



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

What an incredible week! Monday was a very busy, not only did we welcome our 'Artist in Residence' Chris back for a day of art workshops, we ended the day with our Stargazing evening. Although the weather was touch and go, the event went ahead and all of the children who attended had a great time gazing at the night skies (and ticking off another H&A 21 in the process!) Don't worry if your child couldn't attend, we will be planning in more opportunities for this throughout their time at school. A big thank you to Miss Pole (our Science Leader) for organising such a fun, unusual event!

Our usual learning routines have begun this week and having spent some time looking at workbooks and talking to groups of pupils, it is great to see the progress they have made in all areas of school life since September.

Today, our Pupil Leadership Team have organised a 'Donut Friday' fundraiser. Donuts are available after school for 50p each. 'Donut Friday' will continue each Friday until February half-term. Thank you to the Pupil Leaders and Mrs. Flannigan for organising a great way to fundraise.

Have a great weekend.

### Picture Frame Plea

If you have any spare picture frames you no longer need, we would be very grateful if they could be donated to school. We need as many as possible to display our art for our exhibition so please do ask family and friends if they have any which can be donated.

Thank you in advance.

### Did you know?...

Every Friday, Mr. Cope and myself meet a pupil from each class individually to talk about all aspects of school life, listen to them read and look at their books together.

This is a great opportunity for school leaders to get an overview of how each child feels about school and are progressing in their work.

We are currently approximately half way through and hope to have met every child by Easter!

### Art Exhibition

We are delighted to be hosting an art exhibition at Richmond Station from February 17<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> where art work from all children will be on display. Please do call in during the exhibition to see the 'work on the wall'. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and an enhancement to our art curriculum. After all, we are creators!

### Let's Celebrate!

Find out who is celebrating this week!

	Woodpecker Class	Partridge Class	Kingfisher Class	Robin Class – Y1	Robin Class - R
<b>Above &amp; Beyond</b> <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Nina	Max	Faye	Henry	Emily
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
<b>Curriculum Award</b>	Jay (Writing)	Grace (Science)	Pippa (English)	Livy (PSHE)	
<b>Aims Award</b>	Ava (Creator)	Evie M (Creator)	Faye (Happy & Healthy)	Faye (Inquisitive)	
<b>Team Points</b>	Richmond				
<b>Tidy Classroom</b>	Robin				
<b>Golden Spoon</b>	TBC				

### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Parents informed
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-Year Reports / Break up for Half Term	All	Reports to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	'Change-Makers' -Art Exhibition @ Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return from Half Term	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break Up for Easter Holidays	All	See newsletter
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Competition	All	Information to follow

**P.E Kits** This half term we are continuing to focus on personal responsibility, and P.E kits are a big part of that. We'd just like to remind you that P.E kits include black shorts, white t-shirt and black / navy jogging bottoms for outdoor P.E, alongside trainers. We would encourage children to leave their P.E kits in school unless they are wet / damp / dirty to ensure they are ready for the next lesson.

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class-Reception:** This week we have been continuing our journey into our space theme for this half term. The children have been very excited as another letter has landed from Ali the alien. They have been very busy working hard on writing their own letters back to Ali - we are very impressed! They have also worked hard learning lots of diagraphs this week in phonics and putting this into our writing in provision - amazing! In the outdoor provision they have been going 'to school' in our role play area, making some delicious space sand cakes and painting inspired by 'The Starry night' by Vincent Van Gogh! Another fabulous week!

**Robin Class – Year 1:** Another fantastic week in class. We have loved being independent and getting organised for our learning routine with positive attitudes towards tasks set. Monday started us off with the whole school Stargazing event, I heard it was a great success! And the artist Mr Layfield came to help us sketch a self portrait; ready for an exciting display to showcase. In English we have been exploring our new book 'Look Inside Space,' this is getting us ready to write our own space fact file. It has been great to see all children with their PE kit this week, ready for gymnastics and fundamental skills. A super week back and I am sure these positive attitudes will continue throughout the term.

**Kingfisher Class:** We have also really enjoyed using our Stargazing event to launch our English work – researching information about stars to write our own information texts. In Maths we have started to investigate Money – finding totals of coins and notes – any practise you could do at home with this would be fantastic! The children have a great time in Computing using the programme 'Scratch' to begin to investigate programming...and we even had a visit from 'Farmer Donaldson' who told us all about dairy farming as part of our Geography topic on 'Why does it matter where our food comes from?'

**Partridge Class:** It has been an unusual week in Partridge Class this week. I had a two-day course this week, and the teacher who covered the class was so impressed with everyone's attitude to learning, that she sent me an email to thank me to say how amazing all pupils were! Partridge class again impressed a group of visitors to the school on Thursday who came to observe a maths lesson. They were impressed by how engaged everyone was and their positive attitudes. I am very proud of Partridge class this week. A big well done for adapting so well and showing how amazing you all are!

**Woodpecker Class:** We kicked off the week with a visit from Chris who worked with the children on some 'doodle-style' portraits as we look ahead to our art gallery at Richmond Station. As ever, he was amazed, as was I, with their creativity and artistic ability! We have started our focus on fractions this week in Maths. Fractions isn't always everybody's favourite unit of Maths but I must say, the children have approached it brilliantly this week and we have made a great start which I'm sure will continue. We have also been using our imaginations in English this week, with our shared writing focusing on imaginative writing - I'm looking forward to seeing what they come up with in their own stories next week!

### Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.