

Hope View School

Winter Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher:

Term 2 has seen a lot of determination and focus to succeed and progress. Pupils have demonstrated resilience and have been positive in their approach to learning. Some pupils have completed their mock exams and I wanted to say well done to all the pupils involved as you enter the final stages of your learning for your examination subjects.

Pupils on both sites have been involved in educational visits this half term which is an important part of our approach to learning for our curriculum. Some pupils represented the school in a football tournament against other schools and despite the wet weather participated in the right spirit.

There is lots to look forward to in the new year and I wanted to extend my thanks again to everyone who is part of the Hope View School community for your support.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break, and all staff look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Upper School

Upper School News: Well done to each member who played in the football tournament this term. Despite the extreme weather conditions each player tried their best and gave 100% effort throughout the tournament. You all should be extremely proud!



In **Science** pupils are trying hard to complete their final assessments and investigations, **Class 1 and 2**, after a good period of mock examinations are now completing waves experiments. **Class 3 and 4** are learning about the Collision theory, Pressure and Forces. **Class 5** are investigating Magnetism. **Voyagers** and **Explorers** are very keen to complete half of their Entry Level Course work in science.

Miss Hannah would like to say a massive well done to the **Voyagers** for their determination this term. Pupils have sat 3 of their Entry Level Assessments this term and have done so with determination, dedication, and resilience.

Class 6 learned how to make websites. They made very creative, informative, and attractive websites on different topics by adding hyperlinks, media, and information.

The Upper Site revealed our new Remembrance Monument by three of our pupils who attend the army and sea cadets. Each member of Hope View School showed their respects in a 2-minute silence in our Remembrance ceremony.



Lower School News from Miss Lynn: Pupil Council have chosen the Dogs Trust as their charity this term we will be collecting £1 donation from Pupils and Staff in exchange for wearing a Christmas Jumper on Thursday 14th December.



Rabbits and Class 6 went to Folkestone Museum for a wonderful Anglo-Saxon workshop. They got to study some artefacts from that period and handle a wide variety of replicas. They tried some crafts and games from the time, practised being an architect on a dig and dressed up in Anglo-Saxon outfits. Everyone got to make a brooch to bring home with them. It was a fun and educational visit for everyone involved.

Hedgehogs, Badgers, and Adventurers have been getting stuck in all term at Yew Tree Farm! Despite the mud and cold they have worked hard to care for the animals and joined in well with team games and crafting activities.



In **Forest School** this term, despite being faced with some extremely challenging weather conditions from storms Babet, Ciaran and Debi, we have continued to enjoy our Forest School lessons. We have made kites to fly in the blustery wind and enjoyed puddle jumping in the heavy rain and even tried skating across some iced over puddles. The damp conditions have meant that fungus is thriving, especially in the dark, damp Pinewood Forest. We were lucky enough recently to stumble across some 'Jelly ear' fungus, growing on a decaying log. The boys were amazed to see for themselves that it, like its name suggests, looks exactly like a mini human ear. Some of the boys have also turned their hand to the Japanese printmaking art of 'Hapa zome' and used the common woodland fern to create prints. (see photo above)

Next Term Upcoming Events

Event	Pupils Involved/Location	Date
First Day of Term	ALL	Monday 8 th January
Maths Functional Skills Level 1 & 2.		Monday 8 th January
English Functional Skills Level 1 & 2.		Tuesday 9 th January
ICT Functional Skills Level 1 & 2.		Monday 15 th January
School Photos	ALL	Tuesday 23 rd January– More details to follow.
Academic Review Day (Pupils to attend with Parents/Carers for 30-minute progress meeting)	ALL	Friday 26 th January– More details to follow.
Upper Site Closed to Pupils	Upper Site Pupils	Friday 9 th February– More details to follow.
End of Term		Friday 9 th January

Have a great Christmas Break and we will see you back on Monday 8th January 2024!

