



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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It seems impossible to believe that we are already into the final term of the school year. I hope that you all had a lovely break last week – the children seem to have come back to school refreshed and ready to face the excitement and challenges of this final term.

Whilst the children and staff were enjoying their time away from school, we welcomed a team from Siemens who are completing work on the railway line between Bedford and Kettering into school to undertake a community project. The team, led by Mr York (Miss York's dad) had volunteered to come and develop part of the playground as a garden space for the children – a sort of DIY SOS project for the school. The team of up to twenty people worked really hard for four days to completely transform the area and provide a huge surprise for the children when they arrived at school on Monday. As well as replacing part of the area that was block paved with artificial grass, the team removed the overgrown flowerbed adjacent to the p.e. garage and have replaced it with a lovely sensory garden, complete with a path and wooden archways. They have also repainted the fencing in that part of the playground and erected a pergola in the corner of the garden area to provide some shade for the children, and a large outdoor blackboard onto the rear garage wall to give the children something to write and draw on during break times. We are extremely grateful to all of the team who gave up their time to complete the task, to Siemens for providing all of the materials and resources free of charge and particularly to Miss York and her dad, who approached me with the initial idea, came up with the plans and took charge of the planting. The children have loved exploring this area during break times this week and we hope that they will look after it well. As the plants are embedded and grow to fill the space, we hope we will have a lovely tranquil area that the children will be able to use not only at breaktimes, but also to support their learning about the environment and minibeasts in their science lessons.

Continuing with the garden theme, this week Mrs Coppa has started a gardening club with some of our key stage 1 children and they will be looking to develop the garden area even more. If you have any spare flower or vegetable plants that you have grown for your own gardens but do not need, we would be very happy to receive them in school so that the children can develop their own gardening skills. Please leave any donations that you may have with the school office staff, or with Mr Gilbert, and we will make sure that they are passed on to the children.

Some of the children enjoying the new garden space.



House Points for this Term

	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	88	88
Salcey	77	77
Sherwood	92	92
Thetford	93	93

Well done to everyone in **Thetford** this week.

This term's leaders are:
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Hawthorn PFA

Thank you to everybody who contributed towards the bottle mufti day today, it is greatly appreciated.

As you may have heard, we have our Summer Fair coming up on Saturday 7th July. There will be lots of stalls and games to play for the family to enjoy at this great event.

In order for it to be a success we would appreciate any kind of help that can be offered for the day itself. For example, setting up or packing away; or help on one of the many stalls - just half an hour of help would be much appreciated.

If anyone is interested then please either contact the school office or let us know on the Hawthorn PFA Facebook page.

Thank you in advance.

A trip down under!

Our KS1 children began the new term by taking an imaginary long haul flight to Australia on Monday, stopping en route in Singapore. Prior to their journey they researched Australia and made their own passports. Before the journey they went through check-in at the airport and completed all of the safety procedures that were needed to ensure they arrived in Australia safely. All of the children have thoroughly enjoyed their experience day and have gathered a lot of information about their topic this term already.



Dates for Your Diary:

June	
11 th	Induction Meeting for new parents 6.30pm
12 th	Parent Voice Meeting 7pm
12 th	Year 1/2 visit to Hamerton Park
14 th	Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket tournament
w.b. 18 th	Year 5/6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
w.b. 25 th	New Reception children induction visits
27 th (pm)	KS2 Midsummer dancing
27 th – 29 th	Summer Book Fair (and 2 nd – 3 rd July)
July	
3 rd	EYFS visit to 360 Play
4 th	KS1 performance to parents 1.30pm
4 th	KS2 Choir Music for Youth in Birmingham
5 th	KS1 performance to parents 6.30pm
6 th	Chocolate Mufti day
6 th	Reports sent out to parents
7 th	Summer Fair 1-3pm
9 th	Transfer Day – children spend the day with their new teacher
9 th	Meet your Child's new teacher 3.30pm
10 th – 12 th	Parent Interviews by request (3.30-5.30pm)
10 th (am)	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day at the Rugby Club
12 th (am)	KS2 Sports Day at Bishop Stopford School
13 th	Year 5/6 visit to Jungle Parc
16 th	Year 3/4 visit to Holdenby House
17 th	Year 6 Leavers production 6.30pm
19 th (pm)	A Celebration of Hawthorn's Talent – more details to follow
19 th	Year 6 leavers Party
20 th	End of Term 6

Parent Voice

The Parent Voice group are meeting on Tuesday 12th June at 7pm in the Community Room.

Recent topics that we have covered include ideas to help resolve parking issues around the school, by engaging with external organisations including the council and the PCSO, to help ensure the safety of the children when arriving at and departing from school.

It would be fantastic to see some new faces at the meeting, but if you are unable to attend and have an idea for a topic that you would like us to discuss, we can be contacted on our Facebook page – search for Hawthorn Parent Voice; or via e-mail on hawthornparentvoice@gmail.com

Attendance Update

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	92.5%	- 3.5	Willows	94.3%	+ 0.3
Apples	99.1%	+ 9.6	Silver Birches	99.0%	+ 5.9
Pears	93.9%	- 0.5	Redwoods	98.1%	+ 2.6
Beeches	97.2%	+ 2.4	Maples	98.3%	+ 3.3
Rowans	99.7%	+ 2.0	Cedars	95.0%	- 2.0
			Oaks	95.3%	- 1.7

Weekly Winner: ROWANS

MIA Weekly Winner: APPLES