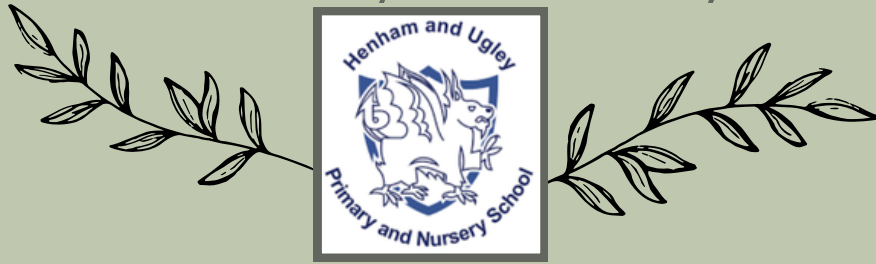


Henham & Ugley Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter: Friday 31st January 2025



Message from Mrs Brogan

Dragons, Dragons everywhere! Our wonderful teachers have really been hooking in the children with various dragon themed events in the classroom inspiring the children for their writing. Year 2 were able to try something new this week, tasting dragon fruit, papaya and coconuts, thank you Miss Jeremy. Mrs Flemings classroom took on a whole new look, again hooking our writers in ready for their next piece of work. A particular high for me this week is seeing all our volunteers that come into school to support our learning. Seeing the children read to some of our community members is gorgeous. Please let me know if you too would like to volunteer.

Happy Friday!

important

Parents/Carers are NOT permitted to park in the car park when picking up from after school clubs at 4.15pm. It's a busy period and cars coming & going pose a risk.

Thank you

Our GOLDS this week are...

Nursery/Reception - Freya & Ronni

Year 1 -

Year 2 - Harrison S & Jed

Year 3 - Ethan R, Poppy, Abdur & Sofia

Year 4 - Freddie & Finn

Year 5 - Hugo, Kofi, Freya, Ethan, Polly & Hudson

Year 6 - JoJo & Jack

Team Points

Green House: 969

Blue House: 800

Purple House: 749

Red House: 703

WINNER!



Please keep an eye on 'diary dates' as more information could be added on a weekly basis.

Diary Dates

Week commencing 20th January - after school clubs begin. They will run until week beginning 31/3/25

Monday 27th January - Chinese New Year assembly

Week commencing 3rd February - Mental Health Week.

We will be doing various activities with the children. All children will enjoy some time in our 'Curiosity Copse' (woodland area) so they will need wellies/old trainers this week please.

Friday 14th February - INSET DAY

17th - 21st February - HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - Back to school.

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day (see information below)

Friday 4th April - End of Spring Term - **we will finish at 1.15pm.**



Clubs

BEHAVIOUR

*Wrap
around care*

Please note - we have the same expectations for behaviour in clubs & wrap around care as we do in the classroom and follow the same behaviour policy. Behaviours that are not in line with our expectations could lead to us reviewing the suitability of your child attending the sessions.

Thank you for your understanding & support.

GARDENING CLUB



Happy herbs!

This week, gardening club learned all about herbs. We identified rosemary, thyme, oregano, mint and bay leaf through our senses and then completed a plant identification test as a group.

Children had to guess what the herbs were through smelling and feeling the plants. We then propagated our own herbs and painted our pots.

After half term, the gardening club would like to start work on the allotment area. We are very keen to have some local gardeners come and help us, share their knowledge and help teach children about the positive benefits of gardening.

Please get in touch with Miss Jeremy for more information. Many thanks to everyone who has kindly donated pots and seeds!





Lets celebrate!

Congratulations to Mollie in year 4 - she puts in so much effort with her gymnastics...it's paid off and she has made the COUNTY TEAM!!! We are so proud of you Mollie.

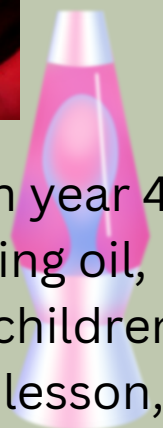


We love to hear about your achievements and awards outside of school - feel free to email Mrs B so we can share in your celebration's!

Wow! Tabitha spent Wednesday filming, this is her debut acting role and we are so happy for her...watch this space, future film star alert!

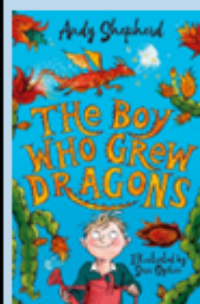


Mr Harris planned the most exciting science lesson in year 4. Testing density, the children created lava lamps using oil, water, food colouring and effervescent tablets. The children were so absorbed in their learning -what a fabulous lesson, really bringing science to life!



The Class That Grew Dragons...

Year 2 are reading *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd. It is a story about a boy who finds a magical dragon-fruit plant in his garden which produces real live dragons! We decided to try dragon-fruit, as well as discover other magical & tropical plants from around the world. We then tried to guess what type of creatures the fruits might produce. We tried dragon fruit, coconut and passion fruit for the first time.



"My favourite part of the lesson was eating the dragon-fruit because I like the taste. I also liked exploring the other plants." Hudson



"I loved eating the dragon-fruit because I had never tasted it before. It tasted a bit like pineapple." Henry

"My favourite fruit was the dragon-fruit because the seeds made it crunchy." Maddison





Year 6 were hooked into their new writing topic when their classroom was ram shackled by a dragon! Dragon eyes peering menacingly through the window, smoke billowing out of the classroom, nest material scattered and the unusual glow of lights filling the room - it really did not feel like our usual, calm year 6 classroom!



Little & often practise for times tables really helps secure recall. Please see below the next class 'battle of the bands'. Good luck!

24th January - 26th January Year 3 v Year 2

24th January v 26th January Year 5 v Year 4

31st January - 2 February Year 4 v Year 3

31st January - 2 February Year 2 v Year 5



World Book Day



Thursday 6th March

(giving you lots of warning so that outfits can be considered!)

Your child can dress as **any** book character they like. We will have a fun filled day of activities as we transform our classrooms in literary worlds!

We have an Author visit on Wednesday 5th March: Helen Peters



Helen Peters is an award-winning author whose books have been nominated for the Carnegie Medal, shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, and named as the Independent Bookshops Children's Book of the Month and The Times Children's Book of the Week.

Helen Peters is the author of Friends and Traitors, Anna at War, Evie's Ghost, The Secret Hen House Theatre trilogy, and the Jasmine Green animal rescue series. She writes stories about adventure, bravery, family and friendship.



THANK
you

Miss Jeremy for
organising this
for us!

Mrs B's writing competition.



The Secret Door...where will yours take you?



One day, you discover a secret door in your school. What happens when you open it? Where does it lead? Who do you meet?

Would like like to take part in Mrs B's writing competition?
Overall winner - looks after the writing trophy for the term
There will also be 2 runner ups!



You could write a story, a diary entry, a poem, make a warning poster or a newspaper article.

EYFS you could draw a picture.



Keep an eye out for a number of mystery doors that have popped up around the school!



Closing date: Monday 10th February





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BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!



Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto **FREE**, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer free, club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years), who are eligible for benefit based free school meals, or from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

As half term programmes are smaller and offer less activity days, you will not book on with your HolidayActivities voucher, but book on through the Essex ActivAte website instead. Simply find your local area and book on with the link provided or contact the club directly.



Find out more about February half term clubs and book on here. 

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