



Y4 - Visit to Haddon Hall - 23.4.25

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Everyone in school this week has demonstrated our value of courage! The children were amazing during the Mini London Marathon event on Wednesday, giving their full effort to run 2 miles around the school! So far, we've raised **£3517!!** Please make sure that any further sponsor money is in school on Tuesday so that we can give out our prize for the best fundraiser and share the total amount raised! Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children for the event.

Three of our courageous adults completed their #courageovercomfort challenges too! Kirsty, one of our parent governors, ran the actual London Marathon last Sunday; Mrs Harding completed her running challenge of 100 kilometres in April, and Mrs Churchman undertook her 10 mile walking challenge along the Cleveland Way! Amazing courage and resilience from all!

Best Wishes  
Miss Robinson



We are called to create an environment where both children and staff aspire to be, and give, their best. Everyone is emboldened to take risks, overcome challenges and be courageous in their efforts to achieve their potential. Leaders make bold curriculum choices that enable children to:

- gain knowledge, skills and experiences to navigate life in an evolving world; and
- develop characteristics such as self-belief, ambition, and resilience to overcome life's challenges.

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you." (Joshua 1:9)**

## #COURAGE OVERCOMFORT

You can donate and sponsor our team events here: [Go Fund Me](#)

**£4,014 raised**

£10K target · 106 donations



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Y1 Magna Trip - 6.5.25
- Y6 SATS - WC 12.5.25
- KS1 Football Match - 20.5.25
- May Half Term - 26.5.25 - 1.6.25
- INSET Day - 2.6.25
- Y4 Multiplication Check Window - 2-13.6.25
- Y1 Phonics Screen - 9-13.6.25
- OPAL Big Build Parents' Day - 2.7.25

## Reception - Mrs Price

This week in English, we began planning and writing our recount of our trip to White Post Farm. We explored different types of recounts and learned about time connectives. In Maths, we continued to explore numbers beyond 10 through a variety of games. We also practiced subtraction within 20. In our art topic, we began exploring patterns, identifying both regular and irregular patterns. Next week, we will continue our art topic by looking at line and tone. During outdoor learning, the children created clay faces using a variety of natural materials to make self-portraits. They enjoyed searching for different natural materials.

## Y1 - Miss Bower

Year one have had a lovely week! We were fantastic at the Mini London Marathon: all of Y1 put in 100% effort and had a great time. In English this week we have written a description of 'Space', making sure we used adjectives to describe not only what we could see but also what we could hear. In Maths this week we have been counting in our 2's 5's and 10's and making equal groups. Next week we will be continuing with multiplication and division. In Art this week, we have been exploring tones and shades of colours. We made different shades by adding white to different colours and making tones by adding black to different colours. We concentrated on making sure this was a gradual change by adding a little bit at a time. In PE we have been practicing our racket skills, we are really enjoying tennis this half term.

## Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had a great week! In maths, we continued our learning on fractions - all of us are much more confident at finding fractions of numbers. Next week we'll continue to learn about fractions where the numerator is greater than one and find fractions of shapes and quantities. In English, we've started writing a diary entry based on our novel, 'Julius Entangled with the Egyptians'. Next week we will finish this piece of writing before completing an independent write. We're all really enjoying learning about the Egyptians. Lots of children have continued their learning within the provision where in small world some children have been creating Egypt and others have been creating leaflets and fact files about Egypt in the writing area. In Geography, we've been learning about hot and cold areas of the world. We've looked at where the equator is in comparison to different countries and thought about if these countries would be hot or cold. In art, we've started looking at our next unit, which is pattern. We recapped our prior learning from year one on pattern and next week we'll look at man-made and natural patterns creating our own in the outdoor area.

## Y3 - Miss Wain

This week, in Maths, the children have completed their learning in our length topic by learning how to calculate perimeter. In English, the children have begun to write the opening of a letter to Mr Tumnus as part of our Narnia novel study. In RE, the children looked at prayer practices in the religion of Islam and made their own PowerPoint all about it. In Science, the children looked at what a plant needs to flourish. They planned their own experiment, to watch over the next couple of weeks and are testing their own plants. We have planted three pots, one with sunlight, one with water and one with both. They made predictions to see which one will flourish the best. In P4C the children looked at safety and how to keep each other safe both in and out of the classroom. All the children looked at making different tints and shades. They practiced this in their sketchbook and trialled making new tints and shades from primary colours. In Geography the children recap their learning on the eight points of a compass and designed their own map with compass directions.

## Y4 - Miss Cave

We have had another busy week! We've been thinking about decimals and what tenths look like on a place value line and a number line. In English, the children have been thinking about writing their balanced argument about whether or not King Henry VIII was a good or bad leader using their own research. They thought he was a good leader because he expanded the Royal Navy and created the Church of England! Also, in History, the children have been looking at a range of historical sources linked to Henry VIII and the Tudor period. They sorted a range of sources into primary and secondary sources and then thought about the pros and cons of each. In DT, the children have been designing a Tudor style meat pie and have been considering the process alongside ingredients and tools they will need. In Computing, the children are thinking about managing information online and how they can avoid being dragged into 'loot boxes' during online games. Next week, the children will be writing their balanced arguments and moving onto thinking about the safety aspects of making their meat pie!

## Y5 - Mrs Pearson

Year 5 have had very full week. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Sherwood Pines where they explored the WW1 trenches and took part in a range of activities to experience what it was like to be a soldier during that period. They then used their team working skills to build shelters which needed to be watertight - needless to say many of them came out wet at the end, which in the heat of the day was a welcome relief for them! On Wednesday, the children had a wonderful time taking part in the Mini-London Marathon event. In Computing, the class explored online reputations and whether all that they read online can be trusted. In History, they explored chronology by looking at the events leading up to the Military Service Act. In Geography, they explored time zones and how to find these. Next week, they will complete their decimals unit in Maths and continue their narrative linked to the War Horse in English.

## Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had a fantastic week full of exciting opportunities. In English, they have written their own non-chronological report based on the schools new OPAL provision. In Maths, they have been learning how to draw and identify angles. In Science, they have recapped their prior understanding of insulators and conductors before moving onto their Y6 topic of 'Electricity'. In P4C, the children have considered how they can take ownership of their own safety in a range of scenarios. They worked together to understand why safety is so important and what the implications could be of being unsafe. In computing, they have considered the importance of having a positive reputation online. To add to this, they have worked together to unpick the features of a positive reputation. To finish the week, they all took part in the fantastic Mini London Marathon! Next week, the children are going to continue revising for their SATs.





# OPAL

## WELCOME BACK SUNSHINE...

This week children have been playing in the sun and finding cool areas in the shade.

They have been playing all over the school grounds, and this week, we opened the Digging Pit! A number of children have begun to explore this, enjoying digging holes! The Y6s have been re-enacting events from their class novel - Holes!

## GOLDEN BROOM WINNER

Imogen and Mary  
from Reception

## GOLDEN WELLY AWARD

Y4

## RESOURCES WE NEED:

- sit on cars / tractors / vehicles
- buckets
- spades
- wooden planks
- sand play equipment
- loose parts for potions - pine cones, stones etc.
- tyres