



Dear families

I don't know about you but I have been spending a lot of time this week being very thankful for the sun finally starting to shine! Dare I say it, Summer term is always my favourite as we can get outside more and take the learning beyond the classroom more regularly. Of course, it's also been extra special as in the last few weeks, we have had the fantastic mini-marathon and today's Coronation celebrations. On that note, I must give a huge shout out to our wonderful Seeds of Hope, who have put so much time and effort into making these events possible and to you the families for helping to provide the food. So, I leave you by saying 'Long live the King - and long live the warm sunny days!'

Mrs Donnelly

Sara Donnelly - Principal







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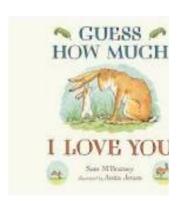








Spotlight On ... Mrs Carvosso



Here at Hope we consider ourselves more than just a school – we're a family! And to help you get to know everyone in our family a little better, we will be shining the 'spotlight' on a different member of staff in each of our newsletters.

This week our spotlight is on... Mrs Carvosso!

Q1. How long have you worked at Hope Community School? Since it opened in 2013!

Q2. What did you want to be when you were little? To be an architect

Q3. What was your first ever job? Worked in a jewellers shop on Saturdays;

Q4. What is your favourite book or movie? The book - Guess How much I love you

Q5. What do you do for fun? Hang out with my children. I also like to read and do puzzles!

Q6. What is your favourite thing about working at Hope? The friendly, caring staff and wonderful families

Q7. Tell us one thing no one at Hope knows about you already... I was running and slipped over and broke my arm at secondary school!



Raising Complaints

Whilst everyone here at Hope Community School prides themselves on always putting children first and doing their utmost to ensure your children have the very best educational provision possible, we recognise that parents and carers may, from time to time, have concerns about the progress, achievement, behaviour or welfare of their child/children. Parents and carers are encouraged to make those concerns known to staff so that they can be addressed in partnership with the school. In these instances, it is important to know that as a school we will always take any concerns seriously because we recognise that the sooner concerns are raised the easier it is for a resolution to be found.

The first port of call if you have a worry or problem is normally the class teacher and therefore we ask that parents make their first contact with their child's class teacher, who can then raise the issue with the appropriate staff member, including the Principal, should they feel it is necessary. If you feel the issue is a safeguarding concern, then it may be more appropriate to come directly to the Principal or a Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Carvossa or Mrs Anglin). Another option is to email your concern to enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org and it will be forwarded onto the most appropriate member of staff. Whatever the nature of concern, we hope you feel assured that any problems will be dealt with in a timely and professional manner. If you feel that your concern has not been addressed, then you can see how to take concerns to the next stage on our school complaints policy.

To see the full complaints policy please visit https://www.hopecommunityschool.org/page/?title=Policies&pid=218



Policies

www.hopecommunityschool.org



https://www.concept4football.co.uk/service-page/hope-community-multi-sports-wednesday-3?category=6c2ff998-e4a6-49da-ad1c-59265ac6357d&referral=service list widget



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Hope Community School

You're helping WWF to protect the future of Amur leopards and to tackle some of the biggest environmental challenges facing our natural world today.

Thank you.

Jul De Onles

Paul De Ornellas Chief Adviser – Wildlife, WWF-UK



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Kittle Photographic, the school photographer will be in school on

Thursday 18th May

To take class photos

Walk to school week - 15-19 May 2023

See if you can walk to school and back for the week or maybe, if you aren't close by then get off the bus a stop earlier or park a little further away.





"At Hope we are SMART when online"

At Hope Community School we know that Online Safety is important for everyone, therefore this half term children will be focusing on this in their Computing lessons. Please spend some time to remind children of the SMART rules of being online and how they can show these at all times.



-Safety-Is what your child seeing safe?, Is it appropriate for their age?

M -Meeting-Do children know the rules of meeting up and the risks of talking to people online?



-Accepting files- Are the files that children are receiving locked and safe in order to protect their device? Do children know what harm accepting files can have to their device?



-Reliable- Is the information that they are sharing reliable? Is the information they are looking at reliable?



-Tell someone- Do children know who to tell if they think something online is not safe?

This week's Online Safety poster is from Techsafe, exploring in-app purchases





TechSafe



Resisting the Irresistible: In-app purchases & Loot Boxes

According to the Safer Online Gambling Group, children in the UK spend over £270 million every year on loot boxes and other in-app purchases.



In-app purchases

Young people enjoy gaming online - whether it's Among Us on a smartphone or FIFA on a games console the fact is in-app purchases are irresistible and when children use funds to 'buy' them they often don't realise that they are spending real money.

Once sucked into a game, children feel under pressure to buy extra kit, Fifa points, skin packs or get to the next level to keep up with their friends. Plus, it's not always clear whether in-game currency is fictional within the game or equivalent to real money. The issue is that when they are buying online it's too easy, children don't appreciate the value of money and their play spending doesn't feel real.

Loot boxes are online lucky dips. They look enticing and sparkly. Without knowing what's inside, gamers can earn or buy the privilege of opening a loot box. Sometimes the contents are as exciting as promised but, usually, they disappoint. However, the gamer is now hooked into thinking that the next box will have something good inside, or the next, or the next...

How you can help

Whether your child is spending money by mistake or is struggling to resist in-app purchases, you can help protect them by managing the settings on their devices and within the game itself. Our video shows how to set parental controls and control this.

Never share your bank card PIN or passwords with your child and consider:

- · Setting up a separate bank account for gaming activity
- Using gift cards for in-game purchases
- Organising a system for saving pocket money for online spending so there is a cooling down period for them to think about what they want to buy, rather than spending in the heat of the moment.

Most importantly, talk to your child about online spending. Be clear on what they can and can't spend money on. Encourage them to ask you if they are not sure about a game and whether they might be spending money.

If it's too late and you find yourself with an alarmingly high bill then contact your phone provider to discuss what's happened as they may be able to help.

These apps are all free to download

Google Play



























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Science Week 2023

We combined science week and Earth Day to make a real change in our word. We practised many of the science enquiry skills, including researching, pattern seeking and fair testing.

We focused our fair testing on looking at green-house gases and how they cause the temperature to rise quicker than without the Co2. We also looked at how melting land ice may affect sea level.

The students enjoyed researching about endangered animals and made beautiful fact files and non-fiction about their class animal.

One of our Hope Values is responsibility. This is an exciting and tangible way that we can help take responsibility for the world that we live in.

Thank you for your participation and your help with this fundraiser. The children were so excited to be able to make a difference.

We are excited to announce that we raised £42.00 and have adopted the through the WWF.

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Creators had a fabulous first visit to Smyth Lodge Care Home as part of our 'Creators in the community' project this summer. We sang to the residents, created crowns for the coronation and made some great friends! We will be back to visit them again in June.









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School Office Opening Hours 8:30am - 4:30pm

Please note the office will be closed between 1:30 - 2:00pm For staff lunch





KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

Monday 8th Bank holiday – King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th-12th SATs week – year 6

Monday 8th BANK HOLIDAY – KING'S CORONATION

Thursday 18th Halfway Dinner – Yr3 (Yr4's new to the school)

Thursday 25th Music Collective

D.T. Show Case – 3.30pm – all years

Friday 26th STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Monday 29th- 2nd June HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

<u>June</u>

5th Monday Return to school

Tuesday 8th Coffee morning & E-Safety presentation

Thursday 13th KS2 History Workshop - afternoon

<u>July</u>

Wed-Thurs 5th-6th Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 12th Sports Day – whole school

Thursday 13th EYFS/KS1 (Reception, Yr1 & 2) Beach Trip

Wednesday 14th Year 6 production @ 5.00pm

Friday 21st End of Year collective – all parents/carers

LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1.30 pm



Here's a few photos from this afternoon's fantastic Coronation Celebrations!



Thank
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your
lovely
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for our
tea
party!!





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