



## Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Diary Dates

#### June

17<sup>th</sup> Y6 Drama Workshop  
18<sup>th</sup> KS1 to Ness Gardens  
18<sup>th</sup> Nursery Sports (am)  
18<sup>th</sup> Y5 Maya Workshop  
18<sup>th</sup> Reception Stay'n'Play  
18-20<sup>th</sup> Y6 residential  
19<sup>th</sup> Infant Sports (am)  
25<sup>th</sup> Y6 Drama Workshop  
25<sup>th</sup> Nursery Stay'n'Play  
26<sup>th</sup> Junior Sports (am)  
27<sup>th</sup> PTA Summer Fair

#### July

1<sup>st</sup> Class swaps day  
2<sup>nd</sup> KS2 Talent Contest  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery Stay'n'Play  
4<sup>th</sup> Reports go home  
7-10<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings  
16<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' show  
18<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' Party  
22<sup>nd</sup> Last day for pupils  
23<sup>rd</sup> INSET (pupils not in)

#### September

1<sup>st</sup> INSET (pupils not in)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pupils return to school

After a hectic week of sport, including three football finals and the district athletics (see later), we have truly entered the home straight of the academic year, but with much still to look forward to. This week our own sports days begin, with the Nursery Sports on Wednesday morning and Infant Sports on Thursday, and we trust the good weather predicted will materialise. We will also be welcoming back to school a practising Maya archaeologist, Dr Diane Davies, to speak to Year 5 about her work (click [HERE](#) to visit her website, shown below: the photo features 3D artwork and pupils from Huntington).

### Maya School Workshops

Primary school visits by Dr Diane, as well as online interactive workshops for schools globally.

[Learn More >](#)



Also this week (it's a busy one) teachers from the Hammond School will be working with Year 6 in a drama/theatre workshop arranged by Mrs Bunning-Williams, before they head off to the Conway Centre for an outdoor adventure, and KS1 pupils will be visiting Ness Gardens. There is also our PTA Summer Fair a week on Friday, a junior talent contest not long after, and much more besides.

**Term/holiday dates for next year** were recently distributed to all, but if you missed that message then the dates are available by clicking [HERE](#).

### Year 3 Robinwood Residential

Pupils from Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Robinwood centre near Wrexham at the end of April. The children enjoyed a wide range of adventurous and problem-solving activities in a packed three-day programme. Well done to all of them for super behaviour and commitment, really getting the most out of the visit, and many thanks to the staff team for giving up their free time to make the visit happen (Mrs Caldecott, Mrs Gait, Mrs Harrison-Smith, Miss Hickman, Mrs Kirkness, Mrs Lynch, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Tranter).

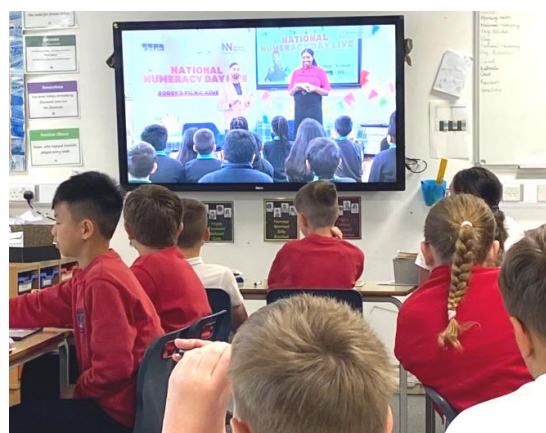




## A sample of recent school activities



*Passion for Learning Careers Carnival*



*National Numeracy Day online assembly*



**Musical Theatre Club's visit to see Mary Poppins**

### **Behaviour Awards**

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the last half term are as below - and well done to all the other children whose behaviour was excellent.

Y3 Birch: Amelia Green

Y3 Hazel: Evelyn Leach-Busby

Y4 Hawthorn: Frank O'Marah

Y4 Lime: Jamie Rayner

Y5 Larch: Lilah Duncan

Y5 Rowan: Elizabeth Hennessy

Y6 Alder: Mellissa Pei

Y6 Sycamore: Doga Gurdas

### **Year 6 SATs**

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils were supported during SATs week with a communal breakfast in the hall each morning, to ease any anxiety and boost their energy levels. At the end of the week, on a lovely warm afternoon, they were rewarded with an ice cream funded by our super PTA team.





## PTA

Our PTA have been working so hard recently, raising much-needed funds for the school. After their pop-up shops and Teddy Bear tombola, lots of fun was had at the Family Bingo night at the start of the month (photo below).



However, the team are quickly on to the next project, which is the Summer Fair on June 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of stalls and fun on offer from 3:30pm, and that Friday will be a non-uniform day for pupils, in exchange for a gift for the tombola, please.

Details were circulated last week about the bunting design competition arranged for the event, and a template sent home – please return completed designs by Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Raffle tickets are also on sale via *School Spider*. Y6 pupils have been using their literacy skills to write to local businesses requesting prizes for the raffle, and there have been some very generous responses (see below), so it's definitely worth buying more than a few tickets! If any parents/carers are able to lend a hand with the event, they are very welcome to email the PTA at [pta.huntingtonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:pta.huntingtonprimary@gmail.com).



*Land Rover* in Chester have donated this amazing prize for the raffle – many thanks to them, and to Bill for his persuasive letter writing!



## Staffing Update

Our School Business Manager, Mrs Fisher, became Mrs Lynch over the half-term break: we wish the happy couple a long and lovely life together.



## SPORT

### **Football**

All three of our teams with league programmes (Y4, Y6 and Y6 Girls) reached the Chester Finals Days, for the third year running – a brilliant effort, leading to a busy week at the King George V facility in Blaenau. Our Y4 team performed extremely well, topping their group with three wins out of three, and finishing as runners-up on the day in a closely fought final against Dee Point. Many congratulations to the whole team.



#### Y4 Football Team

Finley Abraham, Santi Allman, Samuel Armstrong, Louie Bainbridge, Spencer Best, Jack Dunlop, Ben Evans, William Hughes, Frank O'Mara, Dexter Shingfield

Our other finalists also performed very creditably – the **Y6 boys** team drew with the eventual winners Kelsall in the group stage, and the **Y6 girls** finished fifth, having only lost out on a semi-final place on penalties.



#### Y6 Girls Football Team

Serena Abbinante, Lara Edge, Olivia Evans, Maisie Gamble, Emilia Hughes, Isla Holgate-Stedmans, Annie Knights, Francesca Krausgrill, Freya McHugh, Penny Rowlands, Mira Tunc



#### Y6 Boys Football Team

Jack Ashton, Elliott Collier, Jack Enright, Rome Evans, Keeana Goncalves, Cody Grant, Niall Lahive, Finlay Shingfield, Jack Swadling, Bill Williams



Our membership of both Chester school sports organisations (CSSP and CSSA) gives our pupils access to a range of events throughout the year: in the summer term these included Rounders and the District Athletics.

### **District Athletics**

This event took place last Friday at the Deeside track for the first time, with spectators enjoying a grandstand view, and our competitors showed great team spirit and achieved several podium places. These included wins in the Y6 girls long jump for Serena Abbinante and in the Y4 sprint for Lucas McKay, as well as third place for both our Y4 boys and Y6 girls relay teams – our team finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall, out of



**District Athletics competitors**



**Podium places for our team**

### District Athletics Squad

Serena Abbinante, Finley Abraham, Viha Biradar, Oscar Edge-McCaffrey, Jack Enright, Ben Evans, Olivia Evans, Maisie Gamble, Cody Grant, Sarah Hennessy, Emilia Hughes, William Hughes, Isadora Kapps Sutter, Annie Knights, Francesca Krausgrill, Niall Lahive, Teddy Marsh, Lucas McKay, Peyton Morgan, Noa Parsonage, Florence Pickering, Zak Roberts, Dexter Shingfield, Blair Stein, Jack Swadling, Mira Tunc, Bryony White, Rae Whitehouse, Bill Williams, Lewyn Williams

### **Rounders**

The Rounders event took place at Bishops' High School last Tuesday, with our team of Y6 pupils competing against other schools from across Chester and showing great commitment and team spirit. Well done to all of them!

### Rounders Team

Taha Adnan, Annie Knights, Francesca Krausgrill, Grace Peers, Zak Roberts, Finlay Shingfield, Leo Weston, Jack Willmott, Joanna Wong



**Y6 Rounders Team**



## A generous gift

Former parent Simon Moseley and colleagues recently donated a large amount of bathroom and kitchen tissue from their new venture on Deeside, a manufacturing centre for the ICT Group. The products have been distributed throughout the school for staff use, and will be saving us money that we can now spend on educational materials instead, for which many thanks.



## Punctuality

A reminder that the school day begins at 08:45, and that latecomers to class disrupt not only their own education but that of their classmates. Punctuality records are now being explored in more detail, and parents will be informed if there are concerns.



## Health, Safety and Wellbeing

### Hogweed

Please be aware that hogweed has been identified in the locality, and that contact with this plant can cause skin rashes and blistering. The Parish Council have been contacted to address the issue in the wider area (which includes the dog-walkers' path alongside the junior playground fence, and likely the field beyond).

Hogweed has white flowers and looks similar to harmless cow parsley, but the leaves are quite different, as shown below (cow parsley leaves are similar to those of the herb parsley, hence the name).

Giant hogweed has not been spotted, but is even more dangerous – further information can be found [HERE](#).

Flowers



Common Hogweed



Cow Parsley

Leaves



### Offsite Pond

Now that the hot weather has returned, can we please remind everyone that the offsite pond is not at all suitable for leisure use, containing as it does water drained from the school roof and playgrounds, in addition to a stew of micro-organisms and animal faeces. Please discourage your children from accessing this area – it is both unhygienic and dangerous.

### Dangerous driving onsite

Several incidents of dangerous driving have been recently observed, including dropping children off on the internal roundabout (not remotely safe) and driving up the kerb to park. Please remember that parents/carers who drive in this way are putting both their own and other children at risk.

### Scooters

Again, a plea that even young children should dismount from their scooters once on the school site, and especially so once inside the green gates by the internal roundabout, where the number of people in the area makes riding a scooter (a metal object moving at speed) quite dangerous. The same applies to bikes, but more so.

*Kind regards,  
Mr Rose*