



Hawthorn Community Primary School

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This week all of the children have watched the first-ever virtual #AntiBullyingAssembly for primary schools. The assembly brought together hundreds of thousands of children across the country, empowering them to tackle bullying with a host of celebrities including; children's TV presenters Mwaka 'Mwaksy' Mudenda and Richie Driss, alongside Peter Andre, Tyrone Mings, Gareth Southgate, Carrie, David and Talia Grant, Katie Leung, Twist & Pulse, Ade Adepitan, James McVey, Cel Spellman, Will Poulter, Hacker the Dog, as well as the famous voice of *The X Factor's* Peter Dickson.

The children enjoyed a host of celebrity personal stories, messages and special performances, as well as hearing key information and guidance on how to handle bullying behaviour and the support available.

At the end of the assembly everyone in school pledged to 'put their hands up, put an end to bullying, celebrate diversity and create communities of kindness'. We hope that will all remember what they learnt!



It has been yet another busy week in UKS2. A HUGE well done to all the children for another week of working so hard. In Maths, the adults have been amazed by the confidence and understanding the children have of adding and subtracting. Their reasoning skills are really developing, too.

We have been busy writing our independent pieces based on the book 'The Explorer'. The language has been astounding and we are so pleased to see the children developing their vocabulary. This has also been highlighted in our Reading sessions as the children have been looking at the poem 'The Listeners' by Walter de la Mare.

In the afternoons, our focus has been on Art. The children are developing their skills of layering to create a Mi'kmaq goose. It's been a little bit fiddly, but they are working hard - we cannot wait to see their final piece of art.

The Stone Age has arrived in Years 3 and 4! The children have been finding out about different elements of the Stone Age including when it was, the food that people ate and the homes they lived in. They have been finding out why the Stone Age people first settled in England and looking at some key events of the time. Some of the classes have started their Science topic on rocks and soils which fits nicely with The Stone Age learning.

Do you know how to wash a woolly mammoth? Well, the children in year 3 and 4 do, so ask them for any tips they might have! The children have been using their instructional writing skills to write a set of instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth after reading a book by Kate Hindley and Michelle Robinson.

In Maths, the children have been continuing with place value and looking at comparing and ordering numbers as well as counting in 50s.

It has been another busy week in KS1. Our English lessons have been focused on the book by Quentin Blake – 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. The children have been gathering vocabulary based on two different senses – sound and touch. They have also created a design for their ideal bike using labels to annotate it. In Maths, the focus has continued to be on place value. The children have learnt how to use place value charts and how to represent numbers using different resources in the Maths area e.g. base 10, counters. The Science focus for this week has been looking at whether objects made from different materials can be changed by stretching, squashing, bending or twisting them. In DT, the children have continued with their vehicle designs and have started to build the cab of their vehicle. They have also learnt about the history of cars and how they have changed over the years. They enjoyed finding out that electric cars were first invented in 1889 and were popular until the early 20th Century! The Hub has continued to be a hive of activity. The children have been washing and ironing clothes as they would have done when the school was first built. They have been learning to draw different types of cars as well as repairing our very own car in the garage area.



Over the summer break, we undertook a project to re-vamp the old Orchard area to create an exciting new learning space for our KS1 children. We thought you might like to see what it looks like.

"I love the Hub, particularly the Reading Corner because I love reading and it's nice and calm there." Arthur

"We like The Hub because it has got a garage in and we can fix the cars." Naomi and Madison.

This week saw EYFS complete their first full week in school full time – we hope that they haven't been too tired when they got home! All week we have been learning about The Gingerbread Man. We have acted out the story using the puppet theatre, designed our own gingerbread men using the interactive whiteboard and we have baked our own gingerbread men, which tasted delicious.

We have also started learning about the numbers 1-4 and have learnt how to represent them in different ways using a 5 frame. We have learnt our second set of phonics sounds i, n, p, g, o and have started to build cvc words with the sounds we have learnt so far. We are all pretty tired after a busy full week in school, but are looking forward to more fun and learning next week!

'Harvest Festival' collection

Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 restrictions, we will be unable to hold many of our usual school events this year. Our Harvest Festival celebrations will not be following their usual format where parents have been invited into school to watch the children celebrate, but instead will be a little more low-key, with the children having their own Harvest assembly in their classroom. However, we are still asking that those of you who can afford to help some of the needier members of our community, do so by donating something for our collection for the Kettering Foodbank.

Next week we will have a box at our main school gate on Hawthorn Road, and another at the gate on Broadway at the start of each day, into which we would like you to place your donations. We have been in contact with the Foodbank and at the current time they have a mountain of dried pasta and cans of baked beans, so please try to avoid donations of these items. They are also unable to accept fresh fruit and vegetables. Instead they are looking for products that have a long shelf life.

Donations of tinned meat, tinned or dried mashed potatoes, tinned vegetables and fruit, rice pudding, custard, jam, marmalade, small bags of sugar, long-life milk, juice and squash and packets of biscuits are always well-received. They are also requesting toiletries, such as deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, washing powder, washing-up liquid, soap, toilet rolls, nappies and tissues. Any donations that you are able to make will be very gratefully received and will really make a difference in these difficult times.

Kettering Foodbank provides people with food in time of crisis, but also helps to identify and resolve the underlying issues that cause people to fall into food poverty. Their dedicated team of volunteers support those in need throughout Kettering and the surrounding villages.

If you are struggling to afford to feed your own family, please reach out to the Foodbank, as they may be able to help. Call them directly on 07961 474638 during office hours.



Applications for Primary and Secondary school places can now be made for 2021 Admissions.

Parent/carers of children in current year 6 will need to apply for their Secondary School place by **5pm on Saturday 31 October 2020;**

Parents/carers of children who have their 4th birthday between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 need to apply for their school place by **5pm on Friday 15 January 2021;**

The easiest way to apply is online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions



We have been asked to support the Fire Service by forwarding on this short survey to parents/carers about potential firework use by families this year, particularly as the way in which Bonfire Night is marked looks set to be quite different, given Covid-19 restrictions.

The survey is very short and should only take a few minutes to complete, but it would really help advise and support the fire prevention work at Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Please use the link below to access the survey.

<https://nfrsweb1.northantsfire.gov.uk/surveys/index.php/551379?newtest=Y&lang=en>

The survey will remain open until Friday, October 9.

PFA Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual AGM on Wednesday, it was lovely to have some new faces join us. We elected our committee for the year as follows:

Chair - Polly Shackleton

Secretary - Laura Burdett-Munns

Treasurer - Naomi DeNetto

Communications - Emma Cham

Publicity - Karen Warren

With a special thanks to Rebecca Sylvester & Thomasin James who do so much to help behind the scenes!

We have some exciting plans ready for this year to raise money for the school whilst complying with the current restrictions. Although we will sadly be unable to hold the bigger events such as the Christmas Fair, what the PFA does is as much about creating fun school memories for the children as the fundraising itself. We will do our best to continue to offer this for the children of Hawthorn.

A hamper of delicious treats was delivered to the Hawthorn staff room this morning as a huge thank you from us for everything they have done to keep our kids happy and safe at school during what has been a really difficult time. All of their efforts, creativity & adaptability have not gone unnoticed!

As always, you can contact us with any ideas, questions or to get involved via

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Dates for Your Diary:

October	
w/b 5 th	Harvest collection for Kettering Foodbank
9 th	Flu vaccinations
w.b. 12 th	On-line Parent Interviews
16 th	END OF TERM 1
November	
2 nd	START OF TERM 2
4 th	Parent visits for EYFS 2021 @6.30pm
7 th	Parent visits for EYFS 2021 @10am and 11.30am
w/b16 th	Bikeability for year 6 children
December	
18 th	END OF TERM 2
January	
4 th	START OF TERM 3
February	
11 th	END OF TERM 3
12 th	Teacher training day
22 nd	START OF TERM 4
March	
26 th	END OF TERM 4
April	
12 th	START OF TERM 5
May	
3 rd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
w.b. 10 th	KS2 SATs
28 th	END OF TERM 5
June	
7 th	START OF TERM 6
w.b. 7 th	Year 1 Phonics Screen
July	
23 rd	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

Parent Evening Appointments

As we are unable to hold our usual parent interviews in school this term, we have arranged to hold interviews with parents over a video call instead. You should have received an email home today explaining the Schoolcloud system and inviting you to log in and book an appointment.

We have received some very positive feedback about this system from other schools, and hope that this will be as successful for us; but in the event of any issues, we hope that you will be patient with us! We will reschedule any appointments after half term if required.

Please be aware that these appointments are strictly timed. They will start and finish at the scheduled times, as the next appointment will automatically follow on. There will be a timer on screen throughout the call to remind you how long of the appointment is left.

Prior to the appointment a target sheet for your child will be sent home, which you and the teacher may wish to refer to during the appointment.