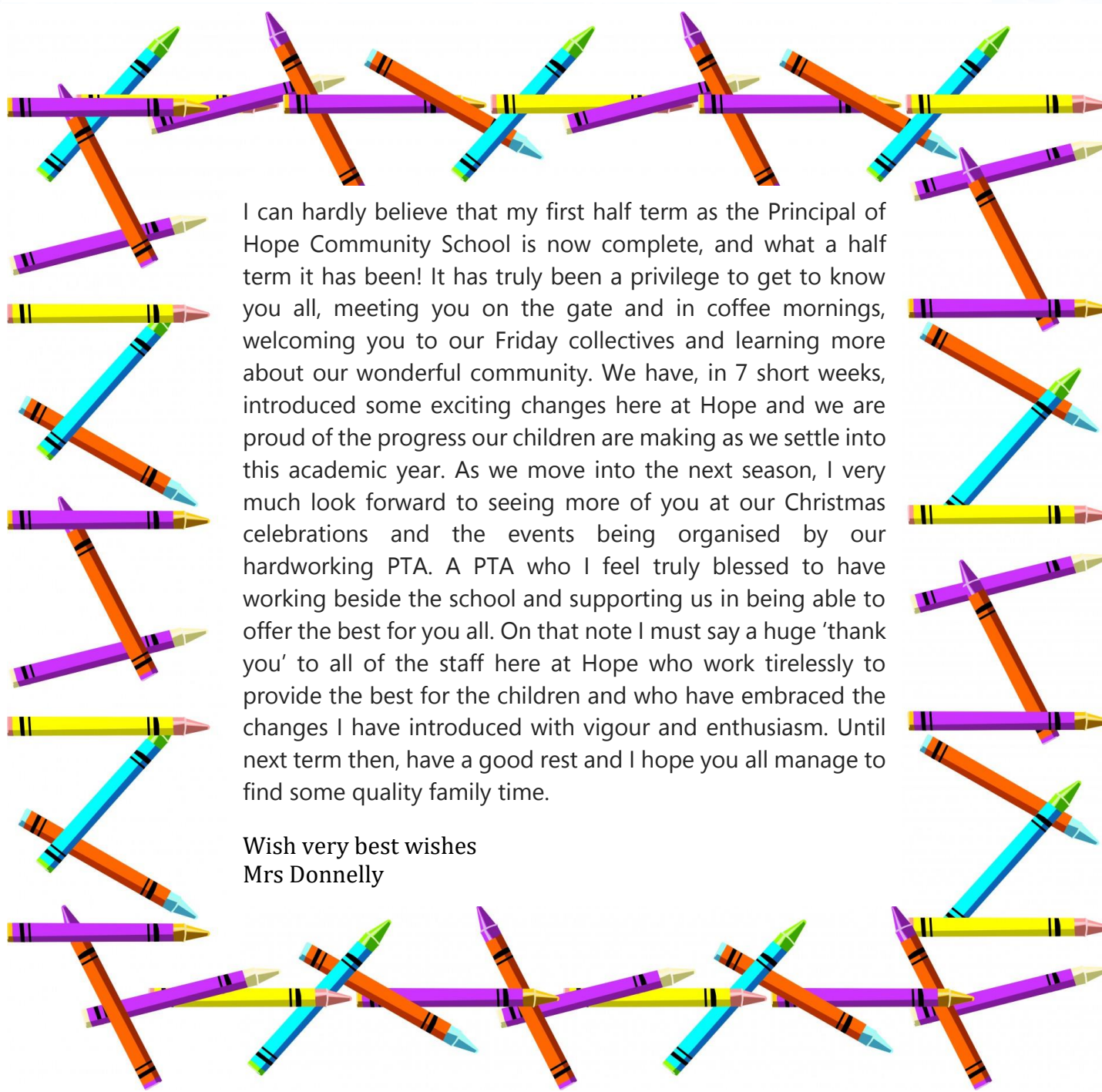


Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022



I can hardly believe that my first half term as the Principal of Hope Community School is now complete, and what a half term it has been! It has truly been a privilege to get to know you all, meeting you on the gate and in coffee mornings, welcoming you to our Friday collectives and learning more about our wonderful community. We have, in 7 short weeks, introduced some exciting changes here at Hope and we are proud of the progress our children are making as we settle into this academic year. As we move into the next season, I very much look forward to seeing more of you at our Christmas celebrations and the events being organised by our hardworking PTA. A PTA who I feel truly blessed to have working beside the school and supporting us in being able to offer the best for you all. On that note I must say a huge 'thank you' to all of the staff here at Hope who work tirelessly to provide the best for the children and who have embraced the changes I have introduced with vigour and enthusiasm. Until next term then, have a good rest and I hope you all manage to find some quality family time.

Wish very best wishes
Mrs Donnelly



Thank you and good bye to ...

Our dear Mrs Bekir, who after many years of service has decided to take a role closer to home. Mrs Bekir is a keen and talented artist and this will allow her more time for her family but also for her brushes and easel!

We wish her all the very best!

A warm Hope welcome !

Next half term you will meet some new faces around the school.

Mr Hickey will be joining us as TA in Waymakers class when we return on Monday 31st October. Mr. Hickey brings a wealth of experience, particularly in sports. Mr Hickey has coached a number of children's football and sports teams and has lots of experience of working within schools.

Mrs Seery will be joining us as our new Senior Admin Officer. She will work closely with Mrs Donnelly to ensure the business side of the school is managed effectively and to help us get the very best services we can for the children. Mrs Seery will join us on Monday 14th November.

Also joining us from Monday 14th November, is Miss Steele who will be working with the Creators Class. Miss Steele brings an abundance of energy and enthusiasm to the role. She has previous experience from schools but also in the care sector having previously trained as a care home assistant.

We know you will join us in giving our new staff members a big 'Hope' welcome when we return.

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When you
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Consider yourself
One of the special
Members of an
Extraordinary family

If your child was born between:
1st Sept 2018 – 31st August 2019
then it is time to apply.

Open Days:

- Oct 4th 9.30am
- Oct 11th 1.30pm
- Nov 2nd 1.30pm
- Tues 29th 9.30am
- Dec 1st 6pm

Please call the school office to book:
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Afterschool Club due to start: Monday 14th November 2022

We are very excited to share with you the start of our long awaited Afterschool Club which will start on Monday 14th November and will run from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Initial costs will be:

£9.00 for 1st child / £6.00 for siblings

Same rules apply as with breakfast club, a nutritious, well balanced tea will be offered along with fun activities and help/time if needed to complete any homework. Payments will be required to be made on Parentpay prior to dates booked. Please contact the office team if you would like a booking form.

Breakfast Club

We are delighted with the response so far but would love to see more children join our lovely breakfast club.

The breakfast club will offer children a healthy selection of breakfast options and a nurturing environment to play, read and prepare for their day ahead. We are proud to say that having researched the costs of breakfast clubs locally we are able to provide this service at an extremely competitive rate of £4 per hour, with a 50% discount for siblings.

Please just pop into the office to collect a form or call and office can send a form home with your child/ren.





Skills Academy
*is delighted to be introducing
our After-School Football Club to
Hope Community School*

THURSDAYS 3rd November to 15th December
For Years 2-6,
3.30-4.45pm

7 weeks @ £9 per 1.25 hr session
Total = £65.08 (incl processing fee)

The club is available to book online now!
Please click skillsacademytld.com
You will find it on the 'Autumn Term clubs' booking page.
Or call us on 01689 828 385 9.30-4.30 weekdays



We are very excited to let you know that after Half Term we will be welcoming into school coaches from Skills Academy.

Skills Academy work with schools to deliver exciting programs to children to encourage increased participation and enjoyment for everyone involved in sport.

We are delighted that they will be joining us on a weekly basis to provide lunch time sports sessions as well as working with classes and teachers to provide high quality PE lessons.

In addition to this we are delighted to let you know that they will be running an after school football club from 3:30pm to 4:45pm for children in years 2-6.

The flyer in this newsletter has all the details and the information will also be sent on ClassDojo so make sure you don't miss out and book your place directly with Skills Academy. Contact details on the flyer above.



Come and try..



ORIENTEERING

Danson Park, Bexleyheath, Saturday 29 October

Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport which involves navigating around a course using a detailed map. Dartford Orienteers are holding an event at Danson Park, Bexleyheath on Saturday 29 October. Its open to everyone, with courses suitable for absolute beginners,

family groups, or those with more experience.

Courses start at 2km, up to 4.6km for those who are more confident. You can start the courses at any time between 11am and 12pm. Entry is £3 for under 21s, £5 for those over 21 or £8 for family groups.



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Find out more and book your entry online by going to dfok.co.uk/events



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DRESS AS A 'ROCKSTAR' FOR THE DAY! Friday 4th November 2022



We are excited to announce that on 4th November we will be launching the Times Tables Rock Stars initiative at Hope Community School.

Used in hundreds of schools across the UK Times Table Rockstars is a fantastic way of engaging children in learning their times tables and helping them to embed times tables and division facts in long term memory. All children will receive logins so they can access this at home and in school.

To kick off this exciting new program we will be having a big launch day on 4th November where all children can come in dressed as... You guessed it – a rockstar! Children can dress as a rockstar of their choice or just dress as what they would look like if they were a rockstar when they grow up! No donation required as this is just for fun!

HOPE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The Creators and Waymakers worked together today to produce some beautiful artwork in the style of a Black artist called Odili Donald Odita. It was a lovely experience being able to buddy up with the younger ones to produce the work.

Good team work, Creators and Waymakers!

The children have been doing some shared work together exploring significant black role models eg artists, environmentalists,

Uniqueness



"You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you. Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move. You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything." – Henry David Thoreau

Our value this week has been uniqueness. Every child that walks the corridors at Hope is unique and special and we strive to develop their unique strengths and nurture their individuality. The children understand that we are all different and that different is good.

In encouraging uniqueness, we hope to build positive self-esteem, promote tolerance and build resilience.

Here are some things you can do at home to celebrate and encourage uniqueness:

- Talk about it: Explain that all people have strengths and weaknesses. Help them understand that they need to accept their own weaknesses and may need to work harder at some things than others. And that is okay. Talk about how important it is to be kind to others when they have a weakness.
- Celebrate strengths and achievements, but remember to praise efforts and hard work.
- Explore books that encourage uniqueness. See <https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/childrens-article/childrens-books-that-celebrate-differences-and-diversity> for some suggestions.
- Allow your child to experiment with different extra-curricular activities to find the things they love doing.



'But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.' - Isaiah 64:8

Coffee Morning With Mrs Donnelly

*Wednesday 16th November
9.00-10.00am
Venue:
Community Room*



Pre-ordering of Lunches

Just a reminder to please pre-order your child's school meal on the SchoolGrid system.

This not only ensures children are served the meal they have chosen (otherwise they are offered what is left), but it keeps wastage and costs to a minimum and by pre-ordering, this helps enormously. This can be done in advance up to a whole term.

Many thanks for your co-operation.





*Remembrance Service
At
Hope Community School
Over 60's
&
Local residents welcome
Friday 11th November
at
9.00am*

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Miss Sherri's first
lesson with the
Creators class.



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A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Collection for Bexley's Foodbank this year.

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Hope's 'Eco Warriors' Earth Matters Group



Introducing Earth Matters! We had our first meeting today where we discussed what will be involved in the next year to get Hope Community School the official Eco Schools 'green flag' award and status! It's a big task but one filled with fun, learning, and passion to see our school caring for the local environment and our beautiful world. We will be starting off with an environmental review and school audit after half term! Look out for our Eco board and more ideas and info about what we've been up to in next few weeks!

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HAVEST CREATIVITY COMPETITION – The Results are in!

KS2 Winner – Rosie Yr 4

KS1 Winner – Arthur Yr 2

Special mention – Palina – Yr 6

Special mention – Annabella Yr 4

Thank you to Judges: Paul Weston and Mrs Donnelly

“This was a really difficult job, with everyone putting so much effort and time into their amazing creations. Well done to everyone for such amazing, stitching, painting, moulding, sticking and use of different materials around your homes.”



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E-SAFTEY

At Hope Community School, we are always looking for ways to support you as parents, in order for you to support your child(ren) when they work/play online. This week, I wanted to explain what the age ratings mean on games:

All games released in the UK will have one of the following PEGI age ratings on the packaging: 3, 7, 12, 16 or 18. The rating means that the game shouldn't be played by a young person under that age. Why? Because there may be content within the game which could potentially be harmful, frightening or worrying to children. As well as an age rating, PEGI also uses icons showing content descriptors, letting you know if a game contains: violence, drugs, bad language, discrimination, fear, gambling, sex, or in-app purchases.



The VSC Rating Board rates online games for all the major consoles, and works with other authorities to give ratings to apps on many platforms such as Google Play and Microsoft Store.

Cont'd ...



For apps, the Board provides content information as well as details about:

- whether they contain in-app purchases;
- whether the app can identify your child's location.

It's important to consider age ratings for these platforms, as well as games bought from a store.

As well as numerical PEGI ratings, you'll see the 'Parental Guidance Recommended' rating for some non-game apps. The rating serves as a warning that these apps can contain user made or edited content, so it's best to take a look at the app to see how it's being used. Typically, this applies to products such as Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.

I'd encourage you to have conversations with your child(ren) about the games that they play and whether they are appropriate.

Mr Alexander
Computing Lead

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS
These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert
Claire Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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Dates for your diary ...

October:

Monday 31st Breakfast Club commences

November:

Wednesday 2nd 1.30pm Open afternoon – Prospective Parents
Friday 4th Times Tables Rockstars! – dress as a rockstar day! (no donations required)
Monday 7th Trip to British Museum – Pathfinders
Tuesday 8th Parent/Teacher Consultations: Creators (Yr3/4) & Discoverers (Yr6)
Wednesday 9th Parent/Teacher Consultations:
Changemakers (R/Yr1), Waymakers (Yr1/2), Pathfinders (Yr 4/5)
Friday 11th Remembrance Service – Over 60's local residents welcome
Friday 11th Meadow School starting for Changemakers & Waymakers
Wednesday 9th School Photographer – individual shoot by Kittle Photography
Monday 14th Afterschool Club commences
Monday 14th 'Odd Sock Day' – Anti Bullying week
Wednesday 16th Coffee Morning with Mrs Donnelly
Thursday 17th Changemakers Trip to Blackfen Library
Monday 21st Flu Immunisations (deadline for signing up online: 16/11/22)
Tuesday 22nd Trip to British Museum – Creators (Yr3/4)
Tuesday 29th 9.30 am Open morning – Prospective Parents

December:

Thursday 1st 6.00pm Open evening – Prospective Parents
Thursday 1st Seeds of Hope/PTA Christmas Movie Night
Wednesday 7th Christmas Panto – Rainbow Theatre Company performance of Aladdin
Thursday 8th Christmas Jumper Day!
Thursday 8th Christmas lunch with crackers (please book on SchoolGrid)
Friday 9th Discoverers Trip to the National Army Museum
Friday 9th Seeds of Hope present: Hope's Christmas Fayre
Friday 16th END OF TERM: School Finishes at 1.30pm

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A BIG 'THANK YOU'

TO OUR VERY HARD WORKING PTA



Our wonderful Seeds of Hope work very hard behind the scenes, often in the evenings and at weekends, planning and making great things happen to raise funds for the school.

Through their efforts their most recent purchase for the children is various playground equipment – we would like to thank every parent/carer for contributing to the various fund raising events put on.

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Mr Alexander takes Yr 6 for a visit to the local Sushi bar!



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**WEDNESDAYS MULTISPORT CLUB WILL RESUME AFTER HALF TERM
PLEASE CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY**

CONCEPT⁴ FOOTBALL
www.concept4football.co.uk

**Hope Community School
Multi Sports Club**
Wednesday 2nd November - Wednesday 7th December
3.30-4.30pm
Open to children from Years 1-6
£32.50 for the full course

Name.....School Year.....
Contact Name / Number.....
Email.....
Medical Info.....
Parent Signature.....

To book your child's place please visit
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HUGE DONATION OF BOOKS !!

A big thank you to '**Acorn Books**' for donating all these wonderful books – we are all excited to use them in our new library and our class book spaces.



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READING RAFFLE WINNERS !!



A big 'well done' to the first winners of the reading raffle. Keep an eye out next half term for the ideas that some of our pupils have thought of to help us encourage reading across the school.



This week the children have been learning about Diwali. We have made diva lamps and explored the Hindu celebration of light. We wish a happy Diwali to anyone celebrating this as part of their culture next week.



As the festival of Diwali is due to be celebrated by many families across the country next week, pupils have made their own Diva lamps from salt dough. We hope you enjoyed seeing their finished products yesterday.





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