



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

June 14th, 2023

Diary Dates

Change Addition

June

- 12th Y1 Phonics check wk
- Y4 Times Tables wk
- 18th Active Travel Festival
- 19th District Sports
- 20th Class photos (YN,1-5)
- 21st Nursery Sports (am)
- 22nd Infant Sports (am)
- 28-30th Y4 residential
- 30th PTA Summer Fair (& Non-uniform day)

July

- 4th Junior Sports (am)
- YR New starters eve
- 5th *The Lion King* show
- 6th *The Lion King* show
- 11-13th Parents' Evenings
- 19th Y6 Leavers' show
- 20th Pupils' last day
- 21st INSET (pupils not in)

September

- 4th INSET (pupils not in)
- 5th INSET (pupils not in)
- 6th School re-opens

Summer has definitely arrived, we can all agree, with a fun-packed term of learning, visits, sport, music and more ahead. Year 6 have already enjoyed an amazing week at the Conway Centre, Year 4 will be heading to Shropshire for their residential in the near future, and with a Summer Fair, Sports Days (school and District) and football tournaments to look forward to, it will be an exciting six weeks outdoors. And on the active front...

Chester Active Travel Festival

Born out of a desire to improve the city for all residents, Chester's first Active Travel Festival will take place on

Sunday, June 18th on the Castle Car Park and along Castle Drive, from 11:00 -16:00.



The festival will offer lots of fun, information and entertainment for all the family – click [HERE](#) for more details, or visit the website at <https://atfest.uk/>.

You will also be entered into a Free Prize Draw if you complete the *ATfest* online survey (click [HERE](#)) before or at the festival, and also complete the post-event survey afterwards: first prize is a £1000 bike voucher, second prize is a £250 gift card, third prize a £100 voucher.

Getting to the Festival

It would be fantastic if families could learn about the active travel options into Chester by cycling, wheeling or walking to the festival on Sunday. The choice of route to be taken is very much the decision of each family group, but [THIS ROUTE](#) has been identified as the Quietest - *ATfest* signs will direct to the festival site once in the city centre (this route uses the Black cycle route, part of the wider Chester network – click [HERE](#) for more information).

The organisers are hoping that as many school children and families as possible will join in this event to increase awareness of the active travel options available to all of us, to travel into Chester in a way that is good for our health and good for the environment as well.

PTA Summer Fair

Our fantastic PTA are gearing up the Summer Fair on June 30th, again a late-afternoon event after the success of the Christmas Fair. There will be lots of stalls and fun on offer from 3:30pm, and that Friday will be a non-uniform day for pupils, in exchange for a gift for the tombola, please.

Details were also circulated last week about the bunting design competition arranged for the event, closing date June 29th – for a reminder, click [HERE](#).



Staffing

Miss Groves, Y3 Hazel teacher, finished her time at Huntington last Friday, and we wish her the very best for her forthcoming period of maternity.

Mrs Thomson has now finished teaching Y2 Cedar, but will still be completing end-of-year tasks, including parents' evenings, until this Friday – after which she too will be focused on welcoming her new arrival.



Behaviour Awards

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the last half term were as below, all receiving vouchers. Well done to all the other children who have demonstrated excellent behaviour during this period.

Y3 Birch: Ellie Hay

Y3 Hazel: George Hall

Y4 Hawthorn: Seth Birch

Y4 Lime: Grace Peers

Y5 Larch: Stephanie Moore

Y5 Rowan: Keira Jenkins

Y6 Alder: Isaac Woods

Y6 Sycamore: Sebastian Boulton

Golden Table

Congratulations to the children who received Golden Tickets for their behaviour at lunchtime over the previous half-term, and were rewarded with a seat at the Golden Table (some shown below).



Sport

Football

Friendly matches extended the season into the summer term, with two matches played by Year 6 pupils and one by Year 4 pupils (our strongest squad showing what they are capable of in a comprehensive defeat of Guilden Sutton).

One more league match remains for Y4, but **major end-of-year tournaments** at the King George pitches are being planned for all our competing teams – **Y6 boys won their league** (well done!), and the league position of both Y6 girls and Y4 mean they would also qualify for these events. More news when we get it.

Rounders

A team of Year 6 pupils competed with skill and team spirit in a rounders tournament at Bishops' High School this week. Excellent fielding was the foundation of a fine performance – congratulations to the whole team, who were:

Harriet Buckley, Matthew Chadwick, Florence Jones, Charlie Maggs, Toby Moseley-Moore, Aarav Nair, Tom Pritchard, Bailey Renshaw, Isaac Woods.



Cricket

Year 3 and 5 pupils enjoyed specialist cricket tuition from Atif Qureshi of Cheshire Cricket via the *Chance to Shine* programme during the first half of the summer term. Year 3 pupils also benefited from a free after-school cricket club from Atif, with the support of Miss Hickman.



Recent school events

Residential visits

Both Year 5 classes enjoyed an amazing residential visit to the RobinWood centre near Wrexham before half-term, our first time there. The children were very well looked after, day and night, by the centre staff, and enjoyed a wide range of adventurous and problem-solving activities – we have already booked again for next year.



Y5 activities at RobinWood, near Wrexham

Year 6 children enjoyed fabulous weather at the Conway Centre last week, and a full-week programme that included sailing, kayaking, coasteering/gorge walking and climbing along the Via Ferrata (Italian for 'iron path', referring to cabled climbing routes through Alpine terrain).

As to why the Conway Centre is on Anglesey, not in the town of Conwy? The centre is named after HMS Conway, a naval training ship moored for many years in the Menai Straits, and replaced by the current onshore facility adjacent to Plas Newydd in the 1960s (which was subsequently acquired by Cheshire as an outdoor centre).



Y6 activities at the Conway Centre, Anglesey (kayaking, Via Ferrata, sailing, coasteering)

Many thanks to the staff who gave up their own time to accompany the children on these visits, working long hours away from home to facilitate some amazing experiences. Year 4 will be heading to Shropshire in a few weeks for their own adventure, which will complete another year when all junior classes have experienced a residential visit.

STEM experiences

Upper junior pupils have participated in several STEM activities recently (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Year 6 pupils took part in an online session about the design process for the new Everton football stadium, and Y5 learned about careers in the RAF. Meanwhile, Year 1 visited Xplore! Science Discovery Centre in Wrexham.



Year 1 enjoy a visit to Xplore!

Theatre at school: *Wind in the Willows*

A second theatre production of the year was enjoyed by everyone, with some lucky pupils treading the boards with the cast – well done for taking on the challenge!



Choir concert for our neighbours at Deewater Grange

The choir were welcomed to Deewater Grange care home once again, entertaining the residents with a medley of classics before enjoying some hospitality from the staff. Hear their wonderful singing in our tweet of May 16th!



Coronation of King Charles III

A coronation picnic was enjoyed by pupils on May 5th, with the weather holding off just long enough for everyone to finish eating outside before the traditional summer downpour made its appearance! All children received a commemorative coin, courtesy of the PTA – a great reminder of this significant national event.



Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Nut free school

There are several children in school for whom contact with food items containing nuts, in any form, could provoke anaphylactic shock and even prove fatal. Please do not allow your children to bring any such products into school, in their packed lunch or as a breaktime snack (e.g. Nutella bars, walnuts).

Earrings

Section 9 of the [School Uniform Policy](#) makes the limitations on jewellery worn to school clear – in particular, only stud earrings may be worn, and certainly not hoop earrings, which in PE lessons especially could lead to serious injury for the wearer (during the initial period when they cannot be removed) and/or needless disruption later on when removing them to a safe place prior to the lesson.



Internet Safety

Year 1 pupils' understanding of online safety was recently enhanced by a special visit from the Cheshire Police Cyber Crime team. Many thanks to Andrew for his time and expertise.

*Kind regards,
Mr Rose*