



New Horizons
Children's Academy

News

Dear parents/carers,

What a sunny week we've enjoyed this week- it's felt too warm for school on a few days! Year 6 couldn't have asked for a better week to be out on their end of term trips. The staff at both venues this week congratulated the children on their behaviour, attitude and manners, which is always lovely to hear. Thank you, Year 6, for being positive ambassadors for the school. Focus for Year 6 now turns to their end of year production and transition to secondary school.

Over the next few weeks, we continue to have some children out on trips, or events such as sports day. Please ensure children come to school with a water bottle, sunglasses and a hat if they are going to be outside in the warm weather.

You may have seen on the news this week that there are further teacher strikes planned for the 5th and 7th July. We have previously been able to keep the school fully open on strike days, which we are hoping to do again on these dates, but will keep parents and carers informed on any changes to our usual routines.

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe in the sun!

Mr Murphy

Dates for the Diary

KS1 Sports Day – Monday 3rd July

KS2 Sports Day – Wednesday 5th July

Yr 6 Prom – Thursday 6th July – 5pm till 7pm

Summer Fete – Saturday 8th July 11am til 3pm



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SUMMER FETE

2023

You're invited to join us for our Summer Fete

Where: New Horizons Children's Academy

When: Saturday 8th July, 11am - 3pm

What's on?

Enter our raffle and peruse our amazing stalls including; Ice Cream, Jerk Chicken, Face Painting, Cakes and Cookies and many more!

Take part in one our creative craft workshops or sign up to our BSL signing workshop and go for a bounce on the Bouncy Castle.

Enjoy our BSL performances from the Revolution Choir, a DJ set and raffle.



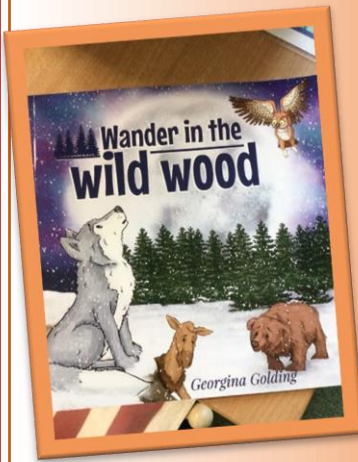
Thinking Inclusively

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Nursery

This week in nursery we have continued to enjoy our topic of 'Will you tell me a story?' This week we have shared the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood.'

We have also been very lucky and enjoyed a very exciting visit from an author who read us their brilliant story- all of nursery listened beautifully for this session. Nursery have also become bakers this week, getting busy making delicious biscuits on Wednesday. We took turns to measure ingredients, mix all the ingredients together and decorate them too. In our maths learning we have been recognising numbers within our environment from 1-10. We have been working hard practicing our careful counting of up to 10 objects and even matching the numeral to this! We finished our week with an exciting number walk, seeing what numbers we could find around the school.



Reception

This week in reception we have enjoyed sharing the story of 'The Very Lonely Firefly', continuing with our topic of minibeasts. The children were able to retell and sequence the story, even writing their own versions! We have also had a very exciting delivery this week of the caterpillars! Each class has been closely watching the caterpillars and observing any changes over the week- we can't believe how much they have grown already! Next week we hope to see them transform into beautiful butterflies!

This week in our maths learning we have explored 3D shapes. We started the week by comparing the difference between 2D and 3D shapes. We have been focusing on: cube, sphere, pyramid and cylinder and naming their properties. To finish our week off we really enjoyed taking part in a Hungry caterpillar healthy eating workshop! Using fruit and salad the children all made their very own hungry caterpillars and got to taste them too!



Year 1

In Writing this week, Year 1 have worked hard to draft their very own non-chronological reports about the Gruffalo, ensuring to include a title, picture, subheadings and facts.

In Maths, the children have showed fantastic persistence when learning about time. Specifically, they have learned about "before" and "after", the days of the week and the months of the year.

In Geography, the children learned about the various features of a woodland, including trees, bushes, flowers, grass, paths and rivers. They then practiced applying this knowledge, designing and drawing a map of their very own woodland area.

In RE, the children have continued to learn about Judaism, this time focussing on Hanukkah.

Specifically, they learned why Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah and what they do to celebrate it, including giving presents, eating special food and playing games.

The children have also had lots of fun in Art, recreating Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night" using complementary colours and an "impasto" painting technique. We were so impressed with the children's persistence, taking their time to create small brushstrokes with thick acrylic paint.



Year 2

The last week in Year 2 has been very exciting. We had our 2 DT days at the end of last week, where we were planning, designing and creating beach buggies! We explored different materials to see what would work best, tested how to make sure our buggies would function, and then began to make them independently. We loved taking them outside and rolling them down the hill!



In Writing we have been using our imaginations to write incredible stories, all about the beach. We have seen sea monsters, terrible thunder storms, talking star fish, humungous sand castles and dazzling mermaids. We have planned and drafted the beginning, middle and end and are looking forward to publishing!

In Maths, we have been revisiting some prior learning, all about multiplication and division! We have been practicing our arrays, grouping and sharing, and applying this knowledge to super tricky word problems (some even with more than one step).



Year 3

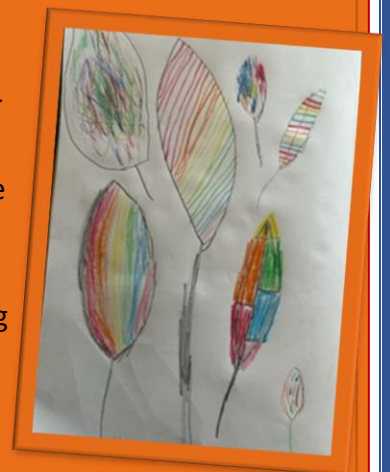
This week, year 3 have been working very hard despite the hot weather and they should all be very proud of themselves. Our topic this term is rivers and flows. Therefore, in dance we have been using movement to represent rivers, rocks and fish. In science, we have been looking at different types of rocks such as Igneous, Sedimentary, and Metamorphic. We explored the differences between each type and how they are made.

In French this week, we have been focusing on different types of snacks and the children have enjoyed asking each other to practise their French vocabulary. Some of the children in year 3 were very brave this week and took part in auditions for the school talent show. We cannot wait to see the wonderful talent in the final show.

Year 4

Three weeks down already – we are nearly half way through! The children this week have enjoyed yet more developments in our text this term – The Indian in the Cupboard. Unfortunately, Little Bull has been injured by his trusty steed that Omri brought to life. Bleeding and fearing the worst, Little Bull looks to his new companion who jumps into action, brings to life a WW2 medic to save hi. Will he survive? Tune in next week to see what happens. English this week sees the children take on the topic of recount writing where they will be supplying their own recall to an event. Mathematics this week begins to look at understanding and plotting coordinates.

During our Thinking Inclusively, consideration of others' views and cultures has been main theme. RE has looked at how different religions worship their God or religious idols whilst comparing this to their own beliefs. PSHE has concentrated around how the human body changes through puberty and the various things that we should know regarding how to control and accept these changes both emotionally and physically. Staring the week with a whole school assembly regarding tolerance, we finish the week after applying this understanding to those around us and reflecting on how we have achieved being the best version of ourselves.



Year 5



It has been a busy week in Year 5. We started off the week with DT week and we used our knowledge of circuits and nets of 3D shapes to create our own pyramids with light.

In Maths, we are continuing our topic on time using the 24 hour clock. In English, we are finalising our playscripts based on chapter one of our book, *Secrets of a Sun King*. This week we are doing our final edit and publishing.

As a year group we are still enjoying our swimming sessions and making progress. We are more confident in the water and enjoy being there.

Some of us auditioned for the Talent Show and the level of talent in Year 5 is unbelievable! There are definitely some stars to watch out for in the future!

We hope you have a lovely weekend, enjoying the sunshine, and we look forward to doing it all again next week. 😊

Year 6

It has been a busy week in Year 6! Trips to Bewl Water and GoApe were a huge success! The children displayed many habits of mind that are encouraged in New Horizon's such as, determination, perseverance and courage to take responsible risks. On behalf of all of the adults that attended our trips, we would like to thank each child for representing both themselves and our school with pride.



This week, we have continued to read our class book of *Holes*. There have been several debates and discussions about the experiences of the children attending Camp Green Lake. Furthermore, the children have been able to use their inference skills to decide their opinions on the main characters, and beginning to use evidence from the text to support their answers consistently. Continuing with our 'Holes' theme, in writing, the children of Year 6 have been creating some rhyming poems. They began the week by finding the key features of rhyming poems before deciding how best to incorporate these into their own writing. Several poems were tremendous, showing creativity and a wide range of vocabulary – there may be some hidden poets in our year group!

In Maths we are continuing our topic of algebra and are now preparing for what we will know for Year 7 mathematics. This week, we have been focusing on completing algebraic fluency questions and applying these skills to real life problems.

It was a great week for Year 6, with many more still remaining!



Thinking Academically



TT Rockstars:

Well done to Precious (Year 6) in first place this week, followed by Joseph (Year 6) in second and Mariam (Year 4) in third.

Spelling Shed:

The top year groups this week are: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 1.

Our top spellers this week are Gabriellus (Year 4) in first place, Precious (Year 6) in second place and Vlad (Year 4) in third place.



Thinking Globally

Eco

Welcome to the eco section of the New Horizons newsletter. We will share an idea, resource or initiative each week which could help our wider school community be a more eco-friendly environment.



Butterflies and moths are sensitive indicators of the health of our environment. Butterfly Conservation are asking for pledges to create wild spaces for them.

Find out more here - <https://butterfly-conservation.org/wild-spaces>

Thinking Inclusively

School Council



School Council dates for the diary

Swap Shop – July 5th

Book Shop – July 14th



Please bring any donations including preloved school uniform or books to the main office.

Don't forget to bring any suggestions or ideas to your class Rep.



Thinking About Their Thinking



In P4C this week, we have been looking at the question how has travel changed our lives. Within the next ten years, people may be able to travel between London and Sydney in just two hours by journeying through space on a sub-orbital flight. The current length of a traditional flight between London, UK, and Sydney, Australia, is at least 20-22 hours and usually entails a stopoff to refuel along the way. A sub-orbital flight involves launching a spacecraft to an altitude above the Kármán line (the boundary of space).

Enrichment

Each week, the purpose of this section of our newsletter is to provide suggestions and enrichment opportunities to our families, that can be enjoyed in our local community.

As always, to find out about more opportunities within our local area, visit @enjoyMedway or @Visit_Medway on Twitter or <https://www.visitmedway.org/>

Summer school holiday fun for 4 – 12-year-olds!

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kid's football school at our brand-new Chatham venue during the summer break at The Victory Academy from Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th August for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is just £13 per day and all children who attend receive a trophy! Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a penalty shootout competition with prizes! We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. Should you wish to book, please visit www.premierfootballschool.co.uk or call 07821 573837.



Holiday Club

St. Stephen's Church Holiday Club is back! This year's Holiday Club will run from Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd August 2023 from 10am – 12.30pm at St. Stephen's Church.

Each day will give the children the opportunity to play games, sing songs, watch puppets and drama, take part in a daily challenge, make crafts and hear a parable from which they can take away a valuable life lesson.

The Holiday Club is suitable for school children aged 5 to 11 (reception to year 6). The cost for each child will be £9 for all three days (£3 per child, per day) with a maximum charge of £18 for families with more than 2 children.

If your child would like to come along, please complete and return the registration form which has been given to your child by Sunday 2nd July 2023.



Medway River Lit presents "Craftathon" a day long session inspired by books and authors visiting the festival. Throughout the day there will be a variety of crafts to try out, in 30 minute to 1-hour crafting sessions.

Craftathon will be held on Saturday in the Arts Lab on the first floor, unfortunately there is no step free access.

After getting crafty pop up to the River Sessions - live acoustic music will be in the Café on the second floor 1pm - 4pm.





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We are proud that these children have demonstrated excellent Habits of Mind and as such have been rewarded the Golden Tie or have their work presented in Achievement Alley & Golden Gallery. These children have used a Growth Mind-set, worked hard and have achieved excellence in effort and achievement – well done!

Golden Tie

Ash – Alaya for being a thoughtful and helpful member of the class

Elm – Nevaeh for always trying her best

Oak – Arrun for being a kind and helpful friend

Beech – Charlotte for always following the school rules

Hazel – Jonathan for working well with others

Maple – Shanaaya for trying hard in school and at home

Birch – Faith for always being her best self and following all the school rules

Pine – Maks for working well with others

Spruce – Grace for being such an amazing role model and always following school rules

Apple – Marley for showing resilience this week.

Cherry – Aiden for striving for accuracy in all he does

Damson – Montana for striving for accuracy with her test papers.

Conifer – Rumaysa for responding with awe and enthusiasm to all learning

Hawthorn – Ella for her mature attitude to learning

Poplar – Tymon for persisting during assessments

Juniper – Evie-Louise for working well with others during DT week.

Laburnum – Brayden for taking safe risks in his school life

Sycamore – Demi-Louise for trying her best to follow the rules given. Well done!

Aspen – Niko for working well with others and thinking before acting this week

Cypress – Seun for showing persistence during the activities from our trip to Bewl Water

Elder – Coby for being his best self at Bewl Water; thinking interdependently, taking responsible risks, using his persistence and managing impulsivity



Golden Gallery

Ash – Naomi for sequencing and writing a story!

Elm – Zoe for independently writing sentences

Oak – Jasmine for fantastic independent writing

Beech – Noah for striving for accuracy

Hazel – Babara for striving for accuracy

Maple – Alfie for striving for accuracy in his writing

Birch – Paige for striving for accuracy to provide a detailed first draft

Pine – Sophie G for striving for accuracy in writing

Spruce – Chloe for a fantastic start to a story and persisting with ideas

Apple – Leon for a beautifully published Newspaper report.

Cherry – Fred for a detailed write up of his rock investigations

Damson – Keilan for striving for accuracy with finding facts about rivers.

Conifer – Robin for beautifully presented written work this week

Hawthorn – Dominic for an excellent fact file about the Iraquois tribe

Poplar – Elizaveta for using expanded noun phrases in French

Juniper – Darcey-Anne for her beautifully presented DT work.

Laburnum – Success for a creative draft of her playscript

Sycamore – Mihails for fantastic communication, explanations and the work produced in English. Well done!

Aspen – Maci for an insightful comparison between different religions

Cypress – Jotham for striving for accuracy with the rhythm of his poem

Elder – Noah for his Science report that used clear thinking and communicated with clarity



Achievement Alley

Ash – Deniz for independently writing sentences.

Elm – Summer for her progress with naming 2D and 3D shapes

Oak – Leyon for striving for accuracy with 3D shapes

Beech – Safah for creating, imagining and innovating

Hazel – Nala for responding with wonderment and awe

Maple – Amaar for taking safe risks in his work

Birch – Akira for striving for accuracy in Maths with multiplication and presentation

Pine – Charlotte for striving for accuracy in handwriting

Spruce – Virat for striving for accuracy in multiplication

Apple – Isabella for recognising the property of 3D shapes.

Cherry – Chase for fantastic progress in his recent assessments

Damson – Sila for being persistent in art.

Conifer – Nathan for a beautiful watercolour dreamcatcher

Hawthorn – Ethan for his perseverance during his Maths tests this week

Poplar – Charlie for taking time and care with his artwork

Juniper – Isaiah for his perseverance when editing his playscript in English.

Laburnum – Denisa for using her green hat to be creative in her playscript

Sycamore – Gabriela for creating a fantastic pyramid and background during DT week. Well done!

Aspen – Gabriels for striving for accuracy in his Mexican art inspired skull

Cypress – Xander for taking responsible risks on the activities from our trip to Bewl Water

Elder – Alayna for taking responsible risks and persistence on the school trip

Attendance Matters!



Whole
School
94.5%

Attendance Ace

Birch
Conifer
Elder

Punctuality Penny

Birch
Damson/Hawthorn
Cypress

Term Dates

Term 6	Monday 5th June 2023 – Thursday 20th July 2023
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Friday 21st July 2023</i>

Term Dates 23-24

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<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Friday 1st September 2023</i>
Term 1	Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 20th October 2023
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Friday 20th October 2023</i>
Autumn Break	Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 15th December 2023
Christmas Break	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 2nd January 2024</i>
Term 3	Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – Friday 9th February 2024
February Break	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19th February 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024
Good Friday Bank Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	Monday 1 st April 2024
Spring Break	Tuesday 2 nd April 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 24th May 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Late May Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024
May Break	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3rd June 2024 – Friday 19th July 2024
<i>Staff Development Days</i>	<i>Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2024</i>