

Hope View School

Summer Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher:

Well done to all our pupils for their determination to succeed this year. Socially, emotionally, and academically pupils at have positively contributed to our wonderful community here at Hope View School. Pupils have overcome any barriers that they have faced with the tremendous support of our staff. Our community has revelled and shared in successes of individual pupils many times throughout the course of the year and this mutual respect that everyone has for each other proves that pupils are on their pathway to being well – rounded citizens. There have been many successes this year outside of the classroom, such as: Public exam success, trips, and visits to Port Lympne, Richborough Roman Fort, the Duke of Edinburgh expedition, improving personal life skills, transition days to name a few. Thank you to all Parents and Carers for the support which you have given to the school this year, everyone appreciates your open and transparent communication with us, and we look forward to working with you in the next academic year.

The following Staff changes will be applicable from September 1st, 2023. Leaving HVS: Mr Graeme, Mr Alex, Miss Kirsty, Miss Jay, Miss Faith and Miss Anne. Joining HVS: Mr Tom (Upper Site Forest School Leader), Mr Josh (TA), Miss Kelly (TA). I would like to send my thanks and gratitude to the staff who are leaving HVS for their many years of contribution to our community.

I wish every member of the HVS community a well-deserved Summer break and we will see all pupils again on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Upper School

Miss Eutaila and Miss Faith would love to share with you what has been happening in Science this term!

Class 4 and 5 spent an amazing day at Port Lympne Natural Reserve with at the beginning of this term, as they are currently studying about speciation, extinction, and conservation. We had a great adventure in the army safari truck, and we have seen animals in their natural environment, like diamond spotted horses who were extinct, but Aspinall foundation managed to repopulate some areas in Europe by breeding them in the UK. We have also seen lions, tigers, gorillas, monkeys, giraffes, any many more amazing animals. The boys were exhausted due to the hot weather, but we said we preferred the heat instead if the rain.



Class 5 also visited the Badger's Hill Farm & Garden centre to recognise and identify different species of plants. **Class 3 and 4** have extracted DNA from strawberries and pupils were surprised how big it is. For transitions, the pupils used microscopes and prepared slides with their own cheek cells!



GREEN SCHOOLS PROJECT,

Miss Faith would love to share everything they have done this term! We have begun to plant in the garden at the US, including tomato, chilli pepper, runner beans, carrots, lettuce and a few others! The garden has been prepared by Mr Matt and Mr Lorne, and all the planting has been done by the pupils in **classes 3, 4 and 5!** We also have a strawberry plant that Mr Matt has been looking after which is now beginning to grow strawberries! Our tomato plants are also beginning to grow tomatoes! The aim of setting up our own fruit/veg garden is to encourage our pupils to think more sustainably about the food they buy and the Carbon footprint it might have! A **Class 5** pupil would like to share what they created: I created my own bug house out of two cardboard boxes filled them with leaves and sticks I collected. I also used hay and soil. I put three bottles on the top, one filled with hay, one filled with soil, and one filled with both!



Mr Welsh would like to share information about Work Experience week:

During the week beginning 26th June 2023, eight HVS pupils took part in a work experience placement. This was highly successfully, and the pupils were a credit to HVS. All work placement providers commented on how amazing our pupils were. Placements were across Kent and included a hotel spa, preschool, farm, car mechanics, cafeteria, large pet retailer and Kent University. Well done to all pupils involved.

Mr Graeme would love to share the Duke of Edinburgh expedition this year: This year we went for a brutal 1st day of walking about 9 miles according to Mr Pearce, but timings were perfect. The evening was spent with some fun around the campfire and most pupils went to bed around 10 or 10.30. a few stayed up until we burnt all the wood and went to bed at the 11.30 curfew. Next day pretty much everyone got up and made a cooked breakfast which is a first and started packing away. A pupil was able to sleep half in his tent half out. The pace dropped considerably on the second day and we had many rests. We hobbled over the line and returned to school like one of Caesars great armies returning from an immensely long battle. Fortunately for our soldiers they all returned home safe and sound albeit a little dishevelled and war torn.



Lower School

Miss Tracy and Miss Yasmin would love to share what Rabbits have learnt in their history lessons:

Rabbits have been learning about Canterbury Cathedral in their 'Local History' unit. They looked at the purpose of the stained glass in the Cathedral, then produced their own panels in Art. Did you know that some of the glass in the Cathedral dates to the early 1100's and could be among some of the oldest glass in the world?



Dear Hope View School,

Thank you for many wonderful experiences and letting me guide you to your achievements. Thinking of you always Miss Jay.



Otters and Rabbits went on a trip to Richborough Fort this term Miss Angela would like to share the classes had a lovely trip to Richborough Fort. They went to learn more about the Roman invasion of Britain.



Miss Zoe would love to share what all classes have been learning in Forest School this term: This term in Forest School the boys' learning has continued to focus along the theme of life cycles. We have enjoyed being out exploring the woods in the warm weather. This has also encouraged many animals, flowers, fungi, birds, minibeasts, beetles, butterflies, dragon flies and bees to emerge, for us to study and learn about the important part which they all play in our complex ecosystem. This picture shows a deer's footprint.

**We look forward to welcoming students back on the 5th of September 2023
Have a great summer holiday!**



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