

We described to staff this week that January seemed to last forever, but the recent months seem to have flown by! Schools are always busy, as are the lives of our families. We hope in the next few weeks, over the Easter/Spring holiday, you can enjoy a break from some of the term-time routines and recharge with the flexibility and opportunities you may find as friends and family.

Comic Relief

We raised £310.12 for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Thank you for your support and especially those who enjoyed voting for which teacher went into the stocks!



Writing Exhibition Winners

Thank you for showing your support at our Writers Exhibition, we had a fantastic turnout. Congratulations to Fabian (Whitebeam), Harry (Hornbeam) and Ida (Elm) for being voted as our "Most Improved Writers" by all of you! Sophia's writing (Mulberry) was voted as the "Best Quality Piece of Writing" by our teaching team. We were very impressed by the individual progress made as writers from Pre-school to Year 6!



Learning to spell can end in more fun!

Following the success of our reading challenges in supporting our children to develop their love for reading, as well as their reading skills, we will also be inspiring children to show this same motivation for their spellings.



Beginning next term, each class will have a speller of the week with a prize to recognise this. We thank you for your continued support with your children and practising their spellings. Watch this space for some upcoming spelling fun taking place in classes, such as the children's favourite outdoor spelling quizzes with their teachers. Well done Year 6 for being brave enough to go first!



Miss Hill and Mr Batchelor soaked!



Railway safety

This week we explored railway safety with all the children. We used resources from <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/>. The video is helpful and there are some follow up activities that we explored with the children, including a Team Talk assembly on whether we should rescue a teddy bear on the railway line and what are level crossings.

Reading at home/school

In the new term, our teachers will be speaking with several families from each class on how they can read with their child at home. We are finding that many of the Learning Partners are having to support children with daily reading practice, instead of teaching the children within their lessons. We believe that we set very little homework at HVA, and so daily reading is an expectation all parents can do, especially given the fantastic range of books we have.

Regular readers get more tickets and can win a reading raffle prize!



Learning in action!

Families can view learning experiences on the class pages on the school curriculum pages on the HVA webpage. Below is a snapshot of some of the action:



Pre-school had an amazing time watching Tales of Acorn Wood at the Playhouse! It was a super production! They loved hearing all the different stories.

The Year 2 Inventors



This past week Year 2 have finished their historical theme of enquiry with an Inventors Day. The great thing about days like this is not only the enjoyment the children have, but also how it reinforces their awareness and understanding of various inventors.

The new HVA sports kit

The girls' football team were the first to wear the new HVA sports kit in their knockout cup game away vs Highdown. The girls went down 2-1 after extra time in a pulsating cup tie but they played really well.



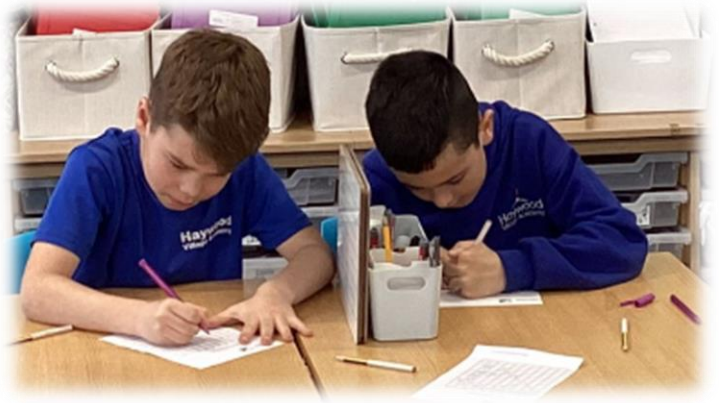
Reception Historians investigating fossils.



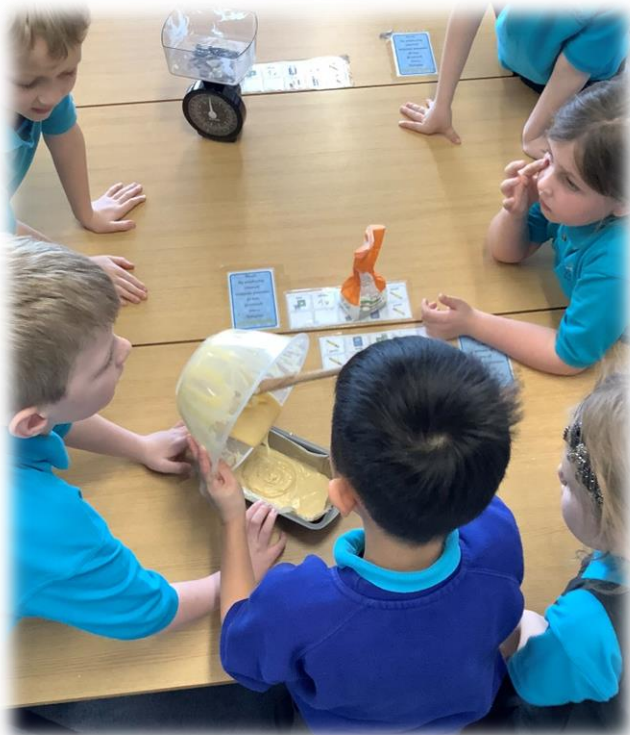
Year 1 Scientists have been learning about animals and how to care for them.



Year 2 learning to print as Artists. They even used their art to inspire their poetry writing.



Year 5 Writers challenging each other in Spelling Battleships.



Year 3 Mathematicians making a class cake – “measuring is maths”.



Year 6 Scientists having a go at surgery through a 3D camera during British Science Week – thank you to Mrs Chewter!

Calendar update

Check our events pages regularly because events will be added throughout the year. (<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>)

- Mon 17th April – 1st day of Term 5
- Tues 18th April – Year 1 Careers Day
- Tues 18th April – Year 4 trip to WSM Seafront
- Tues 18th April – Pine Class “Meet the Teacher” 3:30 - 4:00pm
- Wed 19th April – Year 2 Online Reading lesson 9:05 – 9:35am
- Wed 19th April – Class photos and Year 6 Leavers photos
- Mon 24th April – ZooLab visiting Reception pupils

Golden Mentions

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The following pupil went into the Gold Book this week:

All the contestants for Haywood's Got Talent – more to follow on this next term. Connor in Year 1 and Oscar in Year 4 for outstanding writing achievement.



Year 4 Artists printing with their own made collagraphs.

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