



House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

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

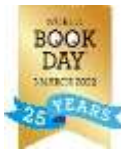


Well done everyone!

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 3rd 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 21st 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 18th February because of the heavy winds...here is the newsletter from that day with some items changed as they would have happened on Friday 18th Feb 2022.

Watch out for yellow highlights!

4Willow - Wilderness Assembly

This event was moved to 4th 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 - 2nd March 2022

All parents in Year 6 have been emailed the ZOOM codes for this meeting at 6pm on 2nd 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 (2nd reminder)

Every year they do this on 22nd 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

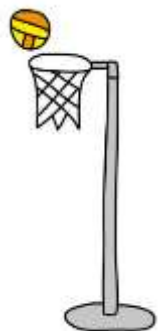
We played our first match of the season on Monday against Tadpole. Tadpole took the lead in the first quarter, but we quickly found our feet and played some excellent netball.

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 18th 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

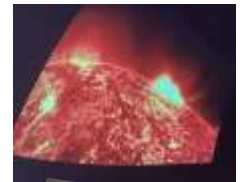
We sent an email to all homes on Wednesday 16th Feb, about Roblox.

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 18th 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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio building levels and games that allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play with others in worlds, either on their own or with other people and with a tool that can help foster creative thinking.

Roblox is also increasingly in the news over concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating
Roblox is rated by PEGI, but the minimum age requirement is also set for a range of other age ratings, but this varies by jurisdiction. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into other age ratings. Users can also interact with each other freely - and the game has, historically, unmoderated chatrooms, groups and online avatars.

Chat Functionality
Users can join groups with various avatars through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, parents will be able to see around these to see what their children are saying. There are also several reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to send private text, unmoderated environments exist from the game.

In-App Purchases
Roblox is free to game, however, users can buy things like special avatars or clothes, and to play certain portions of the game. A subscription service (Roblox Premium) offers users a 10% discount on in-game purchases and a 10% discount on Roblox Premium. Roblox Premium is available for purchase in America, for up to \$24. Children will usually pay for these, as purchased in-app purchases, without restrictions.

Online Predators
Roblox is designed to be a safe place for children, they employ human moderators to filter players' avatars. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they need to be monitored and filtered to ensure a safe environment. Any user making a personal connection or a link outside of Roblox should be reported.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Take Note of Ratings
Recent news reports about children's safety with game-based avatars. Some parents have called for a ban on Roblox, but the game is not a ban on Roblox, it is a game. Parents should be aware of the game's rating and the age of their children. If you are unsure, please contact your local authority for more information.

Set Parental Controls
Parents can control their child's access to Roblox by using parental controls. This includes setting a PIN to prevent your child from changing their account details. You can also restrict your child's access to chat and other features. For more information, please visit the Roblox website.

Disable Messages
It is important to limit any messages that children receive from other players. You can do this by disabling chat in the game settings. You can also restrict your child's access to chat and other features. For more information, please visit the Roblox website.

Block and Report
To report people in a game, first the player must be blocked. After that, you can report the player to Roblox. You can also report the player to the game's moderators. By reporting the player, you are helping to keep the game safe for everyone. For more information, please visit the Roblox website.

Encourage Creativity
Roblox is a safe and fun place for younger children, but it is also a great place to learn. Roblox is a great place to learn about the world of game design. You can learn about game design, programming, and other things. For more information, please visit the Roblox website.

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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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.

Join us on Twitter: [@AMCPS_Swindon](https://twitter.com/AMCPS_Swindon) / Twitter

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

... 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.



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