

Hampton Vale Primary Academy Weekly News

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Dear Parent/Carers

Wow, what a busy and fantastic week of learning at Hampton Vale!

First and foremost, a HUGE well done to all our Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week. It has been truly inspiring to see the positivity, determination, and focus they have shown throughout. They've worked incredibly hard all year in preparation for this moment, and we couldn't be prouder. Well done, Year 6 — you've made everyone at Hampton Vale extremely proud!



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week, and the theme for this year is "To create communities that care for people." The aim of this week is to raise awareness and celebrate the power and importance of community. Being part of a safe, positive, and supportive community is essential for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with others and are reminded that we are not alone. Communities offer us a sense of belonging, safety, support during challenging times, and a shared sense of purpose. At Hampton Vale, we believe we have a strong and caring community, allowing our children to thrive at school. This week, the children have taken time to reflect on the value of community and why it plays such an important role in our lives.



Very exciting news... Hampton Vale now has their very own podcast!

<https://youtu.be/OX4IJSSzScI>

Welcome to *The Heart of Hampton Vale Primary Academy Podcast* — your go-to show for all things happening at our amazing school! From exciting events to classroom highlights, this podcast gives you an inside look at what makes our community so special. Each episode features different guests including students, teachers, and special members of our school family, sharing their voices and stories. Tune in to celebrate learning, creativity, and everything that makes Hampton Vale shine! Please like, subscribe and share!



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Learning this week

Year three have been busy at Forest school exploring nature and making nature cards. In Art, they have finished making their Greek clay pots and painted them. For Mental Health week, we have spoken about the importance of positive mental health and how to help others.



Children in Year 2 have completed an activity in their PSHE lesson for Mental Health Week. They have been talking about and drawing their feelings, others feelings and what they can do if they or others are feeling sad to support them and make them feel better. Here are some photos of Dublin class, drawing what they would do if someone else was sad.



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Year 2 children have also been busy making cowboy hats in art, linked to their Wild Wild West topic. These look fantastic!



This week, Year 4 have been deepening their understanding of the community by exploring how people live with sensory impairments. As part of their learning, the children participated in a simulation of different types of blindness, including cataracts and tunnel vision. Using canes to navigate safely and taking turns guiding one another, the students demonstrated empathy, cooperation, and great care - it was heartwarming to see.

The class also explored assistive technology such as a liquid level indicator, designed to help those with visual impairments in everyday tasks. In addition, they began learning British Sign Language, including finger spelling, as a way to communicate more inclusively. We're incredibly proud of Year 4's curiosity, compassion, and commitment to understanding and supporting all members of our community.

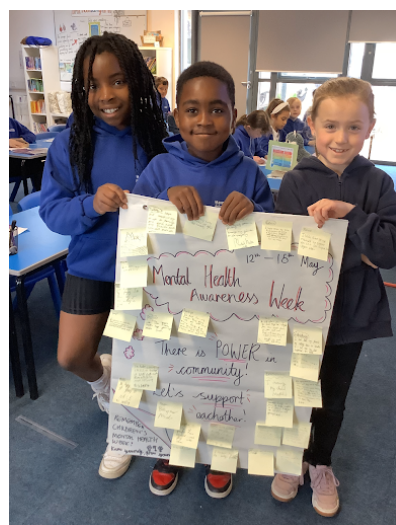


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In Year 1, the children are exploring the theme of the seaside. They have used their understanding of seaside environments to create their own collages, incorporating a range of materials. The children thoughtfully considered the key features of a seaside in their artwork.

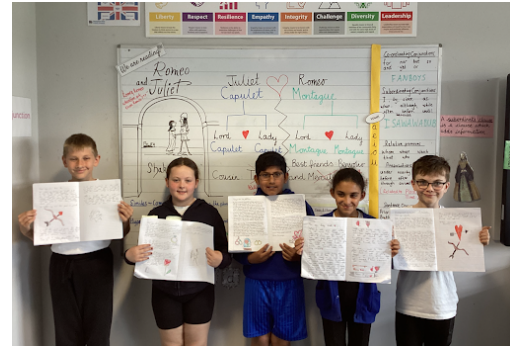
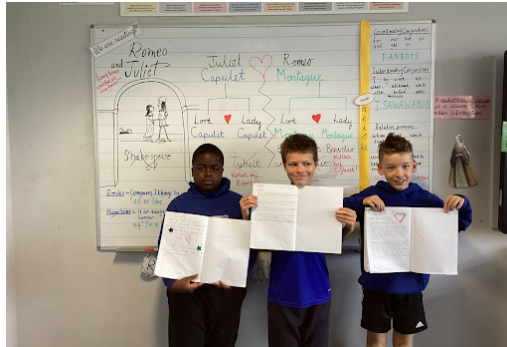
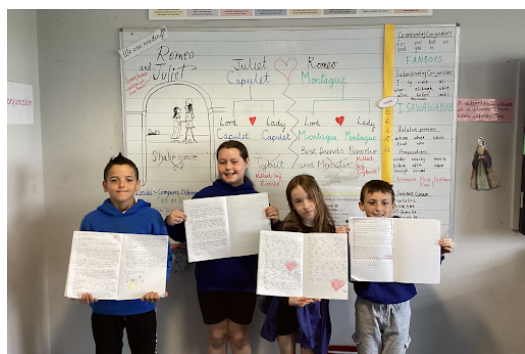


In Copenhagen class, the children talked about how anyone could be struggling with their mental health and came up with ways they could support others and be a good friend.

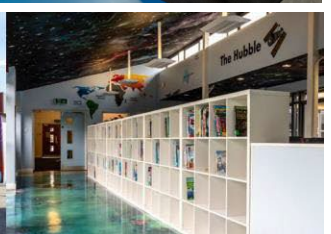
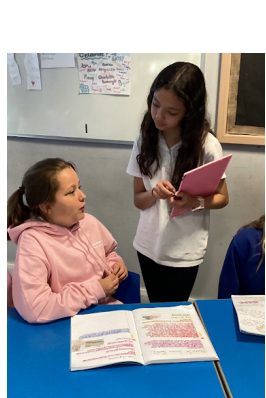


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In Capetown class, the children have been publishing their Romeo love letters in writing.

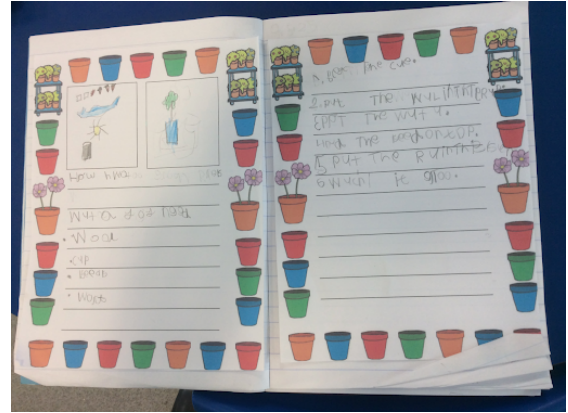
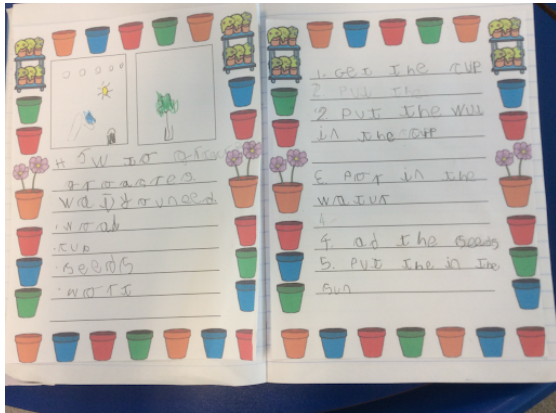


Year 6 have been busy writing guides on 'How to Survive Year 6' to support our Year 5 pupils. Today, Washington class had the opportunity to share their work with Havana class, offering valuable advice and tips to help them prepare for their transition into their final year of primary school. The session also included a Q&A, where the Year 5 children asked lots of questions and Year 6 were happy to share their experiences and insights.



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This week in Cardiff class, the children have been writing instructions on how to grow cress and today the children published their work. They have all worked so hard and are very proud of all of Cardiff.



Well done to this year 3 child for receiving their bronze reading award.



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Thank you to the families who have emailed in about their child's achievements outside of school. Please read below the celebrations from this week!



Well done to three boys in Year 3 who took part in the Stamford tag rugby festival today for U8s Peterborough. They took part in 4 games of tag rugby. They won every game, scoring lots of tries. They showed great sportsmanship throughout and were amazing!

Congratulations to this child in Year 6 who has been selected to play for the Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire Girls Under 12's Cricket Team. Her first match will be against Cambridgeshire during the half term holiday with further fixtures to come throughout the Summer.



A huge well done to this child who has been working hard on his skating and has achieved his hockey excellence grade 5 and skating grade 4. He is excited to be joining his big brother in the under 10s team.

A child in Year 3 recently went to Ice Sheffield for the day to take part in the Mighty Mites England Ice Hockey tournament. He was excited to be playing alongside the best of his age in the country and throughout the day he trained twice on the ice, had an off-ice exercise session, a classroom session and then played a 3 game tournament where he scored the only goal in the 1-0 win. Well done!



Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week for Hampton Vale Sports Week!

Mrs Murdoch

