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HURST GREEN NEWS

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Nursery children starting school in September

If you have a child who will be starting school for the first time in September 2022, you need to apply for their school place as soon as possible – the closing date is the 15th January. Copy and paste the address below into your browser to complete the application: <https://eyeeonline.eastsussex.gov.uk/synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

If you haven't yet seen our Facebook page, go and have a look and like us!

Miss Flack

Christmas Fair – NEXT SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER 11-2pm

We are going ahead with the Christmas Fair, but it will look a little different this year. It will be cold as we plan to have a lot of it outside to keep everyone in the fresh air. There will be the usual stalls, the famous raffle in which there are fantastic prizes to be won and there will be a visit from the big guy in red too! Put the date in your diary and if you haven't already volunteered, but would like to, pop in to the office and let Mrs Fountain or Mrs Skinner know. It promises to be fresh but FUN!

Anti-Bullying Week next week: 'One Kind Word'

Next week we will be talking about kindness which is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last eighteen months has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week. We will be teaching lessons that help to promote kindness. We will also discuss what to do if an incident of bullying occurs and how to get help and support.

Ask if someone's OK. Say you're sorry. Just say Hi.

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point.

It can change someone's perspective.

It can change their day.

It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness.

So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.

It starts with one kind word. It starts today.

Have a look at our anti-bullying policy on the school website:

<https://hurstgreen.e-sussex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Anti-Bullying-Policy-September-2021.pdf>

Collective Worship – Compassion

This week has centred around people in need and showing them our compassion. We have reflected upon the needs of refugees in this country. Jesus said 'Our neighbour is anyone who needs our help'. This indicates that we can show compassion to people across the world as well as people who are close by, sometimes by helping them get something done, sometimes just by listening.



Nursery

It has been Nursery rhyme week in Little Acorns. We sang Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and then made our own stars. We have been finding things that begin with the letter 's' – see what you can spot at home with your child. We also read 'My house is a squash and a squeeze' and we thought it was very funny!

Willow

This week we have been learning the songs and rehearsing for our nativity performance. We have learnt rules for counting and have been practising counting in order. We made our own Supertato characters and 'Wanted' posters for the Evil Pea. We also had good fun rescuing the Evil Peas from the jelly!

Head Teacher Award: Seraphina for trying very hard to write her 's' the right way round.

Reader of the week: Ida

Silver Birch

This week in Silver Birch we have enjoyed making repeating patterns with 2 and 3D shapes. We have worked hard in phonics learning the split diagraphs and using them in our writing- remembering to add the 'e' on the end. The stars have been practising their lines for our forthcoming Nativity performance.

Head Teacher Award Yr 1: Abigail for excellent stage direction and acting.

Head Teacher Award Yr 2: Freya for improving her writing and reading.

Reader of the week: Jack

Chestnut

In Chestnut we have turned into reporters this week, planning and writing Newspaper reports about the Amesbury Archer. In Maths we have been focusing on the three times table using inverse operations. The children enjoyed our scientific investigation discovering magnetic materials, and we found time to listen to different styles of music and identify the instruments used in each piece too! A well deserved weekend awaits!

Head Teacher Award Yr 3: Michaella for her amazing work in Maths

Reader of the week: Winny

Maple

Christmas has come early in Maple this week as we have been busy preparing for the Christmas Fair, making our own copy of the classic poem 'A Visit from Saint Nicholas'. It has also been a week to review our Maths learning as we come to the end of our unit on multiplication and division, practising using multiples of ten and consolidating our use of written methods. In English, our work on 'shown, not tell' has really paid off, as the children have written fantastic stories about nautical adventures. Our French vocabulary now extends to items in our pencil case, and we have learnt about the history of French inventions. Bonne weekend!

Head Teacher Award Yr 4: Chloe Stockdale for working hard to improve her story writing.

Head Teacher Award Yr 5: Filip for trying hard in all subjects and making great progress.

Reader of the week: Amelia

Oak

In Maths, we have been continuing our long division, mental arithmetic and quick recall of times tables.

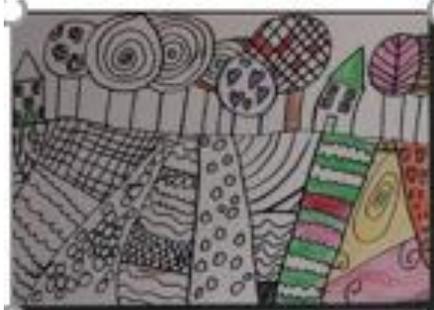
In English, we have been reading about natural selection and answering comprehension questions about the text. We have also been planning and writing articles for our new school newspaper the HGS Star (first edition to be released in December). We have been learning how to make observational sketches of fossils using Charles Darwin's drawings as inspiration. We have also had a French morning with Mrs Clease and an afternoon of PSHE, where we have discussed body image and the effects of social media on our mental health and well-being.

Head Teacher Award: Abigail for being a brilliant editor for our school newspaper.

Reader of the week: Bobby

Art Club

This week in Art Club we learnt about Folk Art, and looked at some of New York artist Heather Gallar's work. Folk Art encompasses art that has its roots in the community, culture or nature. Heather particularly likes to paint landscapes, pictures of animals and anything to do with the French, Italian and Mexican cultures that inspire her the most.



These are not yet finished, but they are looking spectacular so far.

Well done artists! Mrs Clease



The Wish Tree

With the Christmas Fair fast approaching we are starting to assemble our hugely popular wish tree. Children can pay 50p for a wish, and win prizes such as own clothes day, crazy hair day or hot chocolate making. Because we know not everyone will be able to make the fair, I want to give those children the option to buy wishes before Saturday. If your child would like to choose a wish please send in the money (unlimited wishes) in an envelope for my attention before next Friday. Mrs Clease

Attendance for this week

Willow – 95.8% - 0 late arrivals

Silver Birch – 91.5% - 1 late arrival

Chestnut – 87% - 0 late arrivals

Maple – 98.3% - 0 late arrivals

Oak – 84.1% - 1 late arrival

Whole School – 91.4%

The national average is over 96%