



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

July 21st, 2023

Diary Dates

September

4 & 5th INSET (pupils not in)

6th Children return to school on Wednesday

8th Digital Wizards assembly

Another school year has flown by, with much to look back fondly upon. Our new phonics scheme, *Little Wandle*, has successfully supported younger children to develop their understanding of the building blocks of our language, and our new science scheme has reinvigorated pupils' enthusiasm for investigation. The

computing curriculum also received an update, now utilising the nationally recognised *Teach Computing* scheme, and all KS1 children now have access to sets of modern Learnpad tablets (as well as the computer room upstairs). *My Happy Mind* was introduced to support mental health for all, and 3D art projects served as an enjoyable preparation for our new art curriculum, coming in September. The outdoor classroom has a new roof, a nurture space has been developed adjacent to the hall, and the relocated vegetable planters have been bursting with life this term.

A very full calendar of events included much sporting success, including third place in the area cross-country and Y6 girls' football, and a runners-up place in the District Athletics, Y6 netball and Y4 football (twice). All junior classes enjoyed a residential visit, including to new venues at Robinwood and Boreatton Park, and our Nursery, Infant and Junior Sports mornings were all blessed with fine weather, with Northgate emerging victorious in the junior competition (pictured at right).



Our choir were regular visitors to Deewater Grange care home, bringing entertainment and youthful enthusiasm to the residents, as well as taking part in the thrilling *Young Voices* event in Manchester. The Musical Theatre club enjoyed a visit to see *The Lion King* and meet cast members as preparation for their own production (see below), and Y4 pupils presented guitar, brass and samba concerts to their parents.

Our wonderful PTA organised both Christmas and Summer Fairs, with great success, as well as regular competitions throughout the year. And of course, Ofsted arrived in June, with the final report to be released in the near future: look out for the message over the break.

I would like to thank you all for the support you have given the school this year, through attendance at school events (shows, concerts, PTA events), supporting your children's education at home, reinforcing the school's rules and generally being active members of our school community – it is much appreciated.

Musical Theatre

Miss Bunning's Musical Theatre Club recently staged a wonderful production of *The Lion King*. Children from across the junior classes acted, sang and danced in two evening performances, with the dress rehearsal enjoyed by some of the school's pupils during the day. Many congratulations to all involved, including Miss Avery, who assisted throughout, and the parents who contributed greatly to the show's atmosphere with their work on costumes, sets and face painting – Miss Heaton, Mrs Hennessy, Mrs McKay and Ms Williams.





Sport

This last half-term our pupils have enjoyed considerable sporting success. In the District Athletics at Stanney Oaks track, our team were runners up, by one point, to the Queen's School. George Xiong was first in the Y6 boys' sprint, and Lucas McKay first in the Y3 boys' sprint. Our Y4 girls, Y4 boys and Y6 boys were all second in their sprint relays, and Harriet Buckley was second in the 600m. A second place for George Xiong in the long jump completed an excellent haul of medals.

Runners up at the District Athletics



All three end-of season football tournaments, for Y4, Y6 and Y6 girls, featured our teams battling it out amongst the top 8 teams in Chester district. Further success followed, in particular for the Y6 girls, who finished third, and the Y4 team, who were runners-up (repeating their placing at a June tournament).



Year 6 Girls



Year 4



Year 6

Outstanding Behaviour

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for this last half-term are as below - and well done to the other children whose behaviour has been exemplary.

Y3 Birch: Archie Abraham

Y4 Hawthorn: Francesca Krausgrill

Y5 Larch: Erin McKay

Y6 Alder: Sophia White

Y3 Hazel: Finlay Colville

Y4 Lime: Joanna Wong

Y5 Rowan: Keira Jenkins

Y6 Sycamore: Vivian Wong

Attendance

We will be focused keenly on reducing irregular attendance from September, with new trigger points for parental contact when attendance falls below certain levels. However, the following children needed no reminders of the importance of being in school throughout the year, and registered **100% attendance** throughout 2022-23 – very well done to them!

- YR Ruby Knollys
- Y2 Ben Evans, Esme Molyneux
- Y3 Ava Molyneux
- Y4 Isla Holgate-Stedmans, Leslie Pickstock
- Y5 William Welsh, Ami Williams
- Y6 Charlie Callaghan, Isobel Morris, Caitlin Newton, George Xiong

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge theme this year is *Ready, Set, Read!*

Click the link [HERE](#) to find out more.

Children can join the challenge online nationally via the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website and locally (so they do not have to fill in forms at the library) via the Cheshire West libraries page (click [HERE](#)).



Leavers

We bid farewell and best wishes to all of our year 6 pupils. They leave behind many treasured memories, and their leavers' show, a trip down memory lane at Huntington, was much enjoyed by parents on Wednesday night. We wish them well in all that they do.



Staffing

We will be welcoming Mr Jones (KS1 Elm) and Mrs Tranter (Y3 Hazel) to job-share roles in the school in September – Mr Jones has already met the Elm children during an additional transition day this week, and we know both will be excellent additions to the staff.

We bid a fond farewell to Y2 Cedar cover teacher Miss Allen, and to Y6 teaching assistants Mrs Shapland and Mrs Stuart. Mrs Conway has also finished her time as cover teacher in Y2 Elm, but will continue to be a familiar face around school as a regular supply teacher.

We also send our very best wishes to Mr Bell and Miss Bunning, both of whom are getting married over the summer.

Notes from the office

Please ensure any changes to addresses, contact numbers etc are passed on so that our records are correct.

School Lunches

Our new Edsential Catering Supervisor is Mrs Blood, who has worked in our kitchen for some time, and latterly has been standing in as supervisor until the role was filled permanently, following Mrs Foster's departure.

Information about school lunches, including revised menus, is now available online [HERE](#).

Remember to complete the online dinner menu by Thursday (midnight) each week, to enable the catering staff to order appropriately.

Naming personal items

Please name **all** uniform!

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school (also named).

School clubs will recommence during the second week back (week beginning Sep 11th).

Forms to express interest in clubs will be sent out on the INSET days at the start of term.

***We wish you all a very enjoyable summer break –
see you back in school on Wednesday, September 6th***

Mr Rose