



# Hawthorn Community Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter 14/05/21



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We come to the end of another busy week in school, and doesn't it feel like the weeks are flying by at the moment? This week we were pleased to see Mrs. Corney back in school for some more keeping in touch days, and we are really looking forward to welcoming her back officially in a couple of weeks.

Here is an update on the learning taking place in each phase:

### **EYFS**

This week, EYFS have continued to think about the people who help us and what qualities and skills are needed for these roles. We have talked about the different jobs that people in our families do and we have thought about the different things that we might like to do when we grow up. We have also had lots of fun experimenting with making our own slime. We talked about what we could see and the changes that occurred. In maths, we have been learning about odd and even numbers by sharing out different amounts. We have also been busy in the barn, using the big construction to build different things and using our water wall pipes to investigate how water travels downwards.

### **Key Stage 1**

The children in KS1 have continued to work amazingly well this week. In English, they started the week by learning about different sentence types. They then continued their writing looking at the types of questions the animals might ask the man from the Kapok Tree. In Maths, they have been learning how to subtract including using a number line and the inverse to help check their answers. In our Rainforest topic the children have been learning about the adaptations of animals to suit their environment and creating a new animal to live in multilayers of the rainforest. In Science, the children have continued to find out what plants need to grow well, and this week have started an investigation to see how plants respond to different growing temperatures. The children's rainforest collages have continued to develop, and the children have added flowers to enhance their pictures. Our PSHE has continued focusing on the zones of regulation and encouraging the children to explain how they might feel at different times of the day.

### **Lower Key Stage 2**

It's been another space themed week in our English lessons. This week we have designed and explained the main features of our own space boots. We've written these independently to really showcase our new skills in causal conjunctions and fronted prepositional phrases. They were a pleasure to read! In maths, most of us have been getting to grips with written multiplication and some of us are now getting more secure with subtraction. We are very proud of how well the children have been picking up the new methods and choosing the method that is most suitable for their learning, well done everyone! Science lessons have seen us 'dissecting' plants and identifying the different parts of the plants, this will help us with our learning on pollination next week. If you have flowers in your house or garden, can the children find a petal, anther, filament, stigma, style and stem? The children have now completed their comparisons of The Grand Canyon and The Lake District and decided which one they'd like to visit and why.

### **Upper Key Stage 2**

We have had another fantastic week in UKS2. During our writing lessons, the children developed their ability to write a balanced argument. They have learnt how to show unbiased opinions, use evidence to support ideas and use fantastic high quality formal language. The children certainly have some fantastic views on whether homework should be banned or not. Our unit on The Ancient Greeks is continuing to build momentum. The children are now using their knowledge of Greek Myths to develop shadow puppet theatre productions. This week the children have started to think about designing their puppet theatre as well as considering prototypes for puppets. Some children in the phase have also been making and tasting Greek food.

## Dates for Your Diary:

April	
May	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
14 <sup>th</sup>	PYJAMARAMA DAY
28 <sup>th</sup>	PFA BREAK THE RULES MUFTI DAY
28 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM 5
June	
7 <sup>th</sup>	START OF TERM 6
25 <sup>th</sup>	PFA SUMMER HAMPER MUFTI DAY
July	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

## HAWTHORN HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

Open Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Morning, afternoon and whole day sessions available, discounted prices available for siblings.

Please book in advance on-line via SchoolMoney

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## WOW WORKERS!

Here are this week's children who have been nominated by their teacher for their amazing effort and wonderful work.

Cherries	Felicity
Apples	Toby and Elias
Ash	Elsie
Bay	Emily
Elm	Filip
Redwoods	Max and Arthur
Silver Birches	Emily and Ruby
Willows	Amish, Ava and Adela
Cedars	Saul
Oaks	Kailen
Maples	Eve, Owen, Lacey, Charlotte, Orla, Sidney and Oliver K

## PARKING

We have had some feedback regarding the parking before and after school. Please be mindful that disabled spaces are for blue badge holders only and should not be used under any circumstances when picking up or dropping off. We really appreciate your support with this.

## ZONES OF REGULATION

This week we have been talking about potential things that are our 'triggers'. This involved thinking back to situations when we have changed from green to yellow or red and what the trigger was.

## MAKE UP

We have spotted a few children coming into school either wearing make up or bringing coloured lip balms/gloss into school. Please can we politely remind everyone that make up, including nail polish, is not part of our school uniform and shouldn't be worn.

## PFA NEWS

We are sharing our new leaflet with you all today. It includes information about who the PFA is and everything we do to support the school. If you are interested in getting involved please get in touch. We are really excited about our fundraising plans for the next year and would love to welcome some new faces to make it all possible!

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May is 'BREAK THE RULES' day! How many will you break?  
(See our poster for rules and more info)

The PFA school lottery continues to run every week with a guaranteed school winner every week! Thank you to everyone who has supported the lottery so far & especially to our winners who have kindly donated their prize back to the school. To buy tickets for just £1, go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hawthorn-community-primary-school>

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## MOBILE PHONES

For safeguarding reasons, we do not allow mobile phones to be used on the playground. We hope you understand that we need to keep all of our children safe and cannot allow devices with a camera to be out on the playground. Thank you for your help with this.

This week the year 5 and 6 team have been speaking to the children about mobile phones in school. They have been reminded that they are only permitted to bring phones to school if they walk to or from school. Children must also switch their phones off when they reach the school gate and they must remain switched off until they leave the playground at the end of the day. To support us with this, please don't allow your child to bring them unless they walk to or from school.

## SCREEN TIME TOP TIP

Recently it has been claimed that, due to the pandemic, children's screen time has increased by 130%.

Specsavers recommend this top tip for screen time:

**Follow the 20:20:20 rule. They should look away from the screen at least every 20 minutes, at something 20 feet away, for at least 20 seconds.**

It is also good for screen time to stop at least an hour before bed to allow for children's mind to switch off from the visual stimulation.