



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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It has been another busy week in school! This week our EYFS children have started working towards their 'Rainbow Challenges'. The children have been busy developing their independent working skills by completing different challenges all around the setting and collecting a different coloured lolly stick once a challenge is completed. Once they have collected all of their lolly-sticks they are awarded a 'rainbow sticker' which some of them have been proudly wearing this week.

On Wednesday morning the children in Maples class had the first of their swimming sessions. This term, we have changed venue for swimming – we are now using our local pool in Kettering, which the children are able to walk to, rather than using the minibus to travel over to Rothwell to use Montsaye Pool. After our first visit we are confident that this will be a positive move – as the transport time is no greater, the children are getting additional exercise through the walk to the pool rather than sitting on a minibus, and the actual time that the children are able to spend in the pool is increased – meaning that lessons can be more effective. Maples will be using this facility for the rest of this term and then we hope that the opportunity will be given up to other classes to engage in the swimming activity at Kettering.

Had you visited the school on Thursday afternoon, you may have thought that you had been transported to carnival time in South America, because the school was echoing to the sound of samba drumming! This was the first of a ten-week programme of music teaching being delivered by the Northamptonshire Music and performing Arts Trust to our year 4 children. The children started off by exploring different rhythms using the instruments and over the next few weeks they will be learning more about samba drumming and refining their performance skills in readiness for an end of programme celebration, where the parents of the children in year 4 and the rest of the children in the school will be able to see (and hear) what they have been learning.

On Friday morning Chloe from Kettering Schools Sports partnership visited the school to work with Mrs Tinto and the children of Silver Birches class in their p.e. lesson. The children were introduced to a new game, 'tchoukball' which is a little like handball. They will be developing their skills further in two more sessions, before some of the children from the class will have the opportunity to represent the school in a tchoukball festival in March.

The popularity of our hot meals service continues to grow – this week we had 83 children signed up for hot meals in EYFS and KS1 and 53 in KS2, and we know that next week the numbers are higher at 93 and 71 respectively. Although it took some time to roll out the provision across the school we are very happy with the uptake, and more importantly the children seem to enjoy their meals.

Next week some of our year 6 children will be engaged in the Bikeability programme – learning how to use their bikes safely on the roads. The children taking part these sessions should already have details of the day when they will be undertaking the training – so don't forget to bring your bikes and helmets on the correct day, and as the children will be spending a lot of time outside it is vital that they have warm clothing to wear.

We hope next week to be in a position to update you regarding the before and after school clubs that will be offered by the Kits Academy team for this term.

House Points for last Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	148	148
Salcey	123	123
Sherwood	138	138
Thefford	126	126
Well done to everyone in Rockingham this week.		
This term's leaders are: ROCKINGHAM		

Hawthorn PFA

After the PFA meeting held on Wednesday, we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended. We have set lots of dates for future fund-raising initiatives - Cake Sales, Movie nights, book fairs etc. The dates for these will be announced soon.

Maples and Redwoods cake sale is today, so another big thank you to all who have brought yummy cakes in! Don't forget we will be selling these after school in the Diner so come along and grab some treats.

Please like our Facebook Page to keep up to date with all upcoming events - Hawthorn Community Primary School PFA

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY THE GUITAR?

We currently have a space for a KS2 child to learn to play the guitar. Lessons cost £63 per term of 11 weeks and we are able to support with costs if your child is in receipt of the pupil premium. Please contact the office staff for further information.



NMPAT Open Day

On Saturday 20th January all the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust Saturday morning Centres are offering a FREE TASTER SESSION to any child/family interested in finding out what's on offer at their local centre. No experience is needed, and you don't need to be able to play an instrument to go along. Check out www.NMPAT.co.uk/centres to find your nearest centre, and what goes on there! If drama is your thing you can also try out our County Youth Theatre www.NMPAT.co.uk/youththeatre. Why not go along and see if NMPAT is for you? www.facebook.com/nmpat [#NMPATrust](https://www.twitter.com/NMPATrust)

Dates for Your Diary:

January	
w.b. 15 th	Bikeability Sessions for year 6 children
29 th	Year 3/4 Futsal Tournament at KLV
30 th , 31 st	Reception children health screening by school nurse
30 th	Parent Voice Meeting at 7pm
February	
1 st	Reception children health screening by school nurse
9 th	Parent E-Safety Workshop run by NSPCC 8.50am (further details to follow)
9 th	E-Safety assemblies for the children lead by NSPCC
9 th	Willows and Silver Birches Cake Sale
9 th	End of Term 3
19 th	Start of Term 4
w/b 19 th	Parent Interview Week
22 nd	NSPCC E-Safety Workshops for year 5 and 6 children
27 th	School Book Fair delivered
28 th	Book Fair in the hall after school
March	
1 st	World Book Day – children to dress as a book character. Book Fair in the hall after school
1 st	Secondary School allocations
2 nd	Book Fair in the hall after school
9 th	PFA Movie Night for all children from EYFS to Year 6 (4 film choices!)
16 th	Rowans and Beeches Cake Sale
16 th	School Uniform Amnesty – donate your 'grown-out-of' uniform to the PFA for them to add to the Second –hand uniform stocks.
25 th	Regional Music for Youth Festival at Northampton for KS2 choir
29 th	End of term 4
April	
17 th	Start of term 5

IF YOUR CHILD IS 4 BEFORE 31st AUGUST THEN THEY WILL BE STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.

You **MUST** apply for a school place for them before **January 15th 2018 at 5pm**, even if they have a sibling already at the school. Applications should be completed online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk If you do not apply, your child may not have a school place in September.

Attendance Update

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	96.7%	+ 3.8	Willows	95.3%	- 3.9
Apples	93.7%	+ 0.5	Silver Birches	91.4%	- 0.5
Pears	90.3%	+ 5.6	Redwoods	92.5%	- 1.9
Beeches	92.8%	- 6.3	Maples	97.3%	- 1.0
Rowans	94.0%	+ 0.7	Cedars	97.9%	+ 0.5
			Oaks	94.3%	- 1.6

SAM Weekly Winner: CEDARS

MIA Weekly Winner: PEARS