

HOUGHTON REGIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

24 March 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to see such a variety of sporting activities being undertaken by the children throughout the school over the last couple of weeks.

We were delighted to welcome into our school a top GB athlete. Frederick Afrifa is a two-time national gold medallist who came along and put the children through their 'sponsored' paces with 'fitness circuit' activities. They enjoyed the exercises like Spotty Dogs, Leg Drives, Push-ups and Star Jumps and had to complete as many as they could in one minute intervals. Thank you to all those who have already submitted sponsor money. Please send all monies and forms back to school by Friday 25 March 2022, for the attention of Mrs White. 60% of the money raised will be returned to our school to be spent on the children's sport and fitness.

Our football teams throughout KS2 have enjoyed great recent success with wins for both the boys' and girls' teams. I look forward to following their progression in the local schools' leagues. I have also been very impressed by children taking Taekwondo classes this year. The children involved have made real progress in this area and are clearly enjoying the weekly sessions.

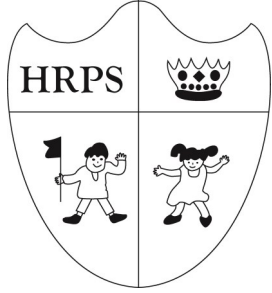
Yours sincerely

J Edwards

Mr J Edwards
Headteacher



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THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Some of our Year 5 children have been busy planting trees as part of The Queens Green Canopy (QCG) which is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee this year. This activity coincided with our British Science Week of activities around the theme of 'Growth'. The children learnt how important trees are for the future.



CAR PARKING ISSUES

A reminder for parents that the school car park is for staff use only. Please do not drive in to drop your children off. Also, please be considerate of our neighbours when dropping your children at school.

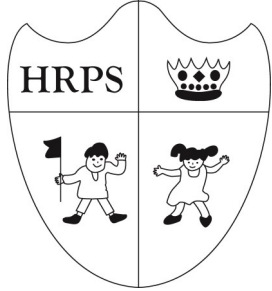
Thank you

PTA EASTER RAFFLE

We will be having a children's Easter raffle. Each child will be given one free ticket. Additional tickets can be purchased before and after school at the entrance to school. Alternatively, you can send money in a named envelope to school with your child. Tickets are priced at 20p a ticket or £1 a strip (5 in a strip). The raffle will be drawn on the 31 March.



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Word of the Week!

colossal

It means: Very large or big



Can you use this word in a sentence?

This week's Attendance Awards

KS1 - Purple - 95.45%

KS2 - Red - 95.55%



PTA MUFTI DAY TO CELEBRATE SPRING

We will be having a Mufti day on Friday 1 April and children are invited to wear something yellow to celebrate the start of Spring. On this day, we would be grateful for donations of toys, games, gift sets, Easter eggs or a donation of £1 towards the upcoming children's Easter raffle and summer fayre.

HCL ALLERGIES/INTOLERANCES

If your child has a food allergy or intolerance and meets the qualifying criteria, then HCL have a range of delicious and nutritious menus designed especially for your child's medical requirement.

The on-line account system takes just minutes to create and complete and is really easy to use. You will need at hand:

- Your child's school details including class name
- Medical evidence of your child's medical requirements
- Electronic Passport style photograph (which you will need to upload on to our system)

To apply, simply go to <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk>

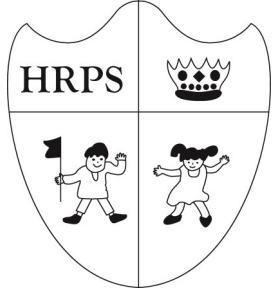
Once you have created your account you will be able to easily update the school and HCL with any changes to your child's dietary needs in the future and will automatically receive new menus when they change (twice yearly).

If you need any further support please see the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section of HCL's Special Diets website or alternatively you can mail

HCL.Nutritionist@hcl.co.uk



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PTA NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

The PTA are having a grounds clean up afternoon to tidy the blue chips in the Early Years outside area and a general tidy around the paths. This will be held on Saturday, 2 April from 1.00pm-3.30pm. If you are free to lend a hand that day we would be very grateful. Please bring gardening tools.

If any parents have relatively new cameras they could donate, Early Years would be extremely grateful. We use children's pictures a lot for wall displays and their learning journals.

If you fancy getting involved with the PTA you would receive a warm welcome. Please contact Maria on marianewins@msn.com

Many thanks

Sharon Banfield/Maria Newins

Joint PTA Chair

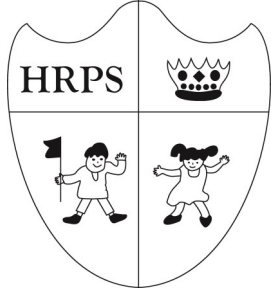


FREE HOLIDAY FUN AND FOOD

Central Bedfordshire Council are running multi-activity holiday clubs in the Easter holiday. Please see our website for a poster with the details.



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Danny DETERMINATION
says, "DON'T GIVE UP."

Ayaan M
Kenny A
Joshua J
Amelia G
Lyla D

Chelsea-Mai W-C
Evie K
Luke B
Leah F

Poppy T
Emma K
Levi U
Ava H

Frankie T
Tom S

Colin CURIOSITY says,
"THINK FOR YOURSELF."



Chloe COMMUNICATION
says, "RESPECT OTHERS."

Mia D
Abbie D
Esther K
Reina V
Jessica G

Freddie A
Ismail H
Alfie C
Sasha S

Jake C
Ella E

Izzy INDEPENDENCE
says, "DO YOUR BEST."



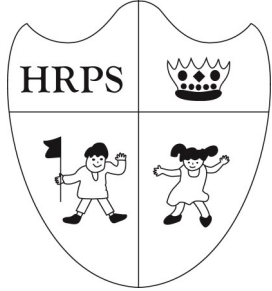
BIG WALK & WHEEL

We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel 2022, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling & scooting challenge.

This runs from 21 March to 1 April 2022. Look out for the letters and record sheets that will/have come home with your child.



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Organised by HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

Free Easter EGG HUNT

Saturday 9th April 2022
10am to 1pm

Fun for all the family

Houghton Regis Library

Houghton Regis Town Council Tel: 01582 708540 www.houghtonregis.org.uk

YEAR 6 BOYS' FOOTBALL



On Friday, 11 March our Years 5 & 6 boys' football team played against Thomas Whitehead. They secured a huge win and the final score was 8-2. Our goal scorers were:

- Harvey
- Sean
- Evan (2)
- Pele (2)
- Alfie
- Samuel

Well done boys.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

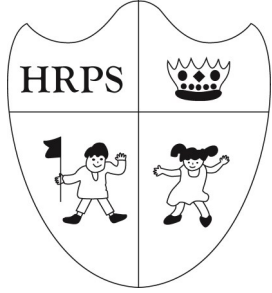
Christina Marks will be running a programme of dance, with aspects of performing arts, at school during the Easter Holidays. To register and obtain more details please follow the link below and send the code generated directly to Christina:

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-hols-food>

Contact Christina directly on:
Telephone: 07525850232 or
Christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com



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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational Visit	Year Groups involved	Date
Paradise Wildlife Park	Reception	Thursday, 24 March 2022
Southend on Sea, beach and aquarium	Nursery	Wednesday, 30 April 2022
The British Museum	Year 6	Monday, 25 April 2022

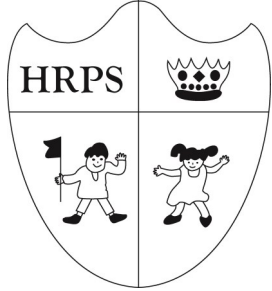


DRUMMING MASTER CLASS

The children were extremely lucky to have recently taken part in a drumming master class from Jeff Rich from Status Quo.

All year groups were involved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.





Book now for free holiday activities this Easter!

In Central Bedfordshire



During the Easter holidays, we are running free activities for children and young people aged five and up, and booking is now open!

Our sessions are inclusive so are suitable for children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND), and we'll also be running a series of activities that are specifically for children with SEND.

You will need to have registered before you can book an activity. Please make sure you have re-registered as old HAF numbers will no longer work.

Please complete a separate registration form for each eligible child. We will allocate each child a separate registration number, which we will send you by email.

Register here:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-hols-food

- There is something to suit everyone including crafts, performing arts, sports and games
- Get involved in a holiday club to make friends and have fun
- All children taking part get a free lunch and snacks throughout the day



The Holiday Activities and Food programme is for children eligible for benefit related free school meals. This is a requirement from the Department for Education who are funding the programme.



To book activities visit:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/holiday-activities