

SO'MORE TIME WITH MISS GALINIS

By Mrs Smith



It is no secret that Miss Galinis loves outdoor learning! Throughout her 19 years at Hartley, she has always championed Forest School and the benefits that outdoor learning can bring, so it seemed a fitting way for her to spend her final few days at Hartley with the children... in the woods!

On Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March, each class was invited to spend some time with Miss Galinis in the woods- and of course, hot chocolate and s'mores were on offer too! Miss Galinis told me that she loved spending time with each class, and for some children, including Florence in Year 5, this was a first experience of s'mores. What a treat!

Thank you, Miss Galinis- the children all loved coming to spend time with you in our beautiful woodland: a special memory for everyone to keep!



TRIPS AT HPA

YEAR 6 VISIT THE RAF MUSEUM

By Jack & Louis

On the 11th January, Year 6 took a trip to the RAF Museum in London where they learned many facts about aircrafts in the World Wars and other key battles in history. They took part in a workshop learning about the Air Raid Wardens, the history of many pilots and the uniforms they would have worn. Term 3's Unit of Inquiry was about conflict and Year 6 had spent some of their history lessons learning about World War II, so this visit to the RAF museum helped them to learn even more. All the children in Year 6 enjoyed it and had lots of fun!



THE GREAT GURDWARA!

By lyla & Ishanvi

In Year 6, the Sikh religion is a priority in the RE curriculum. On the 29th February, we had a brilliant time at the Gurdwara in Gravesend when we explored the beautiful architecture of this religious building. During our time there, we learned about many Sikh traditions including learning how to dress appropriately and even trying some of the Seva (cultural Sikh food) which included *Roti*, *yellow dahl* and *sweet rice for dessert*, which we all agreed was delicious! The Year 6 teachers thought that this would be a very educational experience, expanding our RE knowledge and encouraging open-mindedness, which is one of our IB Learner Profile attributes. Gracie in Cedar Class said: "The food was soooooo delicious and it was great to learn about Sikh traditions". Sammy and Georgia in Redwood Class stated: "The food was delicious and the architecture was amazing!"



TRIPS AT HPA

A VICTORIAN SCHOOL DAY AT KENT LIFE

By Beth R & Diana



On Monday 11th March, Year 2 visited Kent Life (Aylesford, Kent). They explored a Victorian school and went to a workshop where they took part in a Victorian school lesson. The children had to write on slate with chalk- there was no such thing as chrome books in Victorian times! Y2 learned even more information about the Victorian times, as at school this term, they have been learning about Queen Victoria so the visit was linked to their learning. Everyone had a great time and want to go again soon!



Y1'S ZOO-PENDOUS DAY OUT!

By Mrs Smith

On 18th March, Year 1 visited the Fenn Bell Conservation Project in Rochester to find out about the animals who live there, the environment they live in, and how they can help to look after them. The children had a tour of the zoo and a talk from one of the very knowledgeable rangers. They also took part in an eye-spy scavenger hunt, where they had to look out for flamingoes, parrots, lemurs, monkeys, owls and meerkats to name but a few! The rain luckily stayed away and the children had a brilliant time!



TRIPS AT HPA

YOUNG VOICES TAKE TO THE STAGE!

By Mrs Smith



On 15th January, Ms Bayliss and 39 choir members from Years 4,5 and 6 spent the afternoon at the O2 Arena rehearsing with 8,000 children from schools across the country for the Young Voices experience. The choir signed up in October and from then, were dedicated by attending weekly rehearsals. Leading up to the big day, the children had 2 weeks where they met each day to ensure they were O2-ready!

Children taking part in Young Voices have the opportunity to perform in some of the world's greatest arenas alongside incredible artists. To achieve this with all their school friends around them for support, it helps their self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and ability to communicate as part of a team - which is invaluable! Add to this the numerous health benefits of singing in rehearsals, including breathing exercises to focus the mind- it's no wonder that the event was so popular!

The children (and adults accompanying them) performed amazingly on the night and it is definitely an experience that will stay with them for many years to come.



HPA NEWS

YEAR 5 GO GLOBAL!



By Mrs Smith



As many of you know, Hartley Primary Academy is very proud to be an International Baccalaureate World School. This means that our curriculum focuses not only on the knowledge and skills set out in the National Curriculum, but also on global issues- it's a big world out there and we are proud to be global learners!

In Term 3, Year 5 had an amazing opportunity to connect with a school in India (The Prodigies International School). The children had spent weeks putting together and performing a presentation explaining the human and physical features of our school and its surrounding areas. They then had the chance to organise a virtual meeting where they were able to discuss their presentation and listen to children at the Prodigies International School share information about the human and physical features in India. Miss Anderson said: "The children then had a Q&A session with the children in India and came up with some really amazing questions- we are looking forward to building this relationship in the future!"



SNAP-TASTIC SKILLS SHARED!

By Erin & Bethany G

On Tuesday 12th March, one of our parents, Chris Turvey, visited the Hartley Herald Newspaper Club and told us about how cameras work because he is a professional photographer. He told us how to use a long lens and a short, wide lens. As well as that, Chris let us see through both whilst one camera was on a tripod and one had a strap. Chris also let us take some snapshots - pictures - on them. He also taught us how to edit the pictures that were taken. He talked to us about how photographs can be edited- or manipulated- and, using a recent example from the media, we talked about the ethics of this. Thank you to Chris for coming in to speak to the Newspaper Club about his career in photography- it was really interesting!



If you would like to come into school to talk about your career, please contact Mrs Smith!

HPA EVENTS

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS!

By Georgia & Poppy

As we did last year, we chose a word and dressed up as it for the Vocabulary Parade, which took place on the 4th March. It was called a Vocabulary Parade to celebrate all of the wonderful words in the English language. Each class had a winning word, and they each received a book prize for their amazing efforts! Here are all of the winners, from Reception up to Year 6! (We also had some fabulous efforts from the staff too!)



SNOZZCUMBERS AND FROBSCOTTLE...IT'S THE BFG!

By Mrs Smith

On Tuesday 5th March, KS1 and KS2 were treated to special performances from 'The BFG Storyteller' (also known as Anthony Pedley, who played the part of the BFG in the original stage production). He told the story of Sophie and her adventures in Giant Country with the loveable, whizzpopping Big Friendly Giant! All the major characters from Roald Dahl's much-loved book were brought to life in this tale of dreams, queens, giants, and snozzcumbers! The children were captivated and thoroughly enjoyed the performance!



HPA EVENTS

EVEN MORE WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS!

By Georgia, Poppy & Cesare

To celebrate World Book Day on the 7th March, a book swap took place, with each student bringing in a book that they had read and enjoyed but no longer wanted. The books that the children brought in were swapped with another child, allowing them to experience a new book. Everyone went home very happy and excited to read a new book!



**RED
NOSE
DAY**

CRAZY COMICAL COMEDIANS!

By Iyla, Dylan, Georgia & Mrs Smith

On Friday 15th March, we took part in our traditional fundraising activities to raise money for Comic Relief. This year, we hosted a comedy show where everyone had the chance to audition for a comedy act. The best acts (one from each class) got the chance to perform in assembly in front of the whole school in our 'HPA Comical Extravaganza'! It was hilarious! 7 fabulous acts performed, each showcasing their humorous talents! Lots of them performed jokes, songs and funny dances. One act even managed to plant cream pies in the faces of Ms Bayliss and Mr Parrick in a children vs adults quiz! As well as this, lots of children dressed up in funny clothing or as a funny character, and of course, there were lots of red noses too! Many food and toiletry donations were also contributed and very gratefully received by the ladies at the Community Cupboard, who also came along to enjoy the celebrations in school. Thank you to Ms Bayliss and the School Council for organising this event.



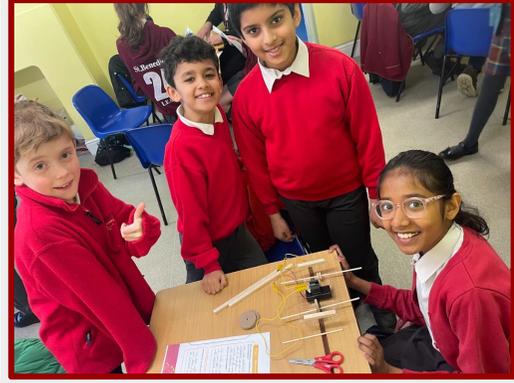
School Council with the donations
for the Community Cupboard

HPA EVENTS

STEM SUCCESS!

By Ishanvi

On the 12th March, 4 children from Yr 5 and 6 were chosen to represent our school in a Stem competition at St Andrews School in Rochester. With a challenging mix of science, technology and maths, we had to create a moving transporter that ran on a real mini-motor that we created ourselves. Using great teamwork and knowledge from school, we came in 4th place.



PUPIL & PLANT PARTNERSHIP!

By Louis



In December, the Wellbeing Ambassadors all came together in assembly and gave out plants to each class which they gave names to. Some of the names included: Enid, Charlie and Mabel. We chose these certain plants because they can last a long time without water. We have added plants to the classroom so that they can absorb the carbon dioxide we breathe out, and help to produce more oxygen for us! What a partnership!



ROCKING AROUND BRITAIN!

On 20th and 21st February, the Year 3 children took part in a 'Rocking Around Britain' workshop, learning about different types of rocks and soils. Mr Andrew Berry came in and taught the students. They were able to use different scientific equipment to examine and investigate rocks and soils, and the children even had a go at making their own fossils! This workshop was a brilliant way to extend the learning that has taken place in Year 3's science lessons this term.

By Lily, Erin & Mrs Smith



SPORT AT HPA

Read on to find out about our recent sporting activities!

BOCCIA & KURLING FESTIVAL

By Bethany G & Erin

On Wednesday, 24th January, a group of twelve Year 1 & Year 2 children took part in a Boccia and Kurling festival at Cobham Hall. They went with Miss Beck and Mrs Burgess. The students went to this event because it gives them an insight to sports they would not normally undertake. The children took part in different activities throughout the morning, and they had a great time!



CHALLENGING CHEERLEADING!

By Beth C & Bethany G

On the 8th February, Miss Sangha and Mrs Seagers took some Year 5 and 6 children to Northfleet School for Girls to take part in a Cheerleading Festival. The aim of the festival was to teach and encourage cheerleading. The children learned how to lift, dance, do tricks like cartwheels, handstands/handstands to bridge and many more. The children made an amazing routine in just 30 minutes. The Year 5s and 6s all had an amazing time and took home some fantastic cheer skills. Miss Sangha stated: "Mrs Seagers and I are very proud of all of them. We put a routine together in 30 minutes, which was very impressive. The children had a terrific time. Congratulations to all of them!"



SPORT AT HPA

FABULOUS FOOTBALLERS!

By Beth R & Mrs Fewell



On 1st February, and in their first competitive match, the HPA girls football team showed resilience and determination against a confident Shears Green team. Although we did not win the match, the girls improved in confidence with every quarter and were rewarded with a goal to celebrate. The referee and the Shears Green coach were very complimentary about the girls attitude and commitment throughout the match. Mrs Brown and Mrs Fewell were extremely proud of the way the girls continued to battle and improve their performance with each quarter. Well done girls.



On 9th March, Hartley boys competed in the Riverview 7s tournament. They played 5 matches in the group stage, winning 1-0 against St John's, drawing 0-0 against Painters Ash and Meopham, losing 1-0 to Riverview and New Ash Green. We made it through to the semi-finals, where we faced a rematch with St John's. It was a really exciting but tense game which ended 0-0 after full time and 0-0 after extra time. The semi-final ended in a penalty shoot out, which unfortunately, St John's won! The boys showed amazing team spirit throughout the competition and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship after each match. "It was a pleasure spending a Saturday morning with the team. They gave 100% effort in every match and encouraged and supported each other, as always. Well done boys!" said Mrs Fewell.



SUPER SLAM DUNK!

By Iyla

On the 18th January, 9 children from Years 5 & 6 were selected to represent the school in a basketball competition at Northfleet Technology College. We warmed up by shooting and dribbling practice followed by our first match. Overall, it was an amazing and fun event, even though at first we were not very sure how to play. We cheered on the other players and had a great time. It was definitely a huge success. Harlan in Year 6 said: "Everyone showed great sportsmanship as well as it being an overall great competition. Even though some were better than others, it didn't matter, as everyone worked as a team and were great players".



SPORT AT HPA

Read on to find out even more about our amazing sporting achievements this term!

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO!

By Beth C & Jack



On the 29th February and the 1st March, we took some amazing Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to an athletics competition at Cobham Hall and competed in a series of running, throwing and jumping competitions. Throughout the tournament, the children kept a positive and sporting attitude and tried their best in all events. Mrs Bransgrove even took part in a teacher javelin competition while they added up the scores! We all had fun doing it. It all paid off as Year 3 and 4 came 4th and Year 5 and 6 came 3rd and received bronze medals. Well done to all the children who took part in the competition!



PERFECT PLAYGROUND PALS!

By Aanya & Lily

On the 17th January 2024, a group of students from Years 5 went to a Playground Leadership festival. In this festival, they were taught a variety of different games so that they could teach KS1 those games to play at their play time. The Y5 & Y6 children have dedicated their time to be able to help and play with the younger children during their lunch times.

STAFF NEWS

WARM WELCOMES & FOND FAREWELLS!

By Erin, Bethany G, Diana, Beth R & Mrs Smith



On Friday 23rd February, we wished a very fond farewell to an amazing Teaching Assistant who had worked at Hartley Primary Academy for 20 years. Mrs Olley worked all over the school and supported lots of children with their learning in that time. We wish Mrs Olley a happy and restful time in whatever she chooses to do next, and she has promised to come back and see us very soon!



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Hayes gave birth to a bouncing baby boy just after Christmas! She has already been into school to introduce us to baby Michael- he is adorable!



We would like to wish Mrs Palmer lots of happiness as she begins her maternity leave after Easter. We are all very excited to know if she is having a baby boy or girl, but we will have to wait a few more weeks to find out! We can't wait to see her soon with her new 'bundle of joy'! We look forward to welcoming our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Emma Johnson, who will be teaching Cedar Class for the rest of the academic year.

As you all know, we are bidding a fond farewell to our wonderful Principal, Miss Galinis, who, after 19 years at HPA, is ready to spread her wings and start a new adventure as Headteacher at Wrotham Road Primary School in Gravesend. We will all miss her very much but know that this is not goodbye, just cheerio and see you soon! Thank you for everything you have done here, Miss Galinis- we hope you are very happy in your new school!



Finally, we look forward to welcoming the new Principal of Hartley Primary Academy, Mr Stuart Mitchell, who joins us after Easter. Mr Mitchell is an experienced senior leader and has been Vice Principal at Dartford Primary Academy for the past four and a half years. He has been here visiting the school each week over the last term, and has already got to know many members of staff and has popped into classrooms to introduce himself to the children. Mr Mitchell said: *"I am excited to join the Hartley Primary community as the new Principal. I am eager to collaborate with the dedicated staff, engage with the vibrant student body, and foster strong relationships with parents. I look forward to our journey ahead"*.

THE NEWS TEAM

Here is our amazing news team!



Aanya



Bethany G



Diana



Beth R



Lily



Erin



Poppy



Ishanvi



Iyla



Beth C



Georgia



Jack



Louis



Dylan

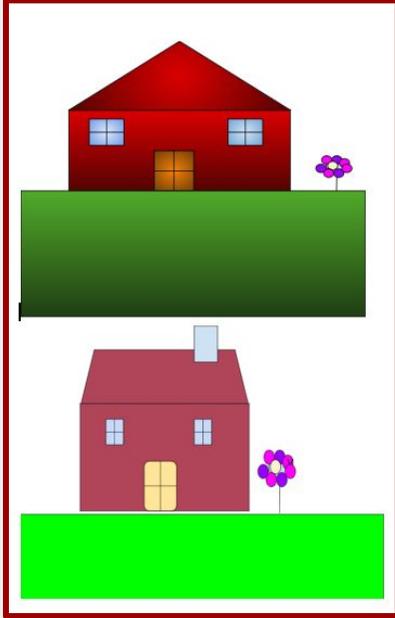


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We really hope you have enjoyed reading the 2nd edition of the Hartley Herald Newspaper!
Look out for our next edition coming in the summer!

PUZZLE PAGE

Our news team thought you might like these!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

WORDSEARCH

JOLLY JOKE CORNER!

Why can't you do a maths test in a jungle?

Why did the echo get a detention on the first day?

What is the longest word in a dictionary?

Why did the student eat his homework?

What did the ghost teach teacher say to the class?

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Beth.C	Beth.R	Bethany	Louis	Jack	Ishanvi	Iyla	Cesare
Georgia	Diana	Dylan	Liby	Aanya	Erin	Mrs Smith	Poppy



JOLLY JOKE CORNER: ANSWERS
 There are too many cheetahs.
 It kept answering back.
 Smiles because there is a mile between each s.
 Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake.
 Look at the board and I'll go through it again.