

## A message from Mrs McNulty . . .

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. Following parents evening, last night, I was extremely heartened by the wealth of positive comments recorded on your questionnaires. This success can only be achieved through the close collaboration of school and parents. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support. Any suggestions for improvement will be considered.

*Mrs K McNulty*

## SATs Revision

In preparation for this, Year 6 children, at HGPS, have been having extra maths and reading boosters every week to prepare them for the upcoming tests.

In order to help your child achieve their full potential there are many things that you can do to support them.

There is a lot of terminology that children need to be familiar with and they will be able to revise the meaning of these words online.

- \* Practise spelling with your child by asking them to spell new words out loud. This can be done whilst driving in the car, on the bus or even while cooking tea.
- \* Set your child arithmetic questions to complete and then discuss and check the answers they get to ensure they are correct. Children also need to be able to calculate with fractions and percentages.
- \* Year 6 children also need to be fluent in all the different areas of measure and so must be able to read the time on an analogue and digital clock, read bus/train timetables and work out how much time has passed between two given times. You can relate this to every day activities that you complete such as journey start and end times. Cooking together can lead to discussions around millilitres and litres and grams and kilograms.

Although Year 6 SATs are important, so is the well-being of your child. It is extremely important that Year 6 children also get time for rest and leisure time and that they do not spend too much time revising. Encourage your child to go to bed at a reasonable time, without the distraction of electronic gadgets such as mobile phones and tablets. Also encourage them to eat a healthy diet that consists of three meals a day with healthy snacks in between. Encourage your child to talk to you about SATs and to share with you how they are feeling about the upcoming tests.

If you would like any guidance on how to support your child during the run up to SATs and during SATs week itself then the Year 6 team at HGPS is always happy to help.

## Wanted; Plastic Milk Cartons

Reception Class are making igloos for their topic 'Lovely living things'. We kindly ask all parents/carers if they could bring in empty/clean 4 pint plastic milk cartons for the children to use.



## Dates for your Diary

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 1 Trip to  
Tropical World

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Bank Holiday –  
School closed for  
one day

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> –**

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 6 SATs

### **29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Half-Term

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

**June**

Year 6 trip to  
Kingswood

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Class Photos/Whole  
School Photo

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 6 Height and  
Weight screening

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

KS2 Sports Day

## Last Week's Attendance

Our target is **97%**: Please ensure that children arrive at school **on time** every day.

Class	Last Week's Attendance	Number of Late Marks
Robins	80.8	8
Penguins	94.8	8
Parrots	81.8	4
Flamingo	89.2	3
Toucan	91.2	7
Owl	90.4	6
Swan	96.6	7
Bluebird	94.8	6
Kingfisher	88.9	1
Skylark	91.0	6
Sandpiper	86.7	1
Wren	96.3	2
Kestrel	87.9	5
Nightingale	93.0	8
Magpie	91.7	4
Hummingbird	95.2	10
Woodpecker	86.2	2
Goldfinch	89.3	5
Falcon	93.8	0
Eagle	86.0	1

**Doors will open at 8:40am** and children may come in from that time. **Doors will close at 8:50am.**

## Mindfulness Project

This week saw Wren Class and Woodpecker Class take part in a 'Mindfulness Project Workshop' funded by our friends' at DePuy Synthesis.

The Mindfulness workshops encourage the children to believe in themselves and understand their different emotions and how they can deal with them.

The children learnt that mindfulness means paying attention to what is happening in the present moment. Some of the activities encouraged the children to focus on their breathing in order to clear their mind and make more space for their learning.



## Times Tables Rock Star Leader Board

A huge congratulations to Hayley who has climbed back into the top 10 this week!

As a school our average is 4.47 seconds to answer each times table question... of the schools in the local area we are sitting comfortably mid table (7th/10).

The quickest school around is Mount St Mary's Catholic School who have an average of 3.87 seconds.

Can we claw back this gap of 0.6 seconds per question? Can we climb the local school leader board? The more you play, the quicker you/we will become!

Rank	Pupil	Class	Time
1st	Aseel Karimi	4 Nightingale	0.54s
2nd	Alisa Karimi	3 Sandpiper	0.59s
3rd	Nikodem Piasta	6 Falcon	0.65s
4th	Zayd Khan	5 Goldfinch	0.83s
5th	James Boafo	4 Magpie	0.87s
6th	Humehra Younis	6 Falcon	0.93s
7th	Tamrez Younis	5/6 Hummingbird	0.94s
8th	Ryan Gekonge	4 Nightingale	0.95s
9th	Tian Cai	6 Eagle	0.97s
10th	Hayley Clough	6 Falcon	1.05s

## Rising Star of the week

Class	Name
Parrots	Robert Kandrac
Penguins	Kai White
Robins	Ethan Bradley
Flamingo	Carla Asemota
Owl	Deborah Akumeah
Toucan	Lezma Zuber
Bluebird	Shazaib Akhtar
Kingfisher	Saahil Maharbaan
Swan	Nikola Jansone
Sandpiper	Eoghan Dalby
Skylark	Amayia Morton
Wren	Finley Morrell
Kestrel	Mariam Zaheer
Magpie	William Kirr
Nightingale	Denzel Mendes
Woodpecker	Asim Saddique
Goldfinch	Diaray Diallo
Hummingbird	Jayden Kitson-Ward
Eagle	Rebecca Butterworth
Falcon	Liam Fenwick
Dove – Mrs Adkin	Naomi Curejova
Peacock – Mrs Roter	Aaminah Rashid