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For safeguarding, the school office will be closed from 8.35am-8.50am and 3.15pm-3.25pm daily. This is to allow the children to enter and exit the site safely. Please call or use the intercom during these times for assistance.

Friday 5th July 2024

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

- 8th July – RNLI Water Safety Talks
- 10th July – Parks class assembly – parents invited 8:50am
- 10th July – Transition Picnic and activities
- 10th July – Meet your child's new teacher – 3:20pm – 3:45pm
- 12th July – Tolkien class Swimming

- 16th July – Year 6 Production matinee performance 1:30pm
- 17th July – Whole school transition activities
- 17th July – Year 6 Production evening performance – 7pm
- 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Christ Church (Y5 children to attend) Y6 Parents welcome
- 18th July – 100 Club – 100% attendance prize beach trip
- 18th July – Year 6 Leavers festival 3:30pm – 5:30pm

19th July – End of Term 6 – 1:15pm finish (After School Club closed)

We began the week with Sports Day and what a lovely day it was! The children took part with enthusiasm and eagerly supported each other through the many and varied races. The whole day had been expertly organised by Mr Hobbs and his team and our Sports Leaders energetically supported to ensure that both events ran smoothly. The winning teams for upper and lower school were:

- Hawks** - Year 3 & 4
- Eagles** - Years 5 & 6

Once the points for the upper and lower school were combined, **Eagles** were announced the overall 2024 HBJS Sports Day winners!

Throughout the week, the children have had the opportunity to take part in a variety of Sports at break and lunch times. For some, the activities may be new to them; hopefully they will feel inspired to continue to be active throughout the summer break.

Next Wednesday 10th July we will be holding our Transition Picnic lunch where the children will spend time with their new teachers and support staff. If your child usually has a lunch from the canteen, please ensure that you click on the link below to

order a picnic lunch **by Monday morning**.
<https://forms.office.com/e/F50rhaKsD6>

You will be able to briefly meet with your child's new teacher, in their new classroom, after school on 10th July.

On Thursday 18th July, we will be holding our very first 'Leavers Fest' – a festival for our Year 6 children to celebrate their time at HBJS with their friends. Attractions will include:

- Fun stalls to purchase small gift items and sweets
- Tattoos
- An outdoor disco
- Free BBQ
- Games
- Photo Area (for parents to take photos of their child)

The festival will run from 3:30pm – 5:30pm and Year 6 parents (only) are invited to join us from 5pm – 5:30pm to take photos. Please ensure that you have read the letter emailed home to you today.

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ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 92.66%.
Overall attendance this year to date is 92.65%.

Parks class achieved 97+% attendance this week. Well done!

32 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.
115 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

61 late codes have been recorded this week:

Year 3 – 16

Year 4 – 17

Year 5 – 17

Year 6 – 11

All children must arrive at school **by 8:45am** each day to avoid being coded as 'late'. A late arrival results in a disrupted start to the day. Learning begins at 8:45am: a child arriving late will find it difficult to join in a lesson that has already started.

Early Morning Sports Club is **free of charge** and open for all children to attend. It starts promptly at **8:20am** each day. Please consider this if your child is held up by you dropping siblings to other schools.

HOUSE POINTS

Eagles are the winners this week with 353 house points – well done!

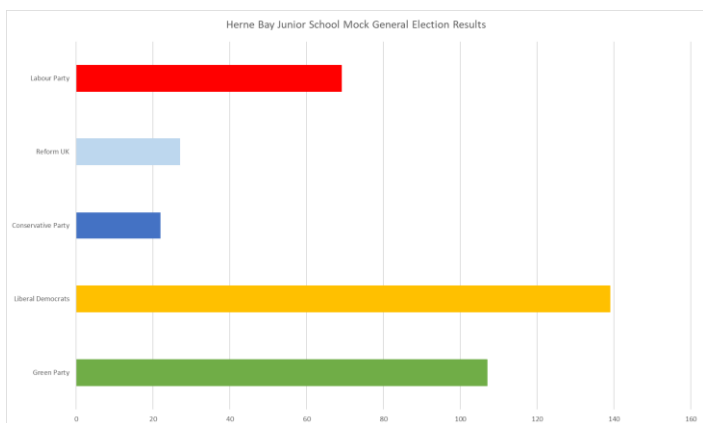
Kestrels - 338 house points

Hawks – 277 house points

Falcons – 238 house points

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

Herne Bay Junior School Mock General Election



Yesterday, voters across the nation went to the polls to select our new government and the country has chosen a Labour government, but who would our pupils have chosen? Students at Herne Bay Junior School have had the chance to learn a little more about our political system and the democratic processes we go through when selecting a new government.

We had a wonderfully engaging assembly last week from a company called Simple Politics. The children then explored a child-friendly version of each political party manifesto. Yesterday, they too went to the polls to cast their vote, alongside many local primary schools, in a mock general election and the votes have now been counted and confirmed... It was a tight race between two parties but the Liberal Democrats came out on top followed closely by the Green Party.

Kent Music School - Music Lessons for Children

Today, Mr Harrington from Kent Music School gave an inspiring demonstration of talent playing the electric guitar. The children were really engaged and interested in the recognisable tunes that he played. Many showed an interest in taking up a musical instrument themselves.

Kent Music School provide creative and inspiring music lessons for children, young people and adults across Kent. With decades of experience teaching generations of young musicians, hundreds of talented teachers and staff, and a passion for music in all forms, they are experts in making music lessons which work for all students.

At Herne Bay Junior School, we welcome the opportunity for children to learn to play a musical instrument. Kent Music School are able to deliver lessons 'in-house' and offer a range of instruments. Click on the following link to find out more:
<https://www.kent-music.com/music-lessons/>

We do have a number of instruments that children can learn with but Kent Music offer a hiring service:
<https://www.kent-music.com/musical-instrument-hire/>

If you would like your child to learn to play an instrument but would need financial support, click this link for further information:
<https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/>

SEN NEWS

Public Consultation

Kent is currently reviewing provision for children with SEN. This includes proposed changes to Designation of Special School places and Admission Guidance. The Local Authority want to ensure that those children with the highest, complex level of need are able to access state-funded provision. Seeking the experience of parents is valuable and could sway the future for children currently struggling to access school. Please use the link to participate in the online engagement. There are public events to attend or simply engage in the questions to ensure parental voice is heard using: [public consultation webpage](#)

For more information about the proposed changes, see the link below.
[Special Schools Review: proposed changes to designations and admissions guidance | Let's talk Kent](#)

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FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Supporting your Child with starting Primary School: Online Workshop

Is your child about to start primary school? Would you like to come and meet with other parents & carers and learn about ways to support your child with this step in their lives? You are invited to join an online workshop on Tuesday 9th July, 12.30-2.30pm, where we will think about how to prepare and support your child with this. We will consider challenges and concerns and discuss techniques that you can use at home to help them feel ready for starting primary school. If you would like to join, please click the link in the poster attached.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

Online Trolling

The term “trolling” refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn’t dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

The #wakeupwednesday guide attached, explores the phenomenon of online trolling, detailing its risks and letting you know how to safeguard children from this harmful behaviour.

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded:

Mr Rowland and Mrs Hewitt nominated Grace for Patch. Mrs Hewitt said, “I nominate Grace, in Kahlo class, for her selfless act of kindness during Sports Day. When her classmate slipped during their race, although Grace was in front of her and placed to come 3rd in the race, she stopped, turned and went back to support her friend, who she helped up and encouraged to finish. Such amazing kindness.”

Nominated:

Miss Guise nominated Blossom and Rose M, in Tolkien class, for Patch for being incredibly helpful to the Year 2 children at lunchtime on transition day. Their kindness did not go unnoticed.

Banneker class nominated Miss Leeks for Patch. They said “We would like to nominate Miss Leeks as she has been fun, kind and joyful this year. She makes us all smile and we don’t know what we’d do without her. Her next class is very lucky to have her. Miss Leeks, you have a special place in our hearts.”

Ava nominated Lennon, in DaVinci Class, for Patch. Ava said “My best friend went on holiday for a week and on the day he left, I had a terrible day. I said to Lennon that I cannot survive a week without talking to Fred because he comforts me. Lennon told me that I could speak to him if I need to talk to someone.”

Ella, in Picasso class, nominated Erin, in Banneker class. Ella said “Since world book day, and being paired up, Erin has helped me. She says hi and give me hugs so I want to nominate her for Patch.”

Kardelen, in Hawking class, nominated Mrs Deacon and Mrs Smith in the kitchen. Kardelen said “I would like them to get Patch because they always make the best lunches, like their amazing fish! They are also very kind all the time.”

ROCKING READERS

This week’s Rocking Readers are Johnson class who had an average of 100% in their quiz scores! The class average minutes spent reading was 28 minutes. This is the 2nd time this term that Johnson class have won the Rocking Reader trophy – well done!

TT ROCK STARS

Banneker class won the TT Rockstars trophy this week! Despite being busy with transition and production rehearsals, Banneker have still managed to find time to practise their times tables. Keep it up, children!

SPORTS AWARD

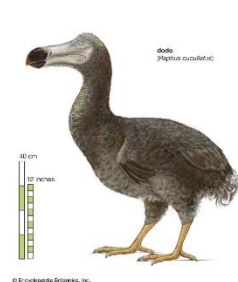
Mr Hobbs awarded the Sports Cup to Grace Vivash this week. He gave this for the same reason she was awarded Patch – for care and compassion to another child during Sports Day. What wonderful attributes to role model to others, Grace.

SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday, Miss O’Donnell and Mrs Brett took their Dance squad to Bougton to take part in a regional competition. Our team performed to perfection and came home winning 1st place! Well done children!

MR FOREMAN’S ECO CORNER

Dead as a Dodo



A while back, I was told that every minute that passes, one species on earth becomes extinct. That’s 10,080 forms of life every week. I never really took much notice of it as I thought that can’t be true. But this week I thought I’d have a look and see how much truth there is to this urban myth.

Firstly, we don’t know exactly what’s out there or how many species there are. It’s a big and complex world and we discover new species all the time.

So, if we don’t know how much there is to begin with, we don’t know exactly how much we’re losing. Estimates put the number of species on our planet between 2 – 100 million, that’s quite a

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big range. But we do have lots of facts and figures that seem to indicate that the extinction rate isn't good.

To give you an idea, let's go through one scientific analysis. The rapid loss of species we are seeing today is estimated by experts to be between 1,000 and 10,000 times higher than the natural extinction rate. This higher extinction rate is due to human activity.

These experts calculate that between 0.01 and 0.1% of all species will become extinct each year.

If the low estimate of the number of species out there is true - i.e. that there are around 2 million different species on our planet - then that means between 200 and 2,000 extinctions occur every year (3 – 38 species a week). But, if the upper estimate of species numbers is true - that there are 100 million different species co-existing with us on our planet - then between 10,000 and 100,000 species are becoming extinct each year (19 – 1923 a week).

Even if you take the top of the estimated limit it's not near the 1-a-minute statement that I was told, but it's still quite a sobering thought.

And what's the impact of fewer and fewer species on our planet? It is a bit complex, but generally it boils down to the food chain.

The lack of smaller insects due to a smaller diversity of vegetation means that larger animals have less food to eat resulting in a decline of their numbers and so on and so forth until it reaches us at the top of the food chain. This is a really simplified example but you see the impact it could have on us as a species. This is why it's so important to ensure a large and rich biodiversity and why so much effort goes into projects such as wild flower meadows and reforestation projects. Being green isn't just about recycling and energy saving, it's about looking after the plants and animals that we share the world with too.



Eco dates this week

Plastic Free July

Try to reduce how much plastic you buy during the month of July. Make a concerted effort to buy loose fruit and vegetables and plastic free versions of things you would normally buy.

Don't step on a bee day – 10th July

“Without the tireless work of our native bees in the UK, over a third of everything we eat would disappear from our tables. Bees are so vitally important for the planet's ecosystem, and yet they are still under threat like never before.” How can you get involved? Obviously, don't step on a bee! But you can also plant wildflowers, avoid mowing your lawn so often and even learn about all the different bees that can be found in the UK.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF)

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

The HAF is a government scheme that provides funding for every local authority in England to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities for children that receive income related FSM. For more information, please see the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2023>

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, they will be eligible to attend this camp. You will need to use your Evoucher that you have received this week and select the **Inclusive Sport-Herne Bay Camp** to make and confirm your booking.

MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM – SKIRMISH THROUGH TIME

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer giving information of a historical event at Manston History Museum 13th & 14th July.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified by their class teachers as this week's Stars of the Week. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

Parks Amber Francis
Shakespeare Mason Ryder
Tolkien Blossom Williamson-Bass

Da Vinci Ella Waite
Dali Yaqub Uddin
Kahlo Griffith Nkrumah
Picasso Toby Powell

Anning Evie Wright
Curie Ziyad Barakat
Hawking Willow Barratt
Jemison Amelia Robinson

Banneker Erica Prevett
Johnson Logan Skinner
Nightingale Matilda Buss
Turing Ellis Crowley

TA RECOGNITION AWARD

Each week, our TAs recognise those children who consistently shine as positive role models to others during break and lunch times. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

This week's awards go to:

Year 3 Nina Stolecki
Year 4 Lexi Crowther
Year 5 Sophie Barton
Year 6 Erica Prevett

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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