

Newsflash

Wednesday 7th April
2019



British Values Day

On Wednesday 24th April the school celebrated and explored the meaning of the 5 key British values of: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. The school's key values of adventure, openness, creativity, excellence, all underpinned by our Christian ethos regularly help us to explore the five British Values with the children.

On our British values day, it was great to see so many pupils arrive in their uniforms form a range of youth organisations such as Cubs or Rainbows, along those who had dressed in the colours of the Union Jack. During the day all pupils across the school explored what does it mean to be British. In addition to this classes around the building investigated; how they can show respect for people who are different from them; what democracy is and how it can help us to select representatives; the Royal Family; National Saints; and some complex and controversial issues such as Brexit. Subsequently some pupils wrote letters to our local MP. On the Friday we had a special Lovely Hats Collective to Celebrate a number of pupils who had exemplified British Values, they were Molly, Alena, Hart, George, Caitlyn and Rileigh.



Trailblazers welcomed two Geckos

The Trailblazers are currently investigating the lives of animals and this week they welcomed two Geckos to their classroom. It was lovely to see how many children showed their sense of adventure by touching them. Many thanks to Clare Eden for arranging this.

Library visit

As part of the school's initiative to encourage children to read the Pioneers visited Sidcup library on Thursday 2nd May. Teachers across the school would like to encourage all children and adults to spend at least 10 minutes a day reading at home, as they know the development of reading skills are fundamental to academic progress.

Here are some of the books which are currently being read across the school:

Class	Book
Discoverers	Mousehole Cat by Anotonia Barber
Explorers	Fly, Eagle, Fly!, An African Tale by C Gregorowski
Pioneers	Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

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Lovely at Lunchtimes

Our Lovely Hat Celebration expanded this week, as we celebrated children who demonstrate our School values at Lunchtime. Lunchtime staff have been awarding individuals with tokens for their good manners, conduct, service and respect for others. Each week these tokens will be collated and the totals will be shared with the school community. The class with the highest number of tokens will have a picnic lunch. In addition to this, each week the school is recognising children who have been particularly great role models, and they will be invited to our Top Table on a Friday lunchtime.



This The first children to be selected to dine at our Top table, were:

Albert	Trailblazers
Taylor	Innovators
Karys	Discoverers
Kie	Explorers
Sidney	Adventurers
Miyara	Pioneers
(NB Miyara will join the Top Table next week)	

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Adventurers Dioramas

At Friday's Lovely Hat Celebration, we also celebrated the imagination and creativity of the Adventures class. Following a unit of work based around the novel about a wolf and work on habitats a number of children had made elaborate dioramas to demonstrate the habit a wolf would live in. Congratulations to Annabelle, Mariah, Luca, Niyah, Libby and Ijeoma who shared their models with the school community.



Family Literacy

You are invited to a new initiative which starts at 9.15am on Monday 13th May. This is a 9-week course starting on Monday morning starting on the week commencing 29/04/19. Each session is 2.5 hours duration. The course is suitable for parents and children in Key stage 1. Recent research conducted by the Institute of Education on behalf of the Nuffield Foundation found that children who attended these courses made significant progress compared to their peers. [See the attached advert below.](#)

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Many thanks to all the families who completed their questionnaire or took time to share your views with the Inspectors during their recent visit. I must also thank all the pupils who spoke so well to our visitors. The school will share the Full Report with you when this is published.

Class Collectives

Please note that over the next few months, Class groups will be leading some Friday Collectives which will continue to start at 9.10am. Please see the attached schedule.

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Summer Term 2018-19 Key Events

Date	Event	Group or class	Time
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May	KS1 SATS tests – full attendance is vital	Discoverers	
Monday 13 th May	Reading and Writing Together Family literacy course starts.	KS1 families	9.15am
Monday 20 th May	Visit to the Tower of London	Adventurers	All day
Friday 24 th May	Class Collective	Adventurers	9.10am
Friday 24 th May	School class photos. Children must wear full school uniform.	All pupils	
Monday 27 th May to Monday 3 rd June	May half term holiday	All pupils	
Tuesday 4 th June	Pupils return to school for Science week	All pupils	
Wednesday 5 th June	Science Museum trip	Pioneers	
Monday 10 th Friday 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics test week	Innovators	
Friday 14 th June	Class Collective	Trailblazers	9.10am
Friday 28 th June	Class Collective	Explorers	9.10am
Friday 5 th July	Class Collective	Innovators	9.10am
Monday 8 th July	Bikeability course for year 5 pupils	Pioneers	
Tuesday 9 th July	Bikeability course for year 5 pupils	Pioneers	
Friday 12 th July	Class Collective	Pioneers	9.10am
Friday 19 th July	Class Collective	Discoverers	9.10am
Tuesday 23 rd July	End of the year collective	Anne	9.10am
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of the year. The school will finish at 1.30pm		1.30pm end
Wednesday 4 th September	First day of the Autumn term		

Dates to be announced:
Seeds of Hope Summer fete and Sports day

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Reading and Writing Together Family Literacy

- Is your child in Reception, Year One or Year Two?
- Would you like to help your child become a better reader and writer?
- Do you want to know how children are taught literacy in school?
 - Would you like some tips on how to make reading with your child enjoyable and stress free?
- If the answer is 'yes' to any of these then come and join us at 9.15am on Monday 13th May at Hope Primary School to find out about our course.

Course Overview

- **The course will take place every Monday morning, for 9 weeks. Your child will join in for part of each session.**
- ***Children of parents who attend this course make significant progress in their reading ability***
- If you would like to attend, please complete the slip below & return it to the school office.

Unfortunately, Crèche facilities are not available for this course.

I would like to attend the Family Literacy course

Parent's name _____

Child in school and class _____

Contact Number _____

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