

# The Flying Newt



No:29 Week ending 05.05.23

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronation Celebrations**

History has been made at HWINS this week, as we held our first ever HWINS Commonwealth Games! As part of our 2 day Coronation Celebrations, all children have learned about a country of the Commonwealth and taken part in a mini sporting event. We used this event as an opportunity to reinforce the British Values of:

*Rule of law – following the rules*

*Respect – respect!*

*Tolerance – helping those who find the games hard*

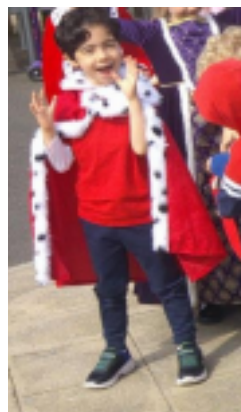
*Democracy – good sportsmanship*

*Liberty – encouraging others*

The children were awarded points for winning and visibly demonstrating these values.

During the opening ceremony, we waved the flag of each country and listened to their national anthem. At the closing ceremony, it was noted in a special mention that Fox class had demonstrated kindness and helpfulness towards the other teams, Otter Class were actively encouraging each other and other teams, whilst Spider class had been gracious in defeat! It is my great privilege to announce the winner of the games was Malta also known as Owl class! We clapped and cheered as they ran a lap of honour around the playground. As a reward to all the children, we enjoyed a picnic where we shared food from each country.

Today the school was like a royal palace full of Kings, Queens, Prince and



Princesses.



I hope to see you at the family picnic later on – weather permitting.

All the children will receive a commemorative Coronation bookmark as a keepsake of this historic occasion and in celebration of our year of books.

## **Parent Meeting**

Yesterday I held a meeting to update parents on some key issues. We looked at our vision for the school and how we achieve this. We celebrated the success of our pupils by looking at our national data. We discussed the expected Ofsted Inspection. We explained that the school will receive a phone call to let us know the inspection will be taking place and then the inspection will be carried out over the following two days. Once I am informed of their visit, I will inform all parents and invite you to complete the Ofsted Parent questionnaire. I would be very grateful if as many of you as possible could complete this so that Ofsted can understand the parent view of the school. Our last parent survey was overwhelming positive with just a few improvements needed.

I am very mindful of the recent media coverage regarding Ofsted and the impact the process can have on staff. I know the staff team have your full support and myself and governors will be ensuring that during the process all staff feel supported.

In 2010 the school was graded Outstanding for which we are very proud. For this inspection, we will be judged on a very different set of criteria and the conclusion of the inspection will grade the school against this new framework.

I want to thank the staff team at HWINS who have worked incredibly hard and continually do so. The children and community are at the very heart of everything we do. Our curriculum has been redesigned and imbedded to ensure all children receive an excellent start.

There is no precise way of knowing when we will get the call but when we do, I will inform you immediately.

During the meeting, we discussed school finances. Once again, you will know that many schools have finished the last financial year with a deficit budget and expect this to continue next year. This is the current position for HWINS. The main drivers for this deficit are; rising costs of energy and resources, unfunded pay rises for staff and underfunding of school budgets.

We are very privileged to be very well supported by our parent community. We have had many parents asking, how they can support the school. We know that parents want to offer time, skills and extra financial help, all of which are very much needed and appreciated.

Some ideas we have had:

- Support the PTA events by volunteering and attending, bringing friends and extended family. • Spread the word about our wonderful school, we have many areas of the school which can be hired for clubs, societies and events
- Pay a little more for the school trips to ensure that there is no shortfall for the school to cover • Consider purchasing a gift from the wish lists – to be published
- Make a donation to the school fund or 'Friends'.

### **Request for jars and newspaper**

If you have any jars or newspaper that you can donate, we would be very grateful. These will be used to create the sunflower potting kits that will be on sale next week. Any donation can be dropped to the school office.

### **Safeguarding**

Please be aware that the wearing of any smart/digital watches is **not** permitted in school. The children are learning to tell the time so any watches worn in KS1 need to be analogue only. Thank you for your support with this.

During the coronation weekend, whilst your children are enjoying the festivities and celebrations, please make sure that you remind them that they should always be able to see you when out and about, and to be extra vigilant due to the increased amount of people around.

### **School Street**

Please remember to take care when walking to and from school. Whilst the school street along Lower Teddington Road (from junction with Seymour Road to the junction with Normansfield Avenue) reduces the amount of cars on the road it does not stop them completely. There will still be exempt vehicles, cyclists and other road users. Safe walking, cycling and driving should still be applied and the highway code followed.

Also, please be aware that School Streets will not operate on the bank holidays, including the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Signs will remain open, but PCN's will not be issued.

### **£500 donation**

This week the school received a £500 donation. We were selected to receive this money by the Normansfield Theatre. We are very grateful and will use this money towards new iPads and Chrome books.

### **Mrs Moretti**

Today we have said a sad farewell to Mrs Moretti from Nursery. Mrs Moretti is relocating to South Africa with her family next week. She will be greatly missed by the staff team, children and parents. She has worked at HWINS for 7 years and started as a parent helper when her children attended the school. We are very grateful to her for her hard work and support over the years and wish her well for the future.

I hope that you and your family enjoy the coronation celebration and the long weekend. Best wishes

Michelle Boyce

### **Message from the Parent Eco Squad**

#### **Spring has sprung!**



Next Friday after school, pick up a sunflower potting kit to celebrate the warmer weather. Just pop it in a sunny spot at home, water when you think of it, and yours should be blooming by paddling-pool time.



A prize for the best sunflower will be awarded at the summer fair!



Sponsored by the HWINS Parent Eco Squad. Proceeds will go towards the new raised garden beds for the playground. Suggested donation £1, but all contributions welcome.





### **The Friends of HWINS need you!**

The summer fair will be back on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

It's the biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help filling our silent auction catalogue.

This year we are going bigger and better with an online platform, which will be circulated, far and wide in our local community.

The team are busy contacting local businesses and previous donors to the auction, but the more prizes we have the more money we can raise!

We are looking for products, services, vouchers, free classes, event tickets, memberships.....local or national - you name it. Let us know if you have any contacts that could be approached.

Alternatively, perhaps you might consider offering one or two hours of your professional time to be auctioned off. This might include hairdressers, website designers, plumbers, catering, child-minders, bespoke creations, carpenters or anything else that you think could be of value.

Aside from benefiting the school, we hope this will be a great way to build some local visibility for your business.

Feel free to message Charlotte, Olivia or Leah Foster with anything you feel you can help with. Thank you in advance for your help!

**Community Diary dates** (for further dates please see our website)  
**Term Dates for 2022/2023 are now available on our Website**

<b>Week commencing</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Monday 8 May</b>	Monday 8	<b>Bank Holiday</b> – School Closed
	Tuesday 9	Owl Class Swimming Lesson
	Wednesday 10	Reception Brooklands Museum Trip
	Thursday 11	
	Friday 12	

<b>Monday 15 May</b>	Monday 15	
	Tuesday 16	Owl Class Swimming Lesson
	Wednesday 17	
	Thursday 18	

	Friday 19	
<b>Monday 22 May</b>	Monday 22	
	Tuesday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owl Class Swimming Lesson</li> <li>• School Discos  Reception – 15:15 to 16:15  Year 1 &amp; Year 2 – 16:30 to 17:30</li> </ul>
	Wednesday 24	
	Thursday 25	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
	Friday 26	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School Closed