

# HAZELBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### SPRING 2 2024



What another great half term! It has been an especially exciting time to learn at Hazelbury as we began the half term taking part in British Science Week. Every child participated in some fantastic experiments and we were fortunate to have amazing workshops by the Royal Institute of Science. We hope this has inspired some budding scientists of the future!



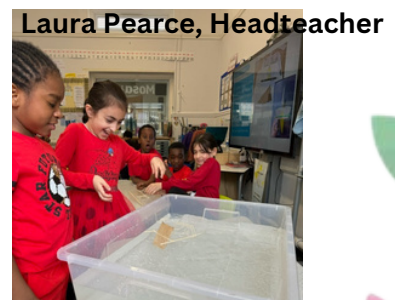
Through our Hazelbury Parliament, children expressed that they wanted an area outside to read and relax. As part of World Book Day we opened our Reading Garden, which is packed with books and exciting places to read at play and lunchtimes. We are also delighted that our Edible Playground is now up and running again after winter. Children are busy weeding and planting ready for a great summer crop!

Well done to Year Five on a fantastic poetry performance this week! We hope parents enjoyed the show as children got to showcase their performance skills.

Hazelbury are also playing exceptionally well in sporting events, with our boy's football team winning the borough league - beating twelve other schools and finishing with the highest points and goals of the tournament!

At Hazelbury we continue to strive to be at the forefront of education and through our dedication to oracy and technology two of our staff members, Kathleen Cushnie (Deputy Headteacher) and Harry Bowman (Year Six Teacher) were invited to speak at the World Education Summit. Their presentation highlighted the amazing teaching and learning approach within the classroom at Hazelbury to other practitioners from across the world.

It is great to see the support from parents again this half term. Thank you to everyone that attended parent consultations. This meeting with your child's class teacher is invaluable in engaging with your child's learning. I hope that you all have a restful break and I look forward to seeing you after the half term.



## WORLD BOOK DAY OUR LOVE FOR READING

At Hazelbury we promote the love for reading each and every school day. So when it came to World Book Day we wanted to ensure that we celebrated books throughout the whole week! Pupils from every year group had an exciting experience related to reading, including visiting the Discovery Story Centre, taking part in a West End theatre workshop and even getting the chance to interview an author.



It was great to see the children dressed in their pjamas ready for the big Hazelbury Bedtime Story. This was read by Laura the Headteacher in a special Cbeebies style storytime where all pupils went to the school library to get comfy and enjoy the storytelling session.

Children had an opportunity to read with their buddies from their Hazelbury families and enjoy a story together. We also had some amazing pebbles depicting characters from story books that children had created at home. These are going to be proudly displayed by our library!



### **Parents and families**

Our parent-facing site Words for Life provides milestones, tips, fun resources and advice to help parents support their children's literacy development.

 National Literacy Trust

It is important that the love for reading is promoted both at school and home. If you would like ideas on books to share with your child or how to support them with literacy, click the icon to the left.

## USING OUR VOICES TO CREATE CHANGE

Pupil voice is really important at Hazelbury and so our pupils have had the opportunity to voice their opinions this half term through curriculum conversations. Panels of children from across the school took part in a group discussion about each subject in the curriculum. This was an opportunity to hear about how they learn and what they enjoy about different subjects.

Each class has given feedback to their councillors and MPs about how our school environment can be more sustainable and give children outdoor opportunities.

The MPs then met with Laura to discuss the thoughts and opinions of pupils and what we could do about them. Watch this space!

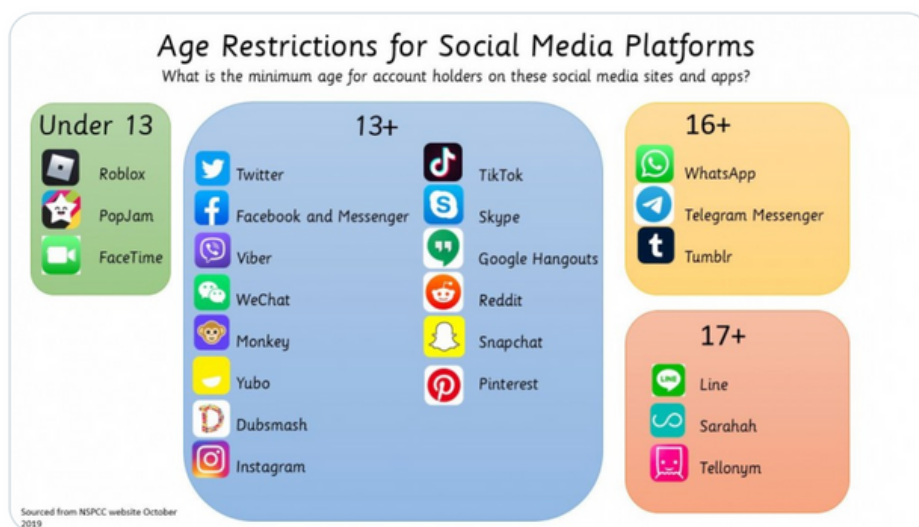


## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

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