

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another very productive half-term! We began the half-term celebrating **World Book Day** and to end the term our children have a brilliant Easter Bonnet Parade to look forward to on Thursday which we hope you can join us for followed by the INSPIRE Open Afternoon to see your child's learning this term.

Our enrichment opportunities included trips to Peak Wildlife Park, Dance workshops, Bikeability and Library visits all as part of our INSPIRE Curriculum. We've also had a number of WOW days that included going back in time to become Florence Nightingale and being visited by the Fire Service and Police!

As part of developing our pupils for Modern Britain, we shared various key events together in our assemblies discussing, International Women's Day, British Science Week as well as cultural and religious events like Ramadan and Easter.

Thank you as always for your trust and support to make our school a great place to learn. I hope everyone has a lovely break over the Easter period and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April as we have another great term to look ahead to!

Mr Miah

Principal

Parent Consultations – Year 6, Year 4, Year 1 and Reception

Thank you to all the parents and carers for attending the Parent Consultations. It was fantastic to see so many of you in the building and speak to so many delighted parents. We recognise the vital role you play as parents and work hard to make sure that we work together to raise aspirations and outcomes for all our pupils. Parent Consultations for Y5, Y3, Y2, and Nursery will take place in the next half-term.

Nursery Places

We still have a few remaining places at our fabulous Nursery!

If you would like to apply for a place at Nursery please contact the School Office. Thank you



*We **believe** in ourselves, to **achieve** our goals and **succeed**.*

Parent Workshop at Hackwood

Every half term we hold different workshops for parents, this month we held a workshop on Key Stage 1 SATS. For those that couldn't attend the session we have uploaded the presentation onto the website, we hope it is useful. We are confident that the resources, ideas and knowledge will support your child to achieve their end of year targets and succeed. As always, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our Expectations

Just a reminder about our whole school expectations. We have 3 expectations which we expect all pupils to adhere to. We ask that you support us to make sure that these messages are reinforced with our children. Thank you

Hackwood Primary Academy

Our Expectations



At Hackwood Primary...

We are respectful

We persevere

**We take pride in everything
we do.**

We *believe* in ourselves, to *achieve* our goals and *succeed*!



THE HARMONY TRUST
BELIEVE • ACHIEVE • SUCCEED



The Spring term has been full of inspiring learning across Hackwood. We have had visitors in school to enrich the curriculum, visits to Mickleover Library and fantastic learning opportunities in our classrooms too! Here are some of the highlights from our INSPIRE Curriculum over the Spring Term!

Squirrels have enjoyed reading and sharing traditional tales and retelling them in the Small World Area.

Rabbits have really enjoyed reading lots of Julia Donaldson stories. They even wrote their own stories inspired by the book 'The Smeds and the Smoos'.

Woodpeckers have investigated levers and pulleys in their DT lessons. The children visited Peak Wildlife Park and enjoyed a workshop about wallabies and lemurs - they even got to feed some of the animals! Daisy enjoyed writing a newspaper report about dinosaurs, "The T-Rex put a coat on the roof, so I wrote about that!"

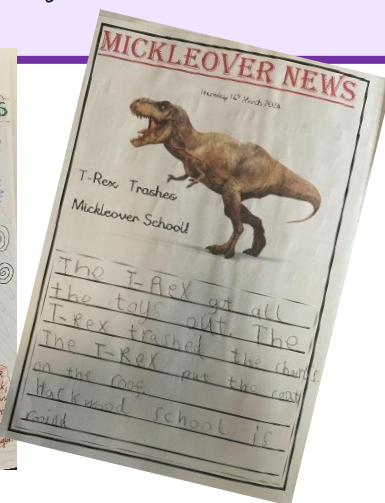
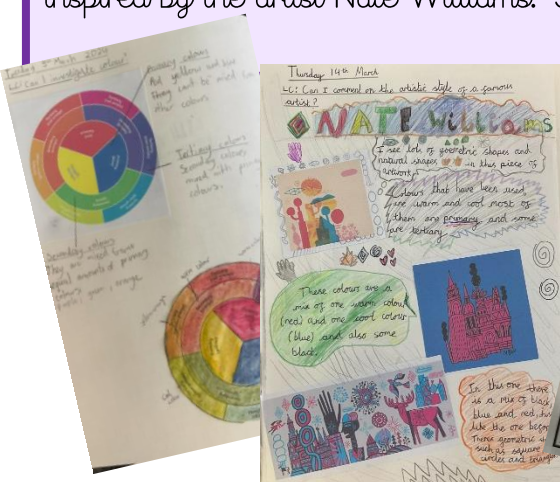
Hedgehogs enjoyed a WOW day to begin their 'I is for India' topic. They tasted food, listened to Indian music and explored traditional clothing. In DT lessons, Hedgehogs designed and made their own chapattis!

Owls were inspired by their Maya learning and designed and made their own chocolate bars in DT lessons.

Foxes have developed their history skills by learning about the Romans and their legacy in Britain. In DT lessons, they investigated aqueducts and designed and made their own aqueduct to transport water.

Badgers have enjoyed learning Ernest Shackleton's expedition on the Endurance to the South Pole. In reading, they have enjoyed reading the book 'Race to the Frozen North'. Daisy commented, "We learnt that Ernest Shackleton was trying to get his crew to Elephant Island."

Falcons have enjoyed their learning about South America. They investigated the physical and human geography of Argentina and enjoyed learning about the landmarks and culture of Buenos Aires. In Art, Falcons have learnt about the elements of art and created a piece of artwork inspired by the artist Nate Williams. Jayden commented, "I liked that we got to be creative."



Here are some of the highlights our children fulfilling The Harmony Pledge over the Spring Term

We have had a very exciting and productive Spring Term working on different aspects of our Harmony Pledge. We work hard on some of the pledges daily, we work hard to be safe, happy and health, be respectful and be workwise. Some of our pledges are met in different year groups, through visits, theme days and experiences. What a busy Spring Term!

Be a performer

Year 4 went to Young Voices.



Be an

eco-warrior
EYFS have been planting in old wellington boots- re-cycling and growing.



Hackwood PTA financed our own Pledge tree painted in the hallway.

*Be safe, healthy and happy
Be a fundraiser
Be a performer
Be an eco-warrior
Be respectful
Be a volunteer
Be democratic
Be an adventurer
Be an expert learner
Be workwise*

Be workwise

Year 6 have been working hard on their aspirations during PSHE lessons.

Be a fundraiser

Whole school

We have supported PTA fundraising discos to save up for a Hackwood Stage.



ONLINE SAFETY OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Over the holiday period we hope the children continue to use their iPads and other electronic devices but we want to give some ideas for how to keep them safe while they are using them.



These posters remind the children how they should behave when they are online and also what they should do if something goes wrong or they are worried about anything they see.

Staffing Update

We would like to share some staffing updates for the Summer Term:

- Miss Morley has had a baby boy! Miss Morley has started her maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing them soon!
- Mrs Ubhie will be taking up the role of SENDCO. Mrs Ubhie has vast experience of leading SEND and is the Trust Leader of SEND. If anyone has any concerns related to SEND please contact send@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org
- Mrs Yeomans has been appointed as the Assistant Principal and will continue to oversee our INSPIRE Curriculum at Hackwood.

Dates for the Diary – 2023/34

Please note diary dates may be changed and not all dates are on the calendar yet. Any changes and additions will always be communicated to parents via Spider or in subsequent newsletters with as much notice as possible.

Monday 15 th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term
Tuesday 16 th April	Year 2 Parent Consultations
Thursday 18 th April	Year 3 Parent Consultations
Monday 22 nd April	Nursery Parent Consultations
Wednesday 24 th April	Year 5 Parent Consultations
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday School Closed
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 21 st May	Reception Class trip to Matlock Farm Park
Tuesday 21 st May	Y6 trip to The Cathedral
Friday 24 th May	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Monday 27 th May	Half Term Holidays
Monday 3 rd June	School re-opens for the start of Summer Term 2
Tuesday 4 th June	Welcome Meeting for new Reception Class and Nursery Parents @3:30pm
Monday 17 th June	INSET - School Closed for pupils
Wednesday 19 th June	EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day @9.30am
Monday 24 th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day @1.30pm
Friday 12 th July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 23 rd July	Final day of the Academic Year