you would like to book tickets to see him in action!



St James' Music & Drama Society Presents

Sleeping Beauty

The Pantomime



4 - 5 March 2022

7.30pm nightly, with 2.30pm Saturday matinee
Bushey & Oxhey Methodist Church

Box Office: ticketsource.co.uk/stjamesmad | 07930185573

Tickets £10 adults and £7.50 concessions



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Get Playing at Hartsbourne Primary School



We are proud to be working in partnership with Hertfordshire Music Service as part of the national campaign by Music Mark called 'Get Playing'.

The Get Playing project has the ambition to enable and inspire 2,000 young people in Hertfordshire to start instrumental music lessons and we would like to offer an exciting opportunity to get into music.



Music is good for your brain
Research shows that playing an instrument
is linked with improvements in your brain,
especially memory and focus.
#HertsGetPlaying



Music is rewarding
Research shows that playing an instrument
is linked with improvements in your brain,
especially memory and focus.
#HertsGetPlaying

At Hartsbourne Primary School we are going to be offering **half a term of free group lessons** for those who don't already learn these instruments.

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone Trumpet, Trombone (School year 4 upwards)

We will **loan you the instrument for free**, over the duration of the lessons, and if you choose to continue lessons the loan will continue for the rest of the year.



Music makes you smile
Research shows that playing an instrument
is linked with improvements in your brain,
especially memory and focus.
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