

We have reached the third week of the school term and school remains as busy as ever. This week saw us 'kick off' with an assembly and workshops from Rock Steady Music. Even if children do not sign up to extra tuition, this opportunity was great fun and educational. If you look on the curriculum class pages, there are many pictures and even some videos.



We enjoy fresh air and wet play

Please pack your child off to school with a coat so they can enjoy fresh air and wet play. We will not go out in 'bouncing or horizontal rain', but we will go out in light rain.



Safeguarding all families

We would like to remind all parents that should there be disagreements between parents, that these are resolved off the school site and ideally beyond the eyes and ears of children. It is important to remember that this school site educates children from 3 to 11 and all adults have an opportunity to role model how we manage frustrations and misunderstandings should they arise.

Should incidents of inappropriate behaviour, including profanity (swearing, abusive language, socially offensive use of language) be repeated, the school may consider options including police involvement, formal warnings and site bans.

Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support with your child's attendance. We have had a very positive start to the year with outstanding attendance!

We would like to keep this up. You may have received an email regarding your child's attendance. The aim of these emails is to keep families informed on

children's authorised and unauthorised absences. You may receive these emails over the course of the academic year. Della Hall (Attendance Lead) and Sarah Saunter (Family Support Worker) are happy to discuss these in further detail if needed.

At Haywood Village Academy, we believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, everyday. We are aiming to provide a limitless education for your child through active, meaningful and engaging opportunities. By attending school everyday we believe we can achieve this success.

Haywood Village Citizen

We strive, with parents, to develop lovely people.

Before the end of term, we will be launching the Haywood Village Citizen Certificate. This certificate will recognise the activity children are involved in beyond school and in school that highlights their positive contribution to communities. The Haywood Village Citizen Certificate will be something that all children can partake in. Examples may include, not limited to: being in local sports team for a year, helping collect for Foodbank, volunteering with an organisation to help others, supporting a charity, finding out and sharing with others about local nature.

A great day out in the world of Formula 1

Well done to those in Year 6 who had the chance to attend a Motorsport UK event to support a potential career path for girls into different areas of motorsport. Activities included a pit lane challenge and exploring a Mercedes Formula 1 car!



Volunteer readers!

If you would like to volunteer to read with children in school, please email into the school office. We are looking to recruit more helpers to ensure that those who have not read can get an opportunity to read to an adult. Email: info@hva.clf.uk

Thank you for uniform donations!

Any more donations of uniform that is 'too small for my child' are welcome. As soon as "it comes in, it flies out", says Mrs Simms, who is happy to sort and organise. All donations go towards the PTA fundraising.

Pantomime

Did you see the letter? Oh no you didn't!

The Whole School pantomime trip is in the last week of term in December. This trip is for Reception to Year 6 in our "one year we go, one year we don't" cycle. Look out for a letter about Pantomime soon. If parents are keen to volunteer, we will be collecting names.



Reminders – Walking home and mobile phones

- If your child is in Year 4-6, and following a letter sent to the school office, we can agree permission for children to walk to and from school.
- Children in Year 4-6 may bring a mobile phone to school if they are bringing it to school to phone/contact parents when they have arrived or are leaving school. This phone needs to be handed into the Class Teacher as soon as they arrive at their class.

Black History Month – October

We would like to highlight key learning promoted during Black history month. As part of the many Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion work we do at our school, for the month of October, we are keen to explore how we can increase the opportunities for our children to engage with people who are of black heritage. We would particularly like to welcome parents from different parts of the world to come into our school to speak to your child's class and share information about your background and culture, read a story or talk about the work you do. If you are interested, please get in touch with Gemma.Billitteri@clf.uk.

Black History Month Poetry Competition 2023

As part of our black history month, we would like to make you aware of a poetry competition that encourages our children as writers to honour the amazing achievements and contributions of black women. If you are interested, please use the link below or speak to Miss Crisp for further details or support. Deadline: 15th November 2023.



<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/black-history-month-poetry-competition-2023/>

Hedgehog Rescue

Our children and staff rescued young hedgehogs this week. Sadly, an adult hedgehog died having been caught in the fence. Alerted by the children, we soon communicated with Secret World Wildlife rescue and the young hedgehogs are now at Secret World and have a chance to survive.



<https://www.secretworld.org/>

In the learning...

You can view activity from your child's class, by looking at the website under the class curriculum pages.



Pre-school have been using mirrors and drawing self-portraits.



Reception children enjoy working with their teachers to learn to read.



Year 1 mathematicians exploring numbers in a practical hands-on way.



As linguists, Year 2 children are learning about the days of the week in French.



Musicians in Year 6 learning to play clarinet.



Year 3 musicians have had another ukelele music lesson.



Year 4 Mulberry were pleased to get Captain Ted for their excellent attendance!



Not easy to see, but the Year 5 scientists were in the Space Dome this week.

Calendar update

Check our events pages regularly because events will be added throughout the year. We hope to have the majority of events updated soon. (<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>)

- Tuesday 26th Sept – Individual school photographs
- Friday 29th Sept – Year 6 trip to Lifeskills, Bristol
- Monday 2nd Oct – Year 6 Beam House residential trip meeting for parents - 4:30pm
- Tuesday 3rd Oct – New Reception 2024/25 parent tour – 9:30-10:30am
- Wednesday 4th Oct – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter – 9am
- Tuesday 10th Oct – Year 1 trip to Weston-super-Mare and Uphill
- Tuesday 10th Oct – New Reception 2024/25 parent tour – 7:00 - 8:00pm
- Thursday 12th Oct – Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain
- Thursday 12th Oct – Year 3 trip to Cheddar Gorge and Caves
- Monday 16th Oct – Parents Evening - 3:30-7:00pm
- Tuesday 17th Oct – Year 5 pupils showcase - 2:45 – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 18th Oct - Parents Evening - 3:30-7:00pm
- Thursday 19th – Friday 20th Oct – INSET Days – School closed
- Saturday 21st Oct – Sunday 29th October – half term holiday
- Monday 30th Oct – Year 5 Ancient Egypt day
- Monday 30th Oct – Year 6 Beam House Residential trip

Golden Mentions



The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week:
Elsie, Chloe and Heidi were selected to be in the cast for this year's Bridgwater Christmas Panto.

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