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Message from Mrs. Foster

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers,

As we come to the end of the first full week of this academic year, I would like to express my gratitude to the children, staff, parents, and carers at Hyde Park Schools for making me feel so welcome in my new position as interim Head of the Infant School. It has been so wonderful to meet so many of the children, who have all been exemplary in their courteous behaviour, their eagerness to learn and their kindness towards others.

I look forward to working with all stakeholders to continue the strong school improvement drive that has been ongoing at Hyde Park Schools.

As a leader, I truly believe that it is our responsibility, as educators, to provide all children in our care with the very best educational experiences so that they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to live fulfilled and prosperous lives. From my experience, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements, and I look forward to working with the whole school community in order to achieve the best outcomes for the children with whom we put at the centre of all that we do.

You are welcome to contact me via the school office and I will be available in the playground before and after school, so please do say hello.

Mrs. Foster

Early Years

Our children in Early Years have settled in really well. They have been enthusiastically engaging in a range of activities and have been learning and following school expectations. The children have had a lovely start to Early Years, and we can't wait to see their growth over the next couple of months.



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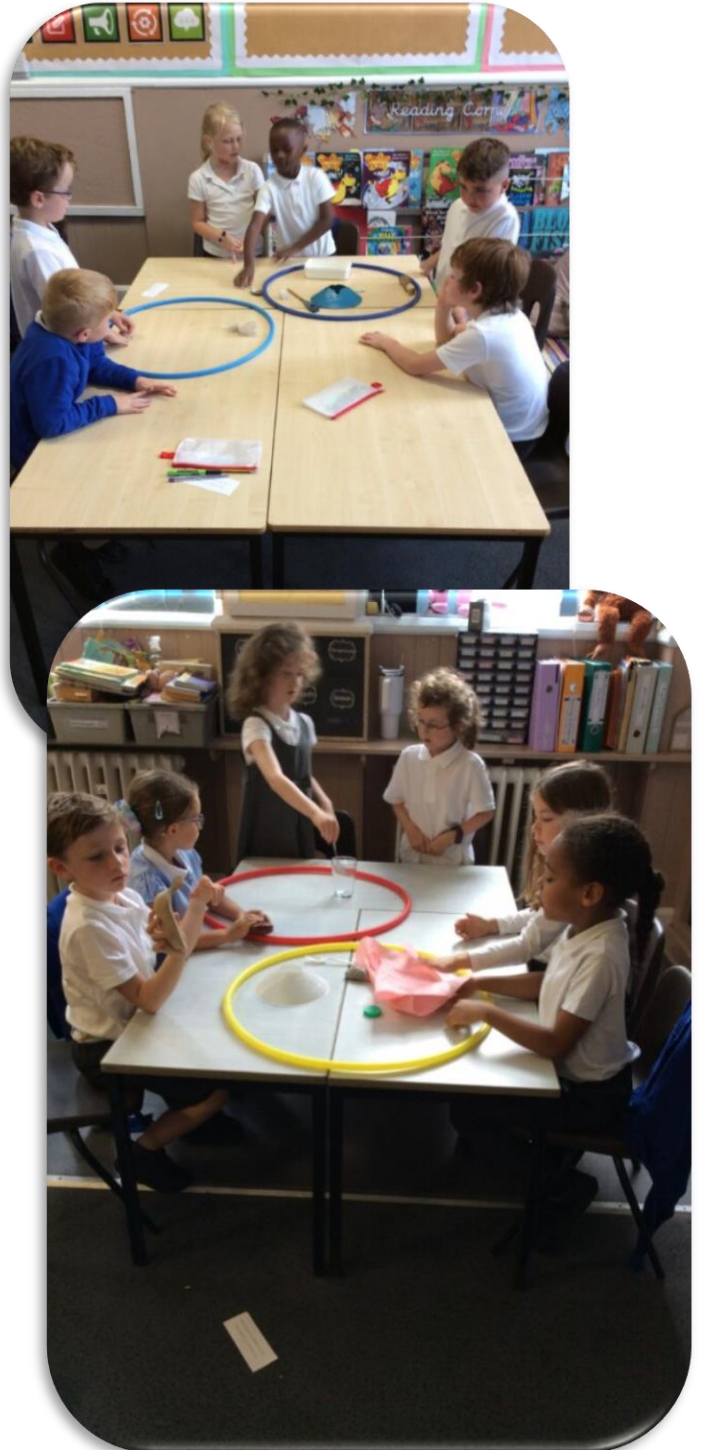
Self Portraits

This week year 1 have been completing many well-being tasks alongside other curriculum lessons such as Geography and Science. As part of our work around well-being the children have been completing self-portraits using watercolours. We have discussed the things that make us different and the things that make us the same. We know that everyone is valued at Hyde Park.



Sorting & Classifying Materials

In Year 2 this week, children have been exploring materials and their properties. In groups, the children sorted and classified a variety of different materials based on their properties. Using their prior knowledge of everyday materials from year one, the children were able to explain why materials like glass are transparent or sponges are absorbent. The children then shared the ways they had grouped their materials with the rest of the class.



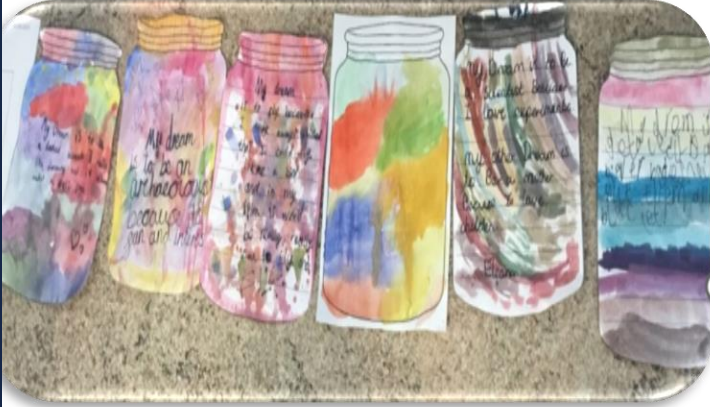
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Classifying Materials

In Year 4, as part of the activities for Mental Health and Wellbeing Week, the children made Dream Jars with their dreams for the future.



Our Local Area

This week children Year 1 have started their Geography topic to find out about their local area. The children went on a walk through the school grounds, recording the different things that they could see in our school environment. The children then grouped their findings by recording the buildings, humans, and animals that they saw on their school walk.



Teamwork Skills

This week, children in Year 6 have been working on teamwork skills in PE. Communication and trust have been key to accomplish their tasks!



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Roald Dahl Day

September 13th was celebrated in recognition of the anniversary of Roald Dahl's birthday. Children celebrated the day by attending school dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl character. Various Roald Dahl books were available for teachers and children to read on the day. As a school, we explored who Roald Dahl was and why he was so famous. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day! Please see highlights below.



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Newsletters

Please note that we will move to publishing our newsletter every 2 weeks. This is our first edition, and then a 2-weekly cycle.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Week

Our annual Mental Health and Wellbeing Week was held from Wednesday, 6th September to Friday, September 15th. As a school we focused on the five steps to good mental health and wellbeing.



Secondary School Application

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start secondary school in September 2024.

If you live in Plymouth, you can apply for a secondary school place for your child from 4 September 2023. If you do not live in Plymouth but want to apply for a Plymouth school, you will need to apply through your local council.

Secondary schools	Date
Applications open	Monday 4 September 2023
Applications close	Tuesday 31 October 2023
Offer day	Friday 1 March 2024
Deadline to accept offer	Friday 8 March 2024

PTFA

The PTFA invites you to their annual general meeting on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30pm at Hyde Park Schools in the Infant Hall. Do join the PTFA and hear all the exciting things they have accomplished last year and even greater things to come for this academic year.

Arrival & Dismissal

Please note that on arrival, children in Years 3 to 6 enter through the Junior Gate. Please be reminded that parents are not allowed to enter or to walk from the Infants' playground to access the back of the school.

For dismissal, we operate a one-way system for children in Years 3 to 6. Parents are reminded to enter through the back lane gate on the cobbled road. Parents are asked to wait on the top playground **only**. Parents waiting on the bottom of the playground will not be able to collect the children when coming from their classes. Children will only be dismissed from the top playground.

We ask parents to please leave the areas to the stairwell clear as well as the pathway for the children to walk.

The safety of our children is our utmost priority, and we ask for your continued support in following the procedure for arrival and dismissal so that all our children are safe at all times.

School Councils

Application for school councils is currently opened and the deadline has been extended to Monday, September 18th. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Children who were members of councils last year will need to reapply this year if they wish to serve this academic year.

Communication will be sent to all applicants after the selection process.

 September	
Monday, 18th to Friday, 22nd	Recycling Week
Monday, 18th	School Council Application Closes
Tuesday, 19th	Talk like a Pirate Day
Wednesday, 20th	Reading Workshop @9am & 5pm
Thursday, 21st	International Day of Peace
Friday, 22nd	Individual School Photos
Friday, 22nd	Interviews for Head Boy & Head Girl

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Beech	Lucy
Poplar	Iris
Willow	Thomas
Holly	Anastatia.
Elm	Neve
Sycamore	Zarah
Keller	Annabelle
Seacole	Charlotte
Barnardo	Alex
Attenborough	Deborah
Curie	Myra
Hawking	Muhammad
Ghandi	Caspar
King	Isla
Mandela	James
Pankhurst	George
Douglass	Emma
Dickens	Orla

Nominations for being a Kind learner

Beech	Edward
Poplar	Harry P
Willow	Rose
Holly	Vivaan
Elm	Teddy
Sycamore	Kerry
Keller	Radiet
Seacole	Rhoda
Barnardo	Abigail
Attenborough	Salma
Curie	Emma
Hawking	Mia
Gandhi	Amy
King	Beatrix
Mandela	Georgia
Pankhurst	Isla P
Douglass	Isla-Rose
Dickens	Isaac

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