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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the highlights of this week in school:

- Careers' Week at HLPS is always an eye-opener and this week was no different. Y6 found out about the work involved in being a Conservationist, a Marine Biologist, Fisherman, Engineer, Educator and Decision Maker when working on the coast as well as exploring Urban Wildlife careers. Y5 learnt about skilled trades and Y1, Y2 and Y4 focused on careers linked with books such as an editor and illustrator.
- On Monday, Y3 attended a workshop on the importance of Diversity in the school and how to promote the positive elements of it. It was wonderful to hear how knowledgeable the children were with regard to the impact of acceptance of differences. I was very proud of them.
- Year 5 took a trip to the British Museum to learn about the Greeks. The day began, as all great educational adventures do, with a very serious academic question from the children - "When's lunch?" Ancient civilisation, Democracy and Mythology stood no chance against the pressing importance of crisps! 5A headed straight to Room 69 where most of the Greek objects they hoped to see, were displayed. Unfortunately, Room 69 was closed! 🤪 For a brief, dramatic moment, the teachers genuinely thought they might have to return to school having learned nothing about Ancient Greece but quite a lot about the crushing disappointment of a laminated 'Closed' sign and the subtle build-up of teacher panic!! Eventually, the room opened and the tour began which is when they discovered that Year 5 students and glass display cases have a mysterious magnetic attraction. Every time someone leaned on or brushed against one— even just gently, just for a second—a silent alarm would alert a hidden security team who would interrupt the tour to remind the children not to touch the glass cases. A total of 7 interruptions were activated before the Y5 magnetic draw to glass was finally subdued!! To be fair, the children *were* actually fascinated by the *contents* of the glass cabinets, peering at vases, statues, and fragments of pottery, not just their own reflections in the glass! It wasn't until the next day, however, back in the classroom, that the true awe set in.



The children were aghast to discover that the artefacts they were looking at in the glass cabinets were actually 2000 years old! They had survived through countless wars, extreme weather conditions, the entire rise and fall of empires and now, many a Year 5 elbow - they were, indeed, clearly built to withstand absolutely anything!

- Year 3 went to Colchester Castle as part of their Ancient Rome topic and the trip was extremely successful and engaging, even negotiating the dangerous descent into the underground catacombs with no accidents whatsoever although I did hear that Mrs Noe tripped up over the flat lunch hall floor while they were there! I will say no more!
- World Book Day arrived in its usual whirlwind of creativity, enthusiasm and the occasional creative interpretation of what exactly constitutes a “book character”. As expected, we were delightfully overrun with Harry Potters and a rather heart-warming number of Paddington Bears, complete with duffle coats and marmalade-based optimism. There were also, it must be said, a few children who arrived dressed as footballers. When gently asked which book their character appeared in, the responses ranged from confident to philosophical, including: “Well... there probably is a book about him somewhere.” We chose not to challenge this logic too closely! Some costumes were instantly recognisable, others required a little imaginative interpretation and at least one teacher was heard quietly asking, “Is that from a book...or just a very specific outfit choice?” Special mention must go to the ever-glamorous Ms Harrison, who arrived as the equally glamorous Glinda and quite literally brought the sparkle into school. Elsewhere, a mysterious Where’s Wally was spotted several times throughout the day but somehow managed to disappear whenever a photo was taken, a Matilda was seen quietly reading during break time (very on-brand), and one particularly convincing gang of Hogwarts students attempted to convince a Year 4 teacher that homework could be magically completed with a wand. All in all, it was a joyful celebration of books, imagination and the wonderful creativity of our pupils – even if a few footballers did manage to sneak onto the literary stage.
- And that’s it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

Thank you for continuing to share the joy of reading
with your children at home.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle



Stars of the Week



R1 Daisy
R2 Noah
1A Aleena
1B Ebube
2A Idrees
2B Archie
3A Alicia
3B Deivid

4A Kevin
4B Sia
5A Isla
5B Manaal
5C Zoey
6A Riley
6B Tyler

Kindness Award

R1 Luca
R2 Ollie
1A Lenny
1B Tommy
2A Annie
2B Siyana
3A Maria
3B Maia

4A Lenny
4B Ifeh
5A Dima
5B Sinachi
5C Joel
6A Sanuka
6B Freddie



Congratulations to

Hurain R1	Annie 2A
Mariam R1	Michael 2A
Mason R1	Callum 2A
Max R2	Dalia 4A
Isaiah R2	Khaleelah 5C
	Harper 5C



on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!

Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Vasyl R1	Meltem 2A	Zayna 3A
Nevaeh R1	Mannat 2A	Paula 3A
Kai R1	Lexi 2A	Evani 3B
Harrison R1	Sienna 2A	Layla 3B
Greyd R1	Ada 2B	Mujtaba 5C
Tallulah R2	Denzal 2B	Fareedah 6A
Nova R2	Emily 2B	Sanuka 6A
Adrian 1A	Lola 2B	
Amelia 1B	Zaryab 3A	



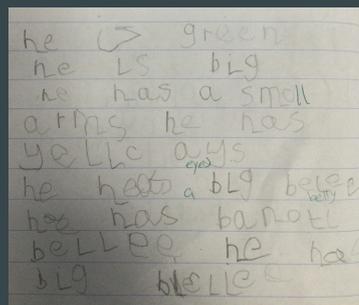
ACHIEVER

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!

Reaching gold this week

Zahra R1	Eva 1B	Zayna 3A	Joel 5C
Vasyl R1	Niyanshi 1B	Paula 3A	Mujtaba 5C
Nevaeh R1	Gracie 1B	Kevin 3B	Reggie 5C
Kai R1	Amelia 1B	Evani 3B	Khaleelah 5C
Harrison R1	Vadim 2A	Freddy 3B	Halimat 5C
Greyd R1	Dhyan 2A	Yaqab 3B	Harper 5C
Amayah R2	Parker 2A	Layla 3B	Jimmy 5C
Micah R2	Jude 2A	Aisha 4A	Aleeha 5C
Miko R2	Meltem 2A	Dottie 4A	Lola 6A
Yaqub R2	Mannat 2A	Elizabeth 4A	David C 6A
Tallulah R2	Lexi 2A	Arlo 4A	Fareedah 6A
Nova R2	Sienna 2A	Chloe 4B	Sanuka 6A
Mujtaba Willow	Sehaj 2A	Serena 4B	Renato 6B
Alfie 1A	Michael 2A	Brian 4B	Albert 6B
Ruby 1A	Nectarie 2B	Milesa 4B	
Adrian 1A	Ada 2B	Dominic 5A	
Teddy 1A	Ameer 2B	Sonia 5B	
Ava 1A	Denzal 2B	Manaal 5B	
Mylo 1B	Emily 2B	Kira 5B	
Isaiah 1B	Lola 2B	Ayanah 5B	
Joshua 1B	Ismael 3A	Mark 5B	
Lucas 1B	Henry 3A	Kevin 5B	
Tommy 1B	Zaryab 3A	Gabriel 5B	
Nimi 1B	Kaiyaan 3A		

Presentation Award



Danyil
in R2



Spring Term Dates

- Wednesday 11th March - Year 1 Victorian trip to Braintree Museum
- Wednesday 11th March - Scootfit workshops
- Thursday 12th March - Scootfit workshops
- Friday 13th March - PTA Mother's Day stalls
- Monday 16th March - Stay and Learn week - (not 3A)
- Thursday 19th March - PTA Non-uniform day - bring an Easter egg!
- Monday 23rd March - Year 1 Cycle Awareness day
- Tuesday 24th March - Year 1 Victorian Assemblies to parents 1A - 9:30 1B- 2:30
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 4 Easter Play to parents (time tbc)
- Thursday 26th March - Year 2 trip to Ingrebourne Country Park
- Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade and PTA Easter egg hunt
- **Friday 27th March break up at 1:30 for Easter**
- **Tuesday 14th April - Return to school**

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Wilayate in 2A
Elliott in 4A



Well done!

