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For safeguarding, the school office will be closed from 8.35am-8.50am and 3.15pm-3.25pm daily. This is to allow the children to enter and exit the site safely. Please call or use the intercom during these times for assistance.

Friday 20th October 2023

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Staff Development Day – Monday 30th October

Term 2 begins - Tuesday 31st October

- 1st November – non-uniform day for **Kestrel House** (only)
- 1st November – Kahlo Class assembly – parents welcome 8:50am
- 3rd November – Art Ambassadors workshop
- 3rd November – Jemison and Hawking Swimming

Term 2 Assembly Dates – parents/carers of each class are invited to attend at 8:50m

- 22nd November – Johnson Class
- 29th November – Dali Class
- 6th December – Banneker Class

Children in every class enjoyed their Arty Day on Wednesday linking to Black History Month. Not only did they learn to create art work in the style of their chosen artist, but also incorporated learning why they have become important in world history. We have, this week, launched our Instagram account @hernebayjuniorschool where you will find pictures of some of the work produced on the day. Please follow! We will regularly upload pictures and videos as well as providing key information to the Year Group highlights.

Earlier in the week, Matt from @49mortimerstreet painted the children's outdoor climbing wall using spray paint to great effect. His inspiring artwork incorporates a graffiti style – perhaps you caught a glimpse when you attended Parents Evenings?

Today, we thank all the children who have generously donated money in return for wearing non-uniform; we have collected £222 for the Riverside Church 'All Wrapped Up' community Project.

As we finish term 1, I would like to wish you all a restful and happy half term break. This is equally extended to our hard-working and committed staff who go above and beyond to ensure that Herne Bay Junior School is a safe and happy place for all our children.

We return on Tuesday 31st October for term 2.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 90%.
Overall attendance this year to date 93.84%.

No classes achieved 97+% attendance this week.

143 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.
175 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

124 late codes have been recorded this week:

- Year 3 - 21
- Year 4 - 36
- Year 5 - 41
- Year 6 - 26

All children must arrive at school **by 8:45am** each day to avoid being coded as 'late'.

Early Morning Sports Club is **free of charge** and open for all children to attend. It starts promptly at **8:20am** each day. Please consider this if your child is held up by you dropping siblings to other schools.

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HOUSE POINTS

Eagles are the winners this week with 273 house points – well done!

Hawks – 236 house points

Kestrels – 219 house points

Falcons – 217 house points

The overall winning house for this term is... **Kestrels!**

The children in this house will be able to come to school in non-school uniform on Wednesday 1st November.

PARENTS EVENING

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attend parents evening this past week (despite the heavy rain on Wednesday).

Unfortunately, a number of parents did not attend, despite booking an appointment.

It is so important that you are included in your child's educational journey and that you celebrate the progress they are making in their learning and well-being. Every one of our pupils experience daily success academically, emotionally, socially and physically that we want you to know about.

Equally, a number of children do require support in a variety of ways. It is vital you are aware of any additional provision your child may be receiving and to look at how you can also support their learning at home.

PTA HALLOWEEN COLOURING COMPETITION

140 children took part in this competition making it a very difficult job for Mrs Evett-Collins to choose winners! The quality of the entries was superb and we will be displaying them in our reception for Halloween.

Well done to our winners:

Year 3 – 1st Lilah-May Newman, 2nd Isaac Araujo, 3rd Marshall Durnian

Year 4 - 1st Harry Bui, 2nd Sam Skinner, 3rd Erin Rhodes

Year 5 – 1st Gabriel Marr, James Butler, Maisy Marley

Year 6 – 1st Ellen Foxley, 2nd Scarlett Horn, 3rd Erica Prevett

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

Class assemblies

This year each class will be delivering a class assembly to the whole school on the individual their class is named after. It is an opportunity for the school to learn more about some key historical figures from different cultural backgrounds and historic periods in time. We would like to invite parents to attend their child's class assembly. Dates for the classes delivering their assembly next term can be found at the start of this newsletter.

Singing assembly

This week, we had our first end-of-term singing assembly. Each year group has been learning a song this term and they performed them to the rest of the school on Wednesday. It was a very uplifting assembly. There were songs from different cultures and genres. We had a movie soundtrack, a Harvest-themed reworking of a Motown hit, a song from Africa and a David Bowie classic. Links for the original recordings for these songs can be found below:

[David Bowie Space Oddity Lyrics - YouTube](#) Year 3

[You've got a friend in me by Randy Newman Lyrics - YouTube](#) Year 4

[Aretha Franklin - Respect \(Official Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#) Year 5

[Siyahamba - YouTube](#) Year 6

SEN NEWS

A week off school can be fantastic for some children and a disaster for others. Why is this? The break offers a chance to relax, catch up on sleep, play and be impulsive. However, for some children, the lack of structure and change of routine can be hard to manage. For these children, we would always recommend using a visual calendar. With your child present, write down the events and visits you'll be making. Adding in a menu for the week might help too. As each day passes, return to the calendar and mark off with a tick or cross. In the evening, look at what will be happening the following day, prepare your child by talking through the timings and how you might travel or what you might need. By visualising what will happen, you'll relieve them of anxiety linked to the unknown. Don't forget to let them know that it's a full week and one day off school. They'll be back on the Tuesday morning.

Sometimes, plans get changed. This can really upset a child. In school we have a 'Whoops' card that can be placed on the visual timetable. If you speak about this and how you'll manage if there are last minute changes, your child will be better equipped to manage their disappointment.

In the Understanding Sleep and Autism online workshop this week, families were reminded about the benefits of keeping sleep patterns the same every day of the year. So, do consider keeping to a set routine with calming reading or colouring and no screens before bed. A warm back and relaxing music to support the end of the day. The workshops provided by the Emotional Well-being Team are really useful. You don't need to have your camera on or participate verbally, you can simply watch, listen and learn. Keep an eye out on the newsletter for the links to the next courses.

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Donations Required

We are looking for the following:

Dolls and doll's clothing
Barbies and clothing
Doll's shopping basket or handbag/purse
Small world animals including animals
Small world Farmyard equipment
Role play dressing up outfits-6-10yrs
Small handheld mirrors
Paint patterned rollers
Playdough cutters
Sawdust/Hay
Children's scooters
Play tunnel
Building bricks-heavy wooden
Lego
Sand toys

Please hand any donations to the office.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEWS

Understanding ADHD in children: online parent workshop

Do you have questions about ADHD? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to an online workshop on Monday 30th October, 5.30-7.30pm, that will discuss the symptoms of ADHD. We also go through a range of helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child. If you would like to attend, please click the link in the poster attached to this newsletter.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

Supporting children to deal with upsetting content

They might not be able to pinpoint its location on a map, and they might not fully grasp the historical and political drivers behind the conflict – but in this age where news, images and video can cross continents in seconds, many children are now aware of the terrible recent events in Israel. It's a situation, of course, that could cause youngsters extreme distress and worry. The #WakeUpWednesday guide attached to the newsletter, contains some valuable pointers for supporting children to deal with upsetting content they've encountered online – whether that's the attacks in Israel, ongoing worries over the environment, or something else entirely. Our tips will assist trusted adults in helping young people to process any negative emotions that they may be feeling.

ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Reader trophy winners are Anning Class. The children achieved an average of 84% in their quizzing along with 30 mins reading each day. Well done!

In assembly this morning, our class teachers awarded their Reading Recognition certificates. They went to the following children:

Year 3: Nina Stolecki, Razvan Ion, Isla Dobson

Year 4: Abrielle Bernard, Amity Lee-Jones, Lola-Rae Lee, Joshua O'Leary

Year 5: Isla Hewson, Zachary North, Felicity Thornhill, Alexander Stumpf

Year 6: Alisha, Zishan Lin, Ivy Hodges, Alastair Thompson

100% Quiz prize winners are:

Lennon Wightman, Olly Lofts, Molly Ashby & Bentley Gray.

TT ROCK STARS

The TTRS trophy was awarded to Johnson class today. This class have consistently met the expectation for participation with 3+ minutes recorded daily for all children.

Classes with 100% of children participating for 3+ minutes each day are:

Anning, Banneker, Curie, Dali, Da Vinci, Kahlo, Picasso, Shakespeare and Turing. A super effort by all of these children!

The TT Rockstars leader board highlights the following:

1st place – Tilly Buss

2nd place – Yaqub Uddin

3rd place – Taylah-Mae Watkins

4th place – Miss Wood

5th Place – Mr Senft

SPORTS NEWS

The boys A team took part in a tournament at Herne Bay Sports Hub as one of 16 teams this week. They made it all the way to the semi-finals only to be knocked out on penalties.

Our B team played their first ever match in a heavy down pour losing 2-1 to Swalecliffe. It was a great team effort and a good starting point for their football this year. Well done boys!

SPORTS AWARD

Logan Beard was awarded the Sports Cup today in assembly. During the match against Swalecliffe, Logan played mid-field for the entire game, driving the ball forward to keep the team going. He was a true role model to all!

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MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER.

What do you do with your old phone and tech?



Most of you will be scrolling through this article on your smartphone, however, today, I'd like to talk about the darker side of our love affair with tech. Firstly, can you remember how many devices have you owned? Do you plan to upgrade soon? And what will you do with your current one if you do?

I can help with the first question, over the course of a lifetime, **the average person will own a staggering 19 smartphones.** The harsh reality is that each time we upgrade, most of us will either banish the device to a drawer or throw it away in general waste. Staggeringly, research has found there are more than 17.5 million unused phones and tablets stashed away in UK homes.

But it's the second most likely outcome, throwing it away that I want to talk about...

Electronic waste (e-waste) is a rising environmental issue affecting every corner of the world. **Did you know 5.3 billion mobile phones were thrown away in 2022!** And the trend is not slowing down, e-waste will grow to a staggering 74 million tonnes a year by 2030. Worse still, the **UK currently produces more electrical waste per person than any other country** in the world except Norway. What's more, a concerning number of studies are suggesting that the UK could become the world's largest e-waste contributor as early as 2024. You may or may not know, e-waste has a devastating environmental impact. Improper disposal of our old handsets can lead to the release of toxic chemicals into the soil, rendering it unsuitable for plants and agriculture, waterways can become contaminated, and toxic fumes are released into the atmosphere if devices are burned or incinerated, which can cause major respiratory issues for those working or living near waste disposal centres. Whenever devices aren't recycled or rehomed, mining for precious minerals continues, resulting in more environmental devastation. Simply put, e-waste is one of the biggest problems people aren't aware of.



But, we can change this.

The answer is re-sell, recycle or donate

Make a bit of cash for yourself and sell your old tech. There is a growing appetite for second-hand devices, almost half of people in the UK are more likely to purchase preowned items now than they would have five years ago, and two-thirds of them are happy to buy used or refurbished mobile phones, one of the most sought-after second-hand items available.

Recycle your old tech. Recycling facilities are plentiful, take your old phone there and it will be stripped down and components reused in new tech.

And last, but by no means least, donate. Much of this e-waste could be used to help local charities like this [Donate Your Old Laptops and Computers for Charity \(computers4charity.org\)](https://computers4charity.org) or, if you want, here [Donate Laptops, Computers & Other Working Electronics to Charity | The Air Ambulance Service](#). There are lots of good causes your old tech can help, just google it (on your phone, tablet or laptop)

Hopefully we can turn the amount of e-waste we produce around; as ever though, it all starts with you.

HERNE BAY LIBRARY CRAFT EVENT

Herne Bay Library will be holding a Halloween craft event during half term. Please see the attached poster for details.

WHITSTABLE RUGBY CLUB - HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Whitstable Rugby Club will be running half term activities next week. Please see the attached flyer for details.

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM'S HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Starting on Saturday the 14th of October, the museum will be conducting a Halloween Trail. Children will search for the Halloween themed pictures around the museum and will receive a prize upon completion. The trail will cost £1.50 on top of the usual entry price. See the attached flyer for further information.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified by their class teachers as this week's Stars of the Week. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

Parks	Jayden Gayton-Geeves
Shakespeare	Tunmise Olumide-Ojo
Tolkien	Lulu McArthur

Da Vinci	Ella Waite
Dali	Jacob Challicombe
Kahlo	Ayla Sherifali
Picasso	Ariella Parokkaran

Anning	Austin Comper
Curie	Lucas Kimberley
Hawking	Bethany Clayton
Jemison	Belle Bass

Banneker	Freisha Gillibrand
Johnson	Elsie Mandeville
Nightingale	Charlie Robinson
Turing	Bentley Gray

TA RECOGNITION AWARD

Each week, our TAs recognise those children who consistently shine as positive role models to others during break and lunch times. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

This week's awards go to:

Year 3	Nina Stolecki
Year 4	Zane Kavaja
Year 5	Mashita Kilic
Year 6	Freddie Styles

Have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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