



Monday saw the start of a new era at Hawthorn, as we officially became part of Montsaye Community Learning Partnership, although we hope that you will not have noticed any major differences in the way that Hawthorn operates. We will still continue to have the same aims and ethos, but look to improve the education and additional opportunities that we can offer our children by increasing our collaboration with other successful schools in the partnership. We look forward to sharing how we settle into life within the Academy with you over the coming weeks.

On Wednesday we held our spring bonnet parade, and although it was a little cold, we were pleased that the rain stayed away and we were able to assemble in the playground to sing seasonal songs and then complete our parade around the local streets. It was lovely to see all of the children wearing their spring bonnets, there were certainly some very creative designs and it was lovely to see the reception that the children received from some of our local residents as the children paraded past.

This week in EYFS the children have been busy thinking about springtime. They have made flower arrangements, explored pastel colours and used their phonics skills to write spring words.

The children in KS1 have been excitedly learning about where chocolate comes from and have enjoyed creating their own fact files of information. They also took part in drama sessions, retelling the sequence of the chocolate making process in order to create their own explanation text, even including rhetorical questions to entice our reader to read the information. The children have also been busy practising their May Day dances, and some of the Year 2s have been learning a Maypole dance. They are looking forward to showing you how well they can dance on our May Day in a few weeks time.

This week in their English lessons the year 3 and 4 children have been learning about and writing Kennings. They have really enjoyed creating their own riddles using the 2 word format and testing each other on the subject of their poem. They have also brought their learning about the Romans to a close and looked at what impact the Romans have had on us today including: straight roads, central heating, stone and brick buildings, the ability to read and write as well as place names which end in 'chester', 'caster' and 'cester'. They have also completed their garden ornaments which are now proudly on display in the classrooms.

The children in UKS2 have started their 'free write' based around a mysterious box. They have had to use their imagination to think about what was in there and what kind of adventure they could go on. It has been great to see the different approaches children have made to the stimulus: finding an object to take you on an adventure around the world so that you appreciate how

beautiful it is; being a lizard in this box and having to be handled by humans whilst being shipped from place-to-place; coming across a portal which takes you into the lair of the most mysterious, wonderful beasts. In Maths, the children have really developed their knowledge of angles and how we can use all the mathematical rules to find missing angles in shapes. It has been fantastic to see how much the children have retained and how well they are applying this knowledge to such complex problems. We'd like all the year 5 and 6 children to have an amazing and relaxing break so that they are ready for the new term. As a team, we have been immensely impressed with the dedication they have given to their learning this term! Well done to you all.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
<b>Rockingham</b>	128	676
<b>Salcey</b>	129	686
<b>Sherwood</b>	127	726
<b>Thetford</b>	116	685
<b>Well done to everyone in Salcey this week.</b>		
<b>This term's champions are: SHERWOOD</b>		

### PFA News

After Easter we'll be preparing for the Summer Fair. If you're having a clear out then we welcome donations of crockery, teddies and any items of new/good items for our general tombola. Any raffle prizes will be gratefully received also.

On Friday 7th June we will be holding our first Family Bingo Night! Details to follow so please keep an eye out.

We hope you have a lovely, relaxing Easter break.

### Lingotot

During our whole school assembly on Monday morning the children were entertained by Carla from Lingotot who spoke to them children about learning languages. During the assembly the children had the opportunity to learn some Spanish words for parts of the head and face, and then listened to 'The Hungry Caterpillar' story read to them in Spanish. If there is sufficient interest, we would like to start a before-school Spanish club provided by Lingotot, and you should have received a letter with details of this opportunity earlier in the week. If you are interested in your child taking part in this club, please complete the expression of interest form by the end of the first week after the Easter break (26<sup>th</sup> April).



### 'Stay and Play' Sessions

On Monday morning we held our first 'stay and play' session for pre-school children. These sessions will run every Monday between 9.15 and 10.45am, during school term time and everybody is welcome. The aim of the sessions is to provide parents and carers with the chance to get together, share a coffee and have a chat, whilst the children have the chance to develop their social and communication skills by playing with others. The next session will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, when we hope that a few more of you will be able to join us. This group is not just for parents of children who already attend Hawthorn, so we would be grateful if you would share this information with neighbours or friends who may have pre-school children.

### Dates for Your Diary:

April	
5 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 4
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Teacher Training Day
24 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term 5
29 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Cross Country Tournament with MCLP schools at Rothwell
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Billingham to visit St Anne's residential Home with some KS1 children
May	
1 <sup>st</sup>	PFA Meeting 7pm Community Room
2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Nurse Drop In Sessions in the Diner 9-10.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cherries and Apples cake sale
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
8 <sup>th</sup>	Apples and Cherries classes to visit Mini Meadows
w.b 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs Week
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 to Rothwell MCLP schools sports morning
24 <sup>th</sup>	Bottle Muffi Day

### Rock Steady Academy Concert

This morning Hawthorn's budding rock stars had the opportunity to 'show off' what they had been learning over the last term, by putting on concerts for their parents and then the rest of the school. Each of the 5 bands performed a song that they had been rehearsing and we were so impressed to see and hear how much they have learned in such a short time. If your child has come home enthused and would like to take part in next term's lessons information is available at [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com)

### Hawthorn Easter Holiday Playscheme

Open 8<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April &

Training Day 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Booking forms available from the School Office.

Please book in advance.

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### Attendance Update

This week's whole school attendance was: **93.2%**

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	90.3%	- 5.8	Willows	99.4%	+ 2.3
Apples	95.5%	+ 7.0	Silver Birches	91.3%	- 4.2
Ash	88.3%	- 9.3	Redwoods	94.3%	- 1.7
Bay	87.9%	- 6.4	Maples	88.3%	- 2.4
Elm	90.0%	- 3.9	Cedars	100%	+ 2.3
			Oaks	98.7%	- 1.3

**SAM Weekly Winner: CEDARS**

**MIA Weekly Winner: APPLES**