

Governors' Cup - nominations!

We are now accepting nominations for the autumn term's governors' cup.

As a governing body we have a fantastic opportunity to recognise 'community spirit'. This is not for academic achievement but an award, rewarded termly, in the form of a cup. The award will emphasise the behaviour of a child who has done that 'little bit extra'. There are no specific rules on how a child can be recognised and rewarded - our main purpose is to ask you to provide us with an example of WHERE, HOW or WHY you have evidenced a behaviour that needs recognition. In our society it is not always the good behaviours we recognise - we are quick to judge when things go wrong, yet our children do have great hearts and minds and can put these to good use in doing great things. These 'things' do not have to be big - as simple as helping somebody who is elderly or recognising someone picking up litter. The evidence can come from where you see, hear or feel that a child has 'made a difference'.

Please drop a note into the school postbox with the name of the child and reason for the nomination as soon as possible.



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What's been happening in school?

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. Things have been very busy as usual and we are already preparing for the end of term Christmas celebrations.

This term, we also begin our parent open mornings (Y1 + 2) each Thursday from 8.45-9.15 am and stay and play (SPLAT) sessions in YR each Friday from 8.50-9.30 am and 2.30-3.15pm. We welcome all parents in but there are some simple things to remember.

- † please only look at your child's work, not the work/books of other children
- † please remain in the classroom at all times please don't accompany your child to the toilet
- † please remember to sign in and out
- † please do not change or correct your child's work (current or previous)
- † please remember that other paperwork and folders in the classroom are confidential. This includes the teachers' files and personal items. Please respect this confidentiality. Thank you for your help with this.

Our School Council Community Team has started off the year keen to raise funds for the replacement of our ageing car, boat and train. Today's cake sale was very successful and we are grateful for all the support from our families. We have some very talented cooks amongst us and all the cakes looked fantastic and were hopefully enjoyed by everyone! We have already raised £6,000 to replace our car, boat and train but still have a long way to go, so we are grateful for all your support.



We will also be holding a Ladies Night on 17th November between 7-9pm. Tickets are available from the school office from Friday 4th November and are £3 each or £5 for a ticket admitting two people, a good excuse to bring a friend! There will be a licensed bar serving wine and soft drinks and tickets include the first drink free for each person. (Tickets must be presented on the night for entrance and free drink). A number of stalls and activities will be available on the night, including hair, makeup, massage and nail stalls, as well as opportunities to buy cards, jewellery and many other things. Stall holders reserve the right to charge for mini treatments.

We will also be holding a raffle. This is open to all parents and tickets will be available on 17th November in the school playground during the day as well as on the night. Tickets are £1 a strip.

What's been happening in class?

Year 2 have been finding out more about the life of Grace Darling and the work of the RNLI. They received a visit from Grace who recounted the events that made her famous and had the opportunity to find out more about the work of the RNLI when they visited us last month.

Year 2 also visited Hurst Castle and had the opportunity to see a working lighthouse and find out more about where lighthouses are sited.



Year R have been learning nursery rhymes as part of their Rhyme Time topic. They made cards for Humpty Dumpty and jam tarts for the Queen of Hearts. They have also been creating their own television programmes for their latest topic, What's on the Box!



Year 1 have been studying castles and visited Portchester Castle dressed as knights, kings and princesses as part of their Happily Ever After topic. They made their own castles with working drawbridges and planned and held a banquet complete with a jousting competition!



Remembrance Day



We are currently collecting donations for the Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available in the playground before school each morning or from the office during the day. Children are welcome to wear their poppy in school. We will hold a 1 minute silence on 11th November and the children will have a special assembly during the week of 7th November to help them understand the significance of Remembrance Day.

email system

Help us to become a paperless school - please sign up for email to help us care for the environment and save money that can be put towards books and equipment for the children.

Year 1 and 2 Wizkid

We will be awarding stickers in celebration assembly for children who complete one of the homework activities in Wizkid. Children can logon to Wizkid using their username and password (www.hantswizkid.net) and go to their year group topic page. Children can complete one of the activities and then go to messages (green tab at the top of the page). They can then create a new message to their class or group where they can write a sentence about what they have done.

Celebrate Good Times



Congratulations to our new TED team members who have been appointed this term.

Congratulations also go to our topic champions:

Thomas Goodall, Amelia White, Earth Noah Reeves and Alex Reeves for Happily Ever After and Filip Bejnar, Niamh Buckell, Charlotte Hayman and George Eagan for To the Lighthouse, Darling.

Just for FUN
How many poppies
can you find?



Parents corner

The next Parent Council meeting is Monday 21st November at 2.15pm in the community room. All parents are welcome.

We are an informal group who meet each half term to discuss a range of matters. Parents are welcome to add items to the agenda and it is an opportunity to make a positive difference to the school and have your opinions listened to. We have made a number of improvements as a result of these meetings so they really do make a difference. If you would like anything added to the agenda or want to know more information regarding Parent Council or any other ways to help in school then please speak to Mrs Chambers.

If you would like to contribute to the next parents corner, please speak to Mrs Chambers or pop a note in the suggestions box.

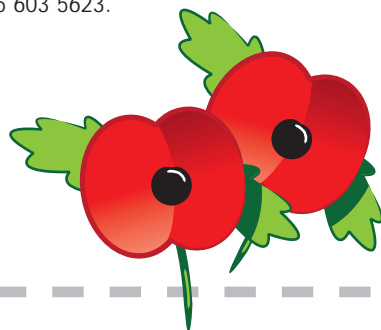
Parent Consultations

Dates for parent consultation evenings are as follows:
9th November 3.30-6.00pm and 10th November 6.00-8.30pm.

Appointment sheets are now available outside each class. Parents have the opportunity to book a convenient time slot. Appointments are organised in ten minute slots. We feel this gives ample opportunity to discuss your child's development during this time. We ask that parents come prepared with questions if need be, as appointments running over the allocated time can cause difficulties with parents who have babysitters or more than one class

Starting School in September 2012?

If you know anyone whose child is due to start school in September 2012, please remind them that they will need to apply for a school place. **The main round of applications runs from 1st November 2011 until 15th January 2012.** Parents can apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions where additional information can also be found. Paper application forms are also available by contacting 0845 603 5623.



teacher to see. Very occasionally, the class teacher may feel you need more time to discuss a specific issue; if this is the case another mutually convenient appointment can be made.

For working parents or those who don't drop off or collect their child, appointments can be booked with the school office on 02380 412412.

Governor corner

Dave Wilson, Community Governor

When I was asked to be a governor just over 4 years ago, I was a little apprehensive at first as my school days had ended long ago and I had no idea about the current educational system or what would be expected of me as a governor. However, I would like to thank governors, staff and pupils for all the help and support and for making my visits to school a rewarding experience.

Throughout the school I have been impressed by the dedication and hard work of all of the staff which ensures the children are happy and confident and have the best possible start on the educational ladder. My job in the community as a lollypop man has been a useful link and I have enjoyed being able to talk to the children about keeping safe near traffic. As the darker nights approach I would like to remind you all of my own golden rules for road safety.

1. It is safer to walk than to run near traffic or parked cars.
2. Never run out onto the road, especially between parked vehicles.
3. When crossing a road always stop at the kerb, look right and left and keep walking and listening when crossing the road.
4. In car parks keep clear of vehicles and never hide or stand behind a parked vehicle as the driver may not see you.
5. Always use pedestrian crossings and controlled traffic lights when available.

Please remember to always use the school crossing patrol provided on the busiest roads in North Baddesley.

Community News

The future of North Baddesley Library is looking bleak. As a member of staff of the library and a resident of North Baddesley I am urging parents and children to come forward and show their support. This library is an integral part of the community and we all need to show our solidarity to keep it open. Hampshire library services wishes to put volunteers in the library but I believe this would not work and would compromise the current services that are offered. Forms can be collected from the library or you can go online at www.hants.gov.uk/library where full details of the proposals are set out. Please support us and give your views, opinions and feedback.
Sandra Judd, Senior Library Assistant.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned forms offering regular or occasional help. We are compiling these onto a database which we will use to contact volunteers as needed. Alternatively, if you are keen to get involved immediately, please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Chambers. We will shortly be holding our Christmas Market and would welcome any willing volunteers to help on the day!

School Dinners

There is a new school menu available from the HC3S website or from the school office. The price remains at £2. Our school Christmas Dinner will be held on 5th December and will be available to all pupils. An order form will be sent home nearer the time.

