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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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Lent has been a time of reflection, prayer and new beginnings. Next week we will remember the Easter story both in class and at church as we prepare for Holy Week. We are very proud of all the children and the way in which they endeavour to help others through their fundraising activities, especially during Lent.

It has been a very busy term. So many children have been involved in different clubs, sporting events, outdoor learning and fundraising activities. There are plenty of pictures to be seen on the website if you would like to know more about what has been happening at school.

Academically, the children have made such big strides in catching up any lost learning, and again we are very pleased with how well they are all doing. Year 6, are getting ready to face the challenge of SATs when we get back to school after the break. They have worked hard all year and are ready for what lies ahead.

Netball

Last Monday, a group of pupils went to Kingshill School to enjoy a developmental netball afternoon. They did us proud and won 6 games! Although there was no overall winner on the day, they certainly did a fabulous job of keeping all their competitors on their toes!

On Tuesday, another group of pupils went to Kingshill to take part in a netball competition. They all played incredibly well against some much bigger schools. It was noted by one of the Year 11 umpires, how supportive they all were of each other. Their hard work paid off and they were victorious, winning the whole competition. They were awarded with their gold medals on the day.

Thanks goes to Mrs Owen and Ms Clarke, for all the work they did with the children leading up to the competition. Thank you also to all the enthusiastic parent supporters.



Cross Country



Four children took part in the County Finals earlier in the month. They did incredibly well on a (very) hilly and challenging course. And of course, they supported each other in the normal lovely Hatherop way.

The results were as follows:

Harley 55th

Ebba 52nd

Perse 16th

Ellie May 30th

There were about 90/100 runners in each race, so a big step up for them all.

Congratulations and thank you to them all for representing our school. Thank you also to parents and Ms Clarke for being at the event to support.

Outdoor Learning

Kingfisher class had a super Outdoor Learning Day at Lea Woods in spite of the pouring rain. We started our visit with a walk around the wood searching for items that might be useful in our Stone Age camp. We then mixed paint using earth and water and covered our shelter in cave paintings. Next, we worked together to build dens. After lunch, we made clay pots and tooth jewellery. Finally, we finished off a very soggy day with toasted marshmallows around the campfire. I was really impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and positivity throughout the day even when cold, muddy and very wet. **Ms Howard**



World Book Day

On the 3rd of March it was World Book Day. This year the children were given the task of creating a diorama or a potato character from one of their favourite books. We had so many superb entries, below are just a few. Well done to everyone for completing the work at home.

On the day, Kingfisher class participated in a World Book Day scavenger hunt, looking for clues around their classroom.



Ukraine Appeal

Earlier this month Skylark class completed their unit of work on 'caring for the world and the people in it', by holding a jumble sale to raise money for the children of Ukraine. The event was very well attended and they raised £137. The PTA also held a cake sale on the same day taking our total raised to over £300.



New Chromebooks

Thank you to the PTA who provided us with 10 new Chromebooks. They have been a wonderful addition to our existing technology and will certainly enhance the children's learning.



Easter Worship

In preparation for Holy Week, Rev Brignall will lead worship for the children next Thursday. The service will take place at the church and start at 2:15pm. All families welcome.



Red Nose Day

Thank you to the school council who helped to raise money for comic relief this month. They spent their break times selling Red Noses and arranged a Red Nose and Spoon Race complete with obstacles. All the classes took part in the relays made even more fun by the fact that they were dressed up for Science Day too! Together we raised a total of £258. Thank you all for your support.



Wow Board

At Hatherop, we like to hear about the children's achievements outside of school. These achievements are shared during celebration worship. We would also like to invite you to send in photos and a short write up to display on our WOW board.

Progress Award

Well done to Perse who was awarded the progress award at the start of this term.



Experience Lent

Today we learned about the importance of Lent and what Christians do to celebrate it. We went to the church where we were given a tour by Mrs Dugdale and Mrs Cullum (one of our school governors). There were six different stations that we were taken around. Each station had a different thing to learn, about Lent, such as how Christians try to let go of their bad emotions.

We learned all about how Jesus survived for 40 days in a desert and resisted temptation. At the first station we learned all about travel through Lent and on the third station we touched clothes made of sackcloth. While we were not walking around the church we drew Easter eggs and decorated them.

By Joe, James, Kayla and Rex (Year 6)



Science Week

To mark British Science Week all classes engaged in a number of activities based on the theme 'Growth'.

Amongst other things, Skylark Class investigated the best way to blow the biggest bubble, Kingfisher investigated the texture of soil (as healthy soil is important for plants to grow) and Red Kite used their engineering skills to investigate how stretchy slime is. To end the week everyone got to dress up to personify 'Growth'. There were some fantastic costumes!



<u>Dates for the Diary:</u>	
7 th April 2022	Easter Service at church 2:15pm- all welcome
8 th April 2022	Easter Egg Hunt Celebration Worship – 1:30pm Term ends – 2pm
25 th April 2022	Term 5 starts
29 th April 2022	Lifebus Visit
2 May 2022	Bank Holiday
6 th May 2022	Rabbi Visit
9 th -12 th May 2022	SATS week: Year 6
18 th -20 th May 2022	Year5/6 Residential Visit
25 th May 2022	Outdoor Learning: Skylark/Red Kite
27 th May 2022	Jubilee Celebrations in School Term Ends
6 th June 2022	INSET Day
7 th June 2022	Term 6 starts
15 th June 2022	Outdoor Learning: Year 4
16 th June 2022	Sculpture Show: Year 4/5/6
24 th June 2022	Rags to Riches Collection