

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'



Heytesbury C E Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

It's been a busy week with lots going on!

Badgers Class had a wonderful time at PGL on The Isle of Wight last weekend. The activities varied from abseiling to vertical climbing challenges to buggy building and much more; the cabin accommodation was comfortable and there was plenty of food! As we waited for the ferry to come home, one of the other passengers commented on what a well behaved group of children we were! There are a few sample photos below though we will put more on Badgers page of the website. A huge thank you to Mrs Bourne, Mrs Bird and Katie Bourne for giving up their weekend to enable the residential.



Yesterday was Sports Day. It was so strange not having the parents there though the children appeared to enjoy themselves anyway. Thank you Mrs Stevens for organizing all the events.



“Working together so all may flourish”



Today, Foxes' Class visited Stonehenge as part of their history learning.

Also today, we said a temporary 'goodbye' to Mrs Stevens who has started her maternity leave earlier than planned because of Covid guidance. She wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who sent in baby gifts – both she and Baby Stevens have been spoiled rotten. We are looking forward to meeting the new arrival in the autumn.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Godfrey & Team

This week's achievements

Maths Passports:

North America : Mexico – Imogen
Australasia : New Zealand – Amelia
North America : USA - Sam

DIAMOND

Charlie Bnt

Ruby

Barney

EMERALD

Kai

DIAMOND = SOLVING PROBLEMS
SAPPHIRE = KEEPING FOCUS MONSTER DISTRACTION
EMERALD = RESILIENCE/PERSEVERANCE
RUBY = SUPPORTING OTHERS



ROWAN
NEVEAH

LEARNING CORNER

Badgers:

It's been a short week for us as we were climbing walls and vertical poles as well as shooting archery arrows on Monday, then had a late start to school on Tuesday. In maths, we have continued our learning about geometry – angles and shapes.

In history, the children researched facts about the Olympic Games. We found some interesting facts, for example, married women weren't allowed to watch the Olympics and if they were caught doing so, they would be thrown off the side of a mountain. Some of the sports included: chariot racing, javelin, boxing and wrestling and running.

In science, we continued to learn about inheritance and variation. The children had to problem solve a story about two children and identify the traits they had inherited from their birth parents and those which they had developed from their environment.

Foxes:

This week Foxes have been working hard writing complex sentences to describe a character. The children have learnt about how to include a sentence description within a story opening.

In Maths, we have continued with our learning on time. Year 3 have been practising telling the time to 15 minutes on a digital 24hour clock, while year 2 have been securing their knowledge on telling the time to 5 minutes.

Otters:

Otters class reminded themselves of the 'Selfish Crocodile' story. Then they drew pictures of the story sequence to help them retell the story. They retold the story using ideas and vocabulary from the book. In PSHE we discussed how human babies change as they grow up. We talked about how our bodies change as we get older as well as the things we can do. In art, we used aboriginal drawings of animals to inspire our own artwork

Dear parent/guardian,

Some of you will know me from school but I'm Tom Hartshorn, I'm the chair of the Heytesbury School Academy Council (and a parent to three children in school) As a council, our role is to be responsible for the conduct of Heytesbury school and to promote high standards. Our aim is to ensure that children are attending an effective school which provides them with a good education and supports their well-being. With the exciting changes that are happening next school year we thought it the ideal time to look at involving more people in the Heytesbury academy council and invite you to come and join us and be involved in what happens in the school, supporting and creating the nurturing environment Heytesbury school provides. The time commitment is relatively small, we meet four times in a school year (currently via Teams online) and then have regular updates and catchup's throughout the year, depending on your specific input, via in-person meets (or Teams meetings online), school gate chats, emails and calls.

We're also restructuring how the academy council is run by offering a number of different roles/responsibilities. These being: ● Parental engagement ● Local Community ● Culture, vision and ethos ● Behaviour and reward ● Communication, marketing and perception ● Extra-Curricular

If you would like to find out more about being involved, I would invite you to speak to me directly, if you don't know me then just ask one of the teaching staff to point me out. Email me on: th@heytesbury.wilts.sch.uk Or speak to the school office who will be able to liaise with me so we can arrange a time to meet. This is an exciting opportunity that doesn't come around that often so we would urge you to get involved now. This is also open to any Hedgehog parents that are looking to move their children up to Heytesbury School in the coming years or any parents, grandparents etc that would like to get involved

I look forward to speaking with you or meeting you soon.

Best wishes, Tom Hartshorn
Academy Council Chair
Heytesbury School

A word from one of our Executive Headteachers, Max Burr... Hello.

My name is Max Burr and I am one of the Executive Headteachers for the Acorn Education Trust. One of my roles is overseeing the Academy Councils of the Trust.

I would just like to reinforce what Mr. Hartshorn has said so well above. It's a great opportunity to support the school, understand how it works and also work with and understand the Trust as well.

I hope it is something you can give thought to.

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