

19th May Newsletter



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Message from Headteacher

I am so proud that our school continues to go from strength to strength – we have so much to celebrate and this week we have added something else!

This week we were notified that we have attained the Silver Arts Mark award. This national award is testament to the array of activities pupils in our school engage with. Thank you to Mrs Elston and Mrs Stirk who have led our work towards the award, to the staff and to the external agencies who have supported us in being able to offer so much for our pupils within the school curriculum and beyond.

We are now finalising our submission for the Learning Outside the Classroom award. I will keep you posted on this!

To give you a flavour of some other things to celebrate:

Our school results at the end of Year 6 were above local and national averages in the last academic year.

	School % attaining expected standard	Local % attaining national average	National % attaining national average
Reading, Writing & Mathematics combined	72%	58%	59%
Reading	81%		75%
Writing	77%		69%
Mathematics	79%		71%

	School % attaining above expected	Local % attaining above national average	National % attaining above national average
Reading, Writing & Mathematics combined	13%	6%	7%
Reading	30%		28%
Writing	21%		13%
Mathematics	30%		22%

Message from Headteacher (continued)

Our Year 4 pupils scored significantly above the national average in the Multiplication Check and our school's results were in the highest 20% of schools nationally.

Attainment of Year 6 pupils in the Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling test was also significantly above the national average and placed us in the highest 20% nationally.

The Little Wandle system for phonics has been successfully implemented this year and we are seeing tremendous progress in early reading. Last year, our phonics results were above local and national (School 81% attaining expected standard compared to local average (76%) and national average (75%) and we hope to maintain this trend this year.

Our results for children meeting the expected standard at the end of Reception year was above local and national averages despite Reception pupils missing significant early learning due to the pandemic.

Our children's English and Mathematics books are regularly used by external Literacy and Numeracy professionals as exemplars to support the development of teaching and learning in other schools.

We have sustained the exceptional after school club offer with children accessing clubs relating to sports, arts, drama, dance, ICT, modern foreign languages, yoga, mindfulness, zentangle and more! The fact that so many of these clubs are absolutely free for families and run due to the commitment and enthusiasm of our school staff is definitely something which marks our school out as very special.

Our rates of school attendance are consistently above national averages week on week. In the autumn term we received an award for being in the top 25% of schools nationally.

Our pupils' voices in school are strong and we consult and listen to children's ideas at every opportunity. Our Pupil Forums, including the House of Hoole, the Punctuality & Attendance Crew (PAC), Junior Safety Officers, Global Ambassadors, Sports Leaders and Ethos Ambassadors work alongside staff, governors and other agencies to continue to improve and develop our school. We also continue to lead the local cluster schools Pupil Council.

The workshops and events we have run this year have been very well received and we continue to extend the ways in which we support families to work with us.

Our systems for safeguarding and pastoral care have been commended by the Cheshire West & Chester Safeguarding Children in Education Team and by an external safeguarding consultant who we invited in to review our systems and processes.

Governance continues to be a strength of our school with governors actively engaged in the life of our school. Governors completed the Shaping Governance programme in the Autumn term and were commended on their knowledge of and involvement in the strategic leadership of the school.

Message from Headteacher (continued)

We have enjoyed so much sporting success this year. Our trophy cabinet has had several new shiny trophies and medals added as a result of outstanding performances in netball, cross-country and football. Children of all abilities have had the opportunity to engage in an array of new and exciting sports including gold, wheelchair sports, curling and boccia.

HETTY

I am pleased to report that the HETTY nursery was re-inspected by Ofsted last week. The report is due to be out very soon and the headlines will be shared with you as soon as possible. I am pleased that the quality of care and support for pupils in the care of HETTY has been acknowledged in the latest report which I am sure will be a pleasant read.

Bluecoat Trustees Meeting

On Friday 19th May, our school hosted a meeting of the Bluecoat Trustees. The Bluecoat Trustees are the governing group of the charitable foundation which set up our school many years ago. During these meetings, the headteacher is asked to provide a report to the trustees about the progress of the school. As I always say, our children always do such a great job of talking to and thanking visitors to our school!

I am so proud of the panel of children who were asked, with very little notice, to meet with the trustees to talk about events and activities which encourage children's lights to shine in our school. Families will be aware that we strive for our children to become responsible, tolerant citizens and confident thinkers. I feel that being asked to stand up and speak to adults without preparation shows real character and courage.

Thank you so much to Leon, Mahfuz, Monty and Rosie who blew the socks off the Trustees with their confident and articulate accounts of life in our school.



PTA Summer Fair

Thank you to all out families for your generous of donations towards out PTA Summer Fair. We are grateful to our hardworking PTA who are beavering away in the background with their preparations. Parents and Carer can sign up to help on the day via the survey on the School Spider app.

Special Visitors

A group of teenagers from the Reunion Islands in the Indian Ocean are staying in Chester for two weeks with host families. We invited them into school on Wednesday to talk to our Year 5 classes.

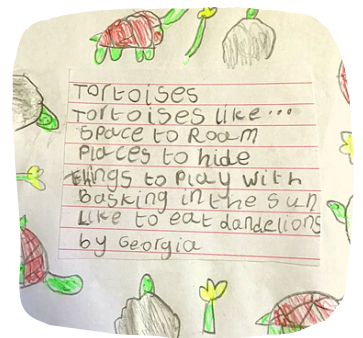
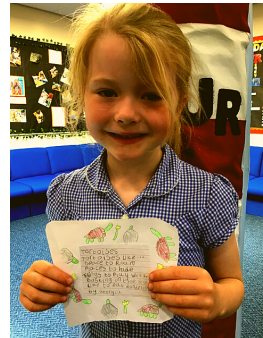
It was really interesting to hear about their very small island and their culture. They also taught us some French! The Year 5 children listened really carefully and had some fantastic questions to find out more about the island.

Year 5 also had a visit from representatives from Upton High School, including two of our former pupils, Dion and Sam! They told us all about life in high school and how it differs from primary school.



Shelly Returns!

Lily's tortoise Shelly visited us again! This time our Reception children enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Year 1's Lily. Georgia wrote this amazing poem all about what tortoises like!



Sports News

On Wednesday, Key Stage Two took part in a golf taster session with Mr Warren.

All the children really enjoyed it and persevered so they could hit the ball! The children took part in several games and challenges and we noticed some future golfers!



SUMMER FAIR

HOOLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIDAY 16TH JUNE
3.30-5.30PM

BBQ
AND BAR

**CANDY
FLOSS**
AND CAKES!

**LIVE
MUSIC**

TOMBOLLA
AND RAFFLE!

BRIC-A-BRAC
**AND OTHER
STALLS**

Artsmark Silver Award



We are extremely excited to announce we have achieved the Artsmark Silver Award!

The assessors over at Artsmark said, “The children clearly appreciate your extra-curricular offer, provided by your staff and by external organisations and your parents have likewise responded enthusiastically to the Arts becoming more visible.

You have developed children’s awareness of diversity across the curriculum and through including e.g. Stevie Wonder and Andrea Bocelli in your music teaching.

You have made some good connections with artists and arts organisations. Your plan to have pupil Arts Ambassadors is very positive. It will be exciting to hear how you continue to progress and you should give thought to how you will evidence the impact that your growth in the Arts has on children’s learning and their lives. Congratulations on your Artsmark Silver Award!”

Musical Extravaganza

We will be celebrating all things musical with a Summer Concert at All Saints’ Church on Hoole Road at 6pm on Monday 22nd May.

The show will include performance from both our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Choir, plus special solos from the children who receive personal tuition in school from musicians at Music For Life .

All are welcome to join us on the night - please just let the School Office know so we can plan the seating for the audience.



Secret Storyteller Strikes Again!

You may remember during Lockdown, we produced a series of videos of staff reading some of our favourite stories for children at home. By popular demand, we will be relaunching our Secret Storytelling videos and we need YOU to tell us which stories you would like us to read!

Our original videos are still available to watch on the school website. If you would like to relive the magic, please visit, www.hooleceprimary.co.uk/page/secret-storyteller/94598.

If you would like to request a story, you can let us know at the School Office, over the phone (01244 323890), via email, admin@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk, or via any of our social media pages, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram!



It's back!



SECRET STORYTELLER

Request your story and enjoy it on our
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Summer
2023

LOVE
BOOKS



SCAN ME



Letting Their Light Shine



We have an abundance of shining stars this week!

Year 6's Josh was awarded this shield as his team, Newton Under 11's football club, not only won the cup but won every game they played!



Our Vicars Cross Dynamos came second in the league last week! Well done Maddie, Thea, Poppy, Isla, Leila, Ivy, LT and Eleanor!

Anna trains at Ellesmere Port Gymnastic School and won this shiny medal for doing so well in a competition last weekend!

Alex, Elliot and Behram all won medals and a trophy last weekend for demonstrating their excellent football skills in a match last week!

Atharva plays kick football and he won two trophies, one for the most goals scored and the other for pure skill!

Leon competed at the North Wales racing Circuit securing third place overall in the competition!

What a sporty bunch! Well done everyone.

Let's Celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Isaac F

Harry W

Ava W

Alice-Ateyka J-W

India Grey S

Imogen W

Xander H

Shinkansen Class

Ivy W

Logan M

Vihaan S

Eva M

Lawson S

Georgia E

Meet Our Team!

Meet the Teacher



Miss McDonald
Reception teacher
Science Subject Lead

ABOUT ME

I love spending time with my cats (Lola and Mimi) and rabbit (Jurg). I am a children's yoga teacher who is passionate about children's mental health and well-being.

MY EXPERIENCE

I have been working at Hoole since graduating from university in 2016. I have worked in Reception and Years 1, 2 & 3.

FUN FACT

I have been an Everton season ticket holder since I was 6.

FUN FACT

I am a massive fan of Bruce Springsteen, having seen him 8 times.

Birthday Celebrations

Many happy returns
to all our birthday
buddies!

We hope you enjoy
your birthday book.



TARO, SOPHIE,
BEAU, ARLO, TADI,
CHARLIE, GABRIEL,
VERITY, JOSEPH,
JACOB, ILEKTRA,
ALBIN, BEN &
JENSON-JAMES!

Key Dates

22nd May	Summer Music Extravaganza 6pm
22nd - 26th May	Shinkansen Swimming Week
25th May	Year 6 Trip to Safety Central
27th May - 4th June	School Holidays
5th June	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
6th June	Pupils Return to School
6th June	Year 3 Trip to Chester Cathedral
8th June	New September EYFS Intake Open Evening
12th June	EYFS & Y6 Heights & Weights Check
16th June	PTA Summer Fair
16th June	Class Photographs
22nd June	Shakespeare Club (one off)
22nd June	Year 2 Trip Zoom Meeting 5pm
24th/25th June	Y4-5 Midsummer Watch Parade
30th June	Shakespeare Club Trip
30th June	Year 2 Trip & Sleepover
11th July	Year 6 Production
12th July	Year 2 Graduation Service at All Saints' Church