



## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Silbury	277pts
Ridgeway	276pts
Kennet	272pts
Avebury	269pts

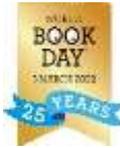


Well done everyone!

## World Book Day - Term 4 Week 1

As mentioned on Newsletter 19 & Newsletter 20, as well as being on the school calendar since last July, World Book Day is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

All Children, except Year 3, can dress up as Book Characters on Thursday - OR just come in Non-Uniform.



**IMPORTANT** - please note Year 3 (only!) will celebrate this on FRIDAY instead - as they have swimming on the Thursday.

There are plenty who request the opportunity for their children to dress up, and others who don't like the pressure of finding or making a costume.

**Dressing up is optional** and there are plenty of fictional children in literature, wearing normal home clothes.

Please use your token to get money off a book of your choice - or to at least claim a FREE book by swapping your token in a bookshop.

## Nursery News

We ended the term and our Bear topic with the book 'The Everywhere Bear' by Julia Donaldson.



The children will now be taking turns to take our nursery bear home for the weekend or a mid-week break.

We look forward to seeing and sharing his adventures in class.

The first person got to have him for the holidays!

Who will be the lucky one?



## Clubs

As a reminder - Teacher led CLUBS run until week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. This, of course, includes Choir on the Wednesday, Art on the Thursday and Football on the Friday of that week.



School was closed on 18<sup>th</sup> February because of the heavy winds...here is the newsletter from that day with some items changed as they would have happened on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.

Watch out for yellow highlights!

## 4Willow - Wilderness Assembly

This event was moved to 4<sup>th</sup> March because of the Storm Closure.

Parents of children in 4Willow please come to the hall as originally planned - for 9am



## Year 6 SATs Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

All parents in Year 6 have been emailed the ZOOM codes for this meeting at 6pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, this Wednesday

This is a meeting for Year 6 parents only, so if you have not received the codes, please contact the office to confirm your identity, mobile number & email address, and we will re-send the codes.

This is the first time in 3 years that the tests will take place for Year 6 children, so it is important to attend and hear the information being shared by the Year 6 team. See you all there (albeit virtually).

## Guides and Scouts (2<sup>nd</sup> reminder)

Every year they do this on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the day when both were born, but since that day fell in half term this year, AND THE STORM MEANT WE HAD TO CANCEL LAST FRIDAY, Guides, Scouts, Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies etc. may wear uniform to school on Friday this week (4/3/22)



## Netball Fixture v Tadpole Farm

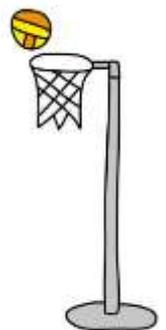
We played our first match of the season on Monday against Tadpole. Tadpole took the lead in the first quarter, but we quickly found our feet and played some excellent netball.

The final quarter saw a flurry of goals and the game ended 3-2 to Tadpole.

All played really well and improved throughout the game.

Team:

Jess, Harvey, Gracie, Sahara, Sophie and Maddie.



Apologies for the delay in receiving this newsletter. The decision to close on 18/02/22 was justified with items of flying debris found in the playgrounds during that day.

## Red Nose Day - Term 4 Week 3

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) is March 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.

The theme this year is Superheroes, and we will be allowing children to come dressed as a superhero. Or they can come in non-uniform, dressed as themselves, since they are all superheroes!

We will be holding Relay Red Nose and Spoon races around the Trim Trail, with each class trying to get the highest number of laps for their age group. We will not be selling Red Noses this year, so advance warning here that you can buy them now, in the usual places like supermarkets etc.

**Challenge** - make Mr Buckley and Mrs Cunningham laugh at the gate - get practising your favourite joke!



### Roblox

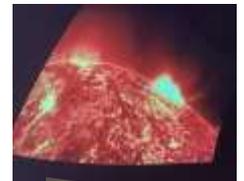
We sent an email to all homes on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, about Roblox.

Please read the email and monitor use of any online games being played by your children. As always, we will keep you informed as we hear of things in the news. The source of the latest concern was reported by the BBC and can be read by searching for Roblox BBC News. We also sent you this Roblox Parent Guide. Despite having an age 7 rating, this does not mean only 7 olds are 'playing' on there.



### Year 6 Explorer Dome Visit on 18<sup>th</sup> February...

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Explorer Dome. Ben, Alex and Aiden talked us through some of the science behind the concept of an 'invisible universe.' We learnt about the James Webb space telescope, infrared and ultra-violet light. The children (and adults) had their minds blown by the images of the sun and stars which were projected onto the walls of the dome. Anyone interested can find out more at [www.festivaloftomorrow.com](http://www.festivaloftomorrow.com)



Well Done, Jessica for making a brilliant Bug House from a Cardboard box! This was posted on tapestry, following last week's cardboard box challenge for children in nursery. We put this in the Nursery News box on Newsletter 20.

### Why not take on this Challenge?

What can you make out of a cardboard box?



See page 3 of this newsletter for more examples... some amazing Polar Scenes have been created by our children in Reception for their homework.

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# The Great Haydon Wick ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT 2022

Making the area we live a safe, healthy and environmentally friendly place is important to all of us. That is why we want to hear your project, events or workshop ideas to achieve this vision.

Environmental education provides important opportunities for everyone to become engaged in real world issues that transcend the four walls of our homes. Learning about the complex environmental issues confronting our planet helps to acquire the skills needed to be a creative problem solver and powerful advocate.



Community Allotment project

Recycling projects

Conservation talks, projects and workshops

Litter picks



Over the course of the year Haydon Wick Parish Council have an ongoing Environmental project running. This will include a variety of events, workshops and opportunities to volunteer. Looking after our environment is important for us and future generations to enjoy and be healthy. Please email Kate at...

[youthandcommunity@haydonwick.gov.uk](mailto:youthandcommunity@haydonwick.gov.uk)

... with any ideas of mini projects, events, or workshops you would like to see delivered in 2022.



4 examples here of the amazing homework done by our Reception classes.

This is really impressive work by both the children and their parents for rising to the challenge and extending the learning done in school through activities at home!

Thank you

## Managing Your Feelings

Others can't make you feel angry or sad.  
Others can't make you feel lonely or glad.  
These are the feelings that you choose to have.



If things go wrong  
Be sure that you say,  
"I may not be feeling great now,  
but this feeling won't stay"



And if you find that you are taking the blame  
For problems and feelings that others may claim,  
These are the feelings that they choose to have.



If you act to others  
As if they were you  
Then you will feel happy and they will too.



When given the choice  
between being right or  
being kind -  
choose kind.

Dr. W. W. Dyer

From "The Power of Positive Parenting" by Dr. W. W. Dyer



### STONE

TWO FRIENDS WERE  
WALKING THROUGH  
THE DESERT.

DURING SOME POINT  
OF THE JOURNEY,  
THEY HAD AN  
ARGUMENT; AND ONE  
FRIEND SLAPPED THE  
OTHER ONE IN THE  
FACE

THE ONE WHO GOT  
SLAPPED WAS HURT,  
BUT  
WITHOUT SAYING  
ANYTHING,  
WROTE IN THE  
SAND.

"TODAY MY BEST  
FRIEND SLAPPED ME  
IN THE FACE."

THEY KEPT ON  
WALKING, UNTIL  
THEY FOUND AN  
OASIS, WHERE THEY  
DECIDED TO TAKE  
A BATH

THE ONE WHO HAD  
BEEN SLAPPED GOT  
STUCK IN THE  
MIRE AND STARTED  
DROWNING,  
BUT THE FRIEND  
SAVED HIM.

AFTER HE RECOVERED  
FROM THE NEAR  
DROWNING,  
HE WROTE ON A  
STONE:

"TODAY MY BEST  
FRIEND SAVED MY  
LIFE"

THE FRIEND WHO HAD  
SLAPPED  
AND SAVED HIS BEST  
FRIEND

ASKED HIM, "AFTER I  
HURT YOU - YOU  
WROTE IN THE SAND  
AND NOW - YOU  
WRITE ON A STONE,  
WHY?"

THE FRIEND REPLIED  
'WHEN SOMEONE  
HURTS US  
WE SHOULD WRITE IT  
DOWN  
IN SAND, WHERE  
WINDS OF  
FORGIVENESS CAN  
ERASE IT AWAY.

BUT, WHEN SOMEONE  
DOES  
SOMETHING GOOD  
FOR US,  
WE MUST ENGRAVE IT  
IN STONE WHERE NO  
WIND CAN EVER  
ERASE IT'

LEARN TO WRITE  
YOUR HURTS IN  
THE SAND AND  
TO CARVE YOUR  
BENEFITS IN STONE.

DO NOT VALUE THE  
THINGS  
YOU HAVE IN YOUR  
LIFE,  
BUT VALUE  
WHO  
YOU HAVE IN YOUR  
LIFE!

It is wonderful  
to be part of  
the  
Abbey Meads  
Family .....

Carved in  
Stone!

Bob