HENHURST RIDGE NEWS

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Mrs Hopkins

What an amazing week we have had at Henhurst Ridge!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our children and families for achieving another fantastic attendance figure on Wednesday of 98.6%. This is something we should all be incredibly proud of. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their very best, and I would love to see this excellent level of attendance continue every day.

On Wednesday, we also came together for our Remembrance Assembly, where we reflected on the sacrifices made by those who have served and continue to serve our country. The children were incredibly respectful as we observed the national two-minute silence. It was a poignant moment and a valuable opportunity for our school community to remember and show our respect. This followed on from our Key Stage 2 MPs representing our school at the Branston Remembrance parade last Sunday, please see more information below. It was so wonderful to see so many of our children there representing the Cubs and Scouts too. See photos below!

Our Year 6 children have also had a truly memorable week as part of their learning about World War II. They worked incredibly hard to research life during wartime and explored the impact of rationing. As part of their learning, they invited staff to experience some typical wartime foods, including vegetable soup, vegetable fritters, fish paste sandwiches, oat biscuits and loose tea. It was a wonderful experience and a real privilege to hear the children confidently share their knowledge while we sampled the food. Their understanding of the period was impressive, and they had also written some fantastic poems inspired by their learning. Well done, Year 6, and thank you for inviting us to be part of such a special day.

It was also lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school for our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. These evenings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements, discuss their progress and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your continued support in helping your children succeed. To round off what has been a fantastic week, we all took part in our Wear Anything Day in support of Children in Need. It was wonderful to see the children come to school in a wide variety of outfits while helping to raise money for such an important cause. Thank you to everyone who has already made their contribution. If you have not yet paid your £1 donation, please do so via ParentPay. It was also especially exciting to welcome our Reception children to their very first Harrier Assembly this week. They joined the rest of the school beautifully and were fantastic role models throughout. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled into school life, growing in confidence and becoming valued members of our Henhurst Ridge family.

It has been another wonderful week filled with learning, reflection and achievement. I hope you all have a restful weekend and enjoy some well-deserved family time.

Spotlight Class: KAMKWAMBA

What a brilliant week we have had in Kamkwamba! We have been busy little learners, exploring relative clauses in English and comparing them with main clauses and subordinate clauses, becoming experts at spotting how they fit together to add extra information to our sentences. In Maths, we have been working incredibly hard on our column addition, focusing on remembering to carry over the remaining amount and add it to the next column – something that is really starting to click! Finally, we have put our dancing shoes on in PE as we kicked off our brand-new country line dancing unit. The children have been learning to criss-cross their legs, kick their heels and keep their hands firmly on their hips, all while following the rhythm and counting in groups of eight. There have been plenty of smiles, some fantastic footwork and lots of hard work along the way. Well done, Kamkwamba – a brilliant week of learning all round!

HARRIERS OF THE WEEK



A massive well done for the children chosen for showing our value of **'Resonsibility'** this week.

From left to right: Kaius, Noah, Sara, Yahya, Louie and Kirit



CERTIFICATE

From left to right: Rosie, Ivy, lawin, Nancy, Aahil, Connor, Mohammed and Jayke (Sports Award)

REMEMBRANCE

School Parliament Attend Branston Remembrance Service

On Sunday, Mrs Hopkins, Ms Harvey and members of the Henhurst School Parliament had the honour of representing our school at the Branston Remembrance Service.

Accompanied by our Head Boy and Head Girl, the children took part in the service and proudly laid the Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy poppy wreath on behalf of our school community. This was a significant moment of reflection and respect, allowing our pupils to pay tribute to the servicemen and women who have made sacrifices for our country.

The children were outstanding ambassadors for Henhurst, demonstrating maturity, respect and pride throughout the event. They joined members of the local community in remembering those who have served in the armed forces, both past and present, and conducted themselves impeccably throughout the service.

Events such as these help our children develop a deeper understanding of remembrance, citizenship and the importance of community. By taking part in this special occasion, our pupils were able to reflect on the values of respect, gratitude and service that are so important to us as a school.

A huge thank you to Ms Harvey, Mr Mills and Miss Mosedale for giving up their time to support the children and represent Henhurst at this important event. We are incredibly proud of our School Parliament members, Head Boy and Head Girl, who were excellent role models and represented our school with dignity and respect. Well done to you all.







YEAR 6









PRINCESS TRUST



We are delighted to share that Benjamin from Year 5 made the brave and generous decision to have his hair cut on 7th November and donate his hair to the Little Princess Trust.
The Little Princess Trust uses real hair donations to create wigs for children and young people who have lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other medical conditions. This is a wonderful act of kindness and compassion, and we are incredibly proud of Benjamin for supporting such an important cause.
We are thrilled to announce that, so far, Benjamin has raised an amazing £490.00 for the charity. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the support and generosity shown by our school community, family and friends.
If you would like to support Benjamin's fundraising efforts, please consider making a donation via the link below. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help make a difference to the lives of children and young people facing difficult circumstances.
Please donate via the fundraising link: Just Giving - Princess Trust
A huge well done and thank you to Benjamin for making such a thoughtful and inspiring difference to the lives of others. He should be incredibly proud of what he has achieved. 🌟

PTFA

With the festive period approaching, the PTFA has a few dates for your diaries! We have lots planned over the coming weeks and would love to see as many of you as possible supporting and joining in.

🎁 Thursday 19th November – Christmas Market | 6pm–8pm

Join us for an evening of Christmas shopping, with over 20 craft and gift stalls to browse. There'll also be a raffle, cakes and refreshments available. A lovely opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts and support our school at the same time!

🧸 Friday 11th December – Festive Cosy Day | £1

A little festive treat for the children! They can come to school in their PJs and enjoy some lovely Christmas stories throughout the day. The cost is £1 per child and is available on ParentPay now.

🥂 Tuesday 15th December – PTFA Social | From 6:30pm

It's time for a little get-together for the grown-ups! Join us at Rivaj in Branston for an evening of food, drinks and a bit of festive cheer. It's BYOB. If you'd like to come along, please drop us an email at friendsofhenhurst@outlook.com so we can get an idea of numbers.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope to see lots of familiar faces at our festive events!

Best wishes, Friends of Henhurst PTFA

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery - 95.21%
Attenborough - 98.08%
Thunberg - 98.02%
Irwin - 97.32%
Silva - 100%
Potter - 98.15%
Packham -97.1%
Kamkwamba - 94.27%
Goodall - 95.4%
Rezwan - 96.67%
Honnold - 95.37%
McCartney - 93.43%
MacArthur - 96.3%
Cousteau - 96.44%

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: 96.62%





Above 97%	95.5-96.9%	94-95.4%	92.5-93.9%	Below 92.4%
206 pupils	54 pupils	14 pupils	20 pupils	72 pupils



EYFS/KS1 -Well done **Silva Class - 100%**

KS2 - Well done **Rezwan Class 96.67%**
Both classes received the class attendance award this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning 16th November	Anti-bullying week - 'Break the silence' campaign.	Events to be organised throughout the week. Wear odd socks on 16th November.
Monday 16th November	Flu vaccinations	Reception-Year 6, permission forms will come out
Wednesday 18th November	Open events for new parents	1:30-2:30pm
Thursday 19th November	Christmas Market	6-8pm School Hall
Tuesday 24th November	Open events for new parents	9:30-10:30am
Thursday 26th November	Open events for new parents	5-6pm
Friday 27th November	INSET DAY	Children not in school.
Friday 27th November	Branston Christmas Lights Switch on	Choir singing. Time to be confirmed.
Monday 14th December	Early Years Nativity Reception Thunberg & Nursery	2pm - school hall. Nursery and Thunberg parents welcome
Tuesday 15th December	Early Years Nativity Reception Attenborough & Nursery	9am - school hall. Nursery and Attenborough parents welcome
Wednesday 16th December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 to donate to charity, pay on ParentPay
	Christmas Dinner Day	12pm
	Key Stage 1 Festive Songs	2:30pm
Friday 18th December	INSET DAY	Children not in school
Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January Christmas Holidays		



PLEASE NOTE THAT HOLIDAYS TAKEN IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND COULD LEAD TO A FINE BEING ISSUED TO PARENTS/CARERS. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THE DATES CAREFULLY AND BOOK HOLIDAYS ACCORDING TO HOLIDAY DATES AND INSET DAYS ADVERTISED.
MANY THANKS

Class Trips will be scheduled and advertised throughout the term with advance notice to allow for parents to budget for them.

Other events will be added as the year progresses, please read the newsletter, text messages and emails for updates. The website will have the latest version of this document on there under the Parent/Carer tab: Academy Calendar.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's newsletter. We appreciate your continued support and partnership in helping our pupils thrive.