



# Hennock Primary School Newsletter

## *Message from the Head*

It's been a busy and positive couple of weeks at Hennock. I'd like to take a moment to highlight the excellent Primary Music Outreach programme at South Dartmoor Community College. This initiative offers children in Years 4 to 6 the chance to explore music in a structured and inspiring way, with access to instruments, ensembles, and expert guidance. It's a fantastic opportunity, and I hope many of our pupils will be able to benefit from it. Thank you to Tom who was in school providing inspiration for our pupils this week.

Our afterschool clubs continue to be well attended and enjoyed. The gardening club has been particularly popular, with children getting hands-on in the school grounds planting bulbs this week. Meanwhile, multi-sports with Mr Pierce has been a great outlet for energy and teamwork, with pupils developing skills across a range of activities. If your child would like to join a club, please get in touch.

We're also looking ahead to welcoming new families to our school. Open Days for prospective parents are scheduled for:

- Monday 13th October at 1:30pm
- Wednesday 15th October at 9:30am
- Thursday 16th October at 11:00am

Please do share these dates with anyone who might be interested, and feel free to help us by putting up posters in local shops, cafés, and community spaces. Your support in spreading the word is greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend, Anthony Arnold.



The poster features a large photo of children hiking on a grassy hill under a blue sky. Below this, a blue box contains the text 'OPEN DAYS' in large orange letters, followed by the dates and times: 'MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1:30PM', 'WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 9:30AM', and 'THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 11:00AM'. To the right of this box is a circular inset showing a child in a costume. Below the blue box, the text 'DISCOVER HENNOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL' is written in large blue letters. Underneath, a paragraph invites parents to explore the school and meet the team. A green star icon precedes the text 'Wednesday 15th is Extra Special!'. Below this, another paragraph encourages a hands-on adventure in the outdoor learning space. A QR code is located on the right side of the poster, with the text 'SCAN ME TO BOOK A VISIT OR CONTACT US BY PHONE OR EMAIL' below it. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains contact information: a phone icon and number '01626 833233', a location pin and address 'Hennock, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, Devon. TQ13 9QB', and an email icon and address 'admin@hennock@thelink.academy'.

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**DISCOVER HENNOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Come and explore our unique school on one of our Open Days — peek into classrooms, meet our brilliant team, and feel the buzz of learning in action. Can't make these dates? We can arrange a time that suits you.

✳️ **Wednesday 15th is Extra Special!**

Join us for a hands-on adventure in our outdoor learning space. Don't forget your sturdy footwear — we'll be heading out to explore the site!

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## Ash Class



We have had a lovely, busy couple of weeks in Ash Class!

In English, the children have been working towards their Final Write. Together, we planned and wrote our Shared Write all about our imaginary explorer Benjamin Mbuso and his journey across the South West Coastal Path. I loved listening to all the children's wonderful, creative ideas and reading their brilliant work. I am looking forward to seeing the creations of their Final Write next week.

In Maths, we have completed our unit on Place Value. This week, we focused on negative numbers and counting backwards and forwards.

In Science, we continued our series of Science experiments to investigate materials and their properties, this time focusing on how scent travels. The children sat in circles around a



scented candle and had to keep completely still to wait and see how long it took to smell it. We then repeated the experiment with Miss Fraser and Mrs Ball moving around the chairs and noticed that this made the scent travel a lot quicker!

In History, the children have been exploring how food, farming and nutrition helped the ancient Sumerian civilisation to grow and prosper. They identified how the fertile land meant that the farmers could grow an abundance of crops which were full of nutrition to feed the population. This week, we have been exploring ancient Sumerian inventions and how they made people's lives easier.

Last week, KS2 had the opportunity to meet with Lord Rooker from the House of Lords. He spoke about his role and the children had the opportunity to ask him all sorts of questions about what it is like to work in Parliament!

Finally, all of our wonderful KS2 children have taken part in two Outdoor Learning sessions so far. The children have had two lovely sunny afternoons so far at Methley Meadows building bridges, den building, exploring, and creating some delicious apple juice! This week, we began making personalised marshmallow sticks to make s'mores in our next session and recapped what we know about fire safety.

Well done everybody and have a lovely weekend!

Miss Fraser









## Birch Class



It's been a very busy couple of weeks in Birch. The children have taken all the knowledge they have been learning and practising about sentence structure and used this to develop their own ideas for story writing. We have very talented authors in the class and I have been overjoyed by the level of enthusiasm each child has shown when creating and sharing their ideas. The class has been awash with hurricane-like witches, scary tigers, a baby panda who missed their day out, a strange white snail, an escaping capybara, Minecraft traders and a missing Pikachu. We will move on next week to a non-fiction text all about rocks, exploring the features of a non-fiction book and learn about different rock types in order for the children to write their own information text about sedimentary rocks at the end of the sequence.

In Maths, the children have again been using their place value knowledge and applied this to using number lines and rounding numbers to 10, 100, 1, 000 and even 10, 000 in some cases. We've also been honing in on what we mean when we talk about fluency as a mathematician whilst developing our reasoning skills to be a detective to hunt for clues and solve problems in Maths.

## Willows and Reception Class



We've had a lovely, busy fortnight in Willows class!

### **Year 2**

In English, the children have been working towards their final write. They have been practicing letter writing by taking on the voices of nursery rhyme characters, asking for advice about their problems! As a class we have written a response to Little Miss Muffet.

In Maths, we have been learning to use number lines and comparing numbers and objects with the greater than (>), less than (<) and equals (=) symbols.

In DT, the children have been exploring different types of shelters, and this week they designed their own for a particular purpose, thinking carefully about the design criteria. They worked very hard building prototypes of their designs with a range of materials.

In Science, we have been exploring natural and man-made materials and their properties. Last week we investigated objects made from man-made materials and came up with thoughtful scientific questions about objects to help us discover more about them.

### **Reception**



In English, Reception finished reading *All About Families* and created a class book inspired by the *You Choose* series, focusing on celebrating different families. The children each drew different pictures of different places families live, activities they enjoy doing and food that they like to eat with their family.

In Maths, the children have been making their own rules for grouping objects and comparing amounts of objects.

We also went on a walk around the school to explore our surroundings and then worked together to create a map of our journey.

Finally, all of Willows have been really enjoying reading George's Marvellous Medicine as a shared text. We also had a wonderful morning at Forest School, where the children made leaf crowns and enjoyed hot chocolate around the fire.





## Saplings



What a wonderful fortnight in Saplings!

The children have enjoyed crafting playdoh by using Mr Potato heads, arms, eyes, ears and noses!

We have been painting with watercolours, mixing oats with sand, filling pots and pouring to make porridge for the three bears!

In Arts and Crafts the children have been busy sticking and gluing for our Autumn board.

We have been doing a lot of outside play, with water and sand and hide and seek has become a favourite game to play.

Saplings have been really enjoying playing with their peers and once again Forest school was fabulous, Saplings particularly loved the hammock!

Have a wonderful weekend



## Toddler Group!





Toddler group has moved!

Due to Forest School, we have move to a Tuesday morning in the preschool. All are very welcome, join us for a chat, some fun and craft, tea and cake!

Running from 9.15-10:30am every Tuesday morning.

We will join the Preschool in their classroom and outside. Activities will include painting, mark making, playdough sand and water play.

Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;

[adminhennock@thelink.academy](mailto:adminhennock@thelink.academy)

01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.





## PTFA Message



Dear all,



A quick update from your PTFA, we are in the last few days of preparing for our Annual Barn Dance, things are looking great up at Beechleigh Farm and we are raring to go!

Last minute tickets can still be purchased at: [www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock)<sup>1</sup> we look forward to seeing you for some great music, dancing & lots of fun.

We will also send out shortly dates for the next Committee meeting and invite everyone along to discuss all the topics and projects we are helping with to support our pupils, teachers and school. Posters will go up around the school with dates and times and an email will be circulated to all, please come along and join in if you can.

Following the Committee meeting we will set a date for the AGM and we plan to make these meetings as accessible as possible for everyone as we appreciate not all will be able to come along, but we still would like to hear from you with your idea's suggestions and any comments you would like put forward.

Will catch up with you all in a few weeks and we can let everyone know how things went for the Barn dance eve.

Best wishes

Deb, John and Alison

[Hennockptfa@gmail.com](mailto:Hennockptfa@gmail.com)

### *Star of the Week*



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<sup>1</sup><http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock>

## **26th September**

### **Star of the Week:**

**Ash:** Roanna   **Birch:** Willows: Alma

**BC:** Alana   **ASC:** Asa

### **Dojo Points:**

**Ash:** Birch:

**Achievosaurus:** Ronnie, Winsten

**Values Star:** Winsten

**Pride of School:** Frank

## **3rd October**

### **Star of the Week:**

**Ash:** Phoebe   **Birch:** Finn   **Willows:** Dusty

**BC:** Rose   **ASC:** Ralph

### **Dojo Points:**

**Ash:** Roanna & Asa   **Birch:** Rupert

**Achievosaurus:** Maddie, Millie, Billy, Peigi

**Values Star:** Frank

**Pride of School:** Freddie

## **Key Dates**

**PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday, Whole School**

**Willows, extra PE on Friday**

**Ash and Birch, extra PE on Wednesdays**

- **4th October BARN DANCE!**
- **21st October: Tempest Photography**
- **22nd October - Ash & Birch Trip to Buckfast Abbey**

- 27th - 31st October - Half Term

**Outdoor learning dates:**

**15th Oct - Saplings and Willow (am), Birch and Ash (pm)**

## School Attendance

***Attendance this fortnight:***

**Whole School 93.1%**

**Ash 90.3%**

**Birch 100%**

**Willows 93.1%**

## Attendance Matters





## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

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### FIRST OFFENCE

The **first** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child. This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.**

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### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The **second** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.**

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### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The **third** time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

**Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.**

IF YOUR CHILD IS JUST 15 MINUTES LATE FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY, IT ADDS UP TO

# 2 WEEKS

of the school year being missed



Safeguarding



Key contacts and useful links

Front Door (formerly MASH) main number: 0345 155 1071

Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) – 0845 6000 388

Front Door email: mashsecure@devon.gov.uk<sup>2</sup>

Our Safeguarding Lead is Anthony Arnold and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Issy Fraser. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact Front Door (formally known as MASH) on

**0345 155 1071**

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