

# Houghton Conquest Lower School and Pre-School Newsletter 7 (6th March 2018)

*Value of the Month: Courage*

## Roald Dahl themed World Book Day and Snow!!

The children and staff all looked amazing in their Roald Dahl themed costumes last Thursday and were having a fabulous time taking part in the array of exciting activities we had planned until the snow came!!



## The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

For school's the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies to how the personal data of all staff, pupils and parents is collected and handled. These new regulations come into force on the 25th May 2018 and we have just appointed Mrs K Browne as our Data Protection Officer. Mrs Browne and Ms Harvey will shortly be receiving some formal training regarding the changes and will be looking at how the regulations affect what we do here at Houghton Conquest Lower School and Pre-School.



### Provisional dates for Doves parent consultations

Tuesday, 20th March

Thursday, 22nd March

A letter will follow next week with further details and information.

## Diary Dates *(new items in bold)*

### March 2018

- 7th Y4 depart on Residential
- 8th Y4 on Residential
- 9th Y4 return from Residential
- 12th STEM Week culminating in a STEM Day on Friday 16th March
- 14th Year 4 Sports Transfer Event (letters have been sent to participants)**
- 21st KS1 Assessment Information Workshop for YR 2 parents (3.30pm - 4pm)**
- 22nd Gymnastic Coaching with external provider
- 28th Fire Service visiting Year 1 (2.15pm)**
- 29th Easter Egg Hunt (organised by Friends)**
- 29th Last day of Spring Term

### April 2018

- 16th INSET Day (School and Pre-School closed)
- 17th First day of Summer Term

### May 2018

**W/C 28th Half Term**

### June 2018

- 4th INSET Day (school and pre-school closed)**
- 7th Class Photographs with Tempest Photography (am)**

## We went on a Bear Hunt!!

On Thursday 8th February Robins class took their parents on a wonderful adventure. As a class we recited the story 'We're Going on a Bear hunt' by Michael Rosen. The children worked fantastically hard to remember the entire story, added their own actions and even took part in creating a moving set.

It is not easy for anyone to stand up in front of a crowd and perform so the Robins, being just 4 and 5 years old, deserve a very big WELL DONE!.

We hope all parents really enjoyed the show, we can't wait to see what the other classes have on offer.

Mr Macinnes





## Roman Day in Hawks

Hawks Class had a fantastic finish to their Roman topic, all of the costumes were fantastic! Thank you for all of your help. Over the last six weeks the children have learnt about the Roman Empire, the Roman invasion of Britain and much more. The children shared their costumes and their learning with the school throughout the day. Furthermore, children designed and created a roman clay pot, as well as learning and forming Roman army formations (Testudo).



## SID 2018 - Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day **2018** was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February **2018** with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you."

Pupils in every class got the chance to participate in a range of activities from discussing the positives and negatives of internet use, different ways to communicate with other people, being safe online and what to do if a strange message pops up on the computer or device - 'STOP and tell a trusted adult'.

Every pupil got to watch this short cartoon film (please click on link below) which demonstrated who else could be using the computer. The film was stopped at 5.02 mins and resumed at 5.20 mins to miss out the male characters voice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nMUbHuffO8>

Pupils gave fantastic answers to internet safety and it was brilliant to see them talking about being safe online! Well done everyone!

For more information and advice please visit:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

**A reminder of an article regarding the pirate ship that was included in newsletter 3.**

## **Use of the pirate ship out of school hours**

Following the change to the end of school collection arrangements last term, we have noticed over time that the number of children using the pirate ship out of school hours has greatly increased. Whilst it is wonderful to see our pirate ship being used by so many children (under direct parent supervision), we do need to be mindful of the risks involved.

The pirate ship has been built and designed for children aged **4-10 year olds under direct adult supervision, with a maximum of 20 children at any one time**. If we allow school children to use the pirate ship out of school hours under parental supervision it is very difficult to stop younger siblings also using it. Consideration also needs to be given to the weather conditions, as the pirate ship should not be used in wet conditions or if it is wet following dew or rain.

**With all of this in mind, the pirate ship should not be used by any children, out of school hours until further notice.** Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Multi Skills Festival: First Place**

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 12 children from Owls class took part in the multi-skills festival at Marston Vale Middle School. After a practice session during their PE lesson the children were really keen to be a part of the team, those children who had not already represented the school this year were given priority as we feel it is really important that all children have the opportunity to participate in these competitions.

What an amazing display of skill and teamwork were shown by all the children, the Middle School Ambassadors commented on their excellent throwing ability and accuracy. The hard work and support really paid off and we were awarded **first** place, scoring over 50 points more than the second placed teams!!

Well done to all the children who participated in the event, you should be very proud of your efforts.

Ms Thompson  
Sports Champion



## Launching 'Healthy Selfie!'

A great opportunity for pupils to bring in a picture of themselves doing something positive and amazing about being healthy! PSHE lessons have covered healthy lifestyles, exercise and activities, getting enough sleep, eating healthy, maintaining good health like dentist appointments, talking about feelings and emotions and feeling happy, positive and great on the inside and outside!



It would be amazing to see lots of pictures from everyone here at Houghton Conquest - staff included!!! Please bring in your picture so we can all start celebrating achievements such as certificates and awards for completing something in a sporting or leisure activity! Enjoying a dog walk every night or at the weekends! Jumping and laughing on a trampoline! Bike ride and picnic! Preparing and cooking a healthy meal! To name a few! Cant wait to see all the pictures - these will be displayed in school for everyone to admire!

Mrs M Wesley  
PSHE Lead (*Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education*)

## Celebration Assemblies

Here you will find the awards that have been given out in our Friday Celebration Assemblies

### Friday, 2nd February 2018

#### Star of the Week for:

- Robins:** Cameron Stean for amazing writing.  
**Doves:** Maddy Whitfield for always staying focused on her work.  
**Owls:** Joshua Blake for working really hard with his handwriting in class.  
**Hawks:** Harry Exworth for brilliant work in English.  
**Eagles:** Gene Tobin for a beautifully scaled science drawing.

**Golden Certificates:** Kyran Bates, Dylan Partridge, Amelia Sutton, Conner Peach and Kaitlyn Shade.

**Reading Rewards:** Emily Brett, Dylan Partridge, Ivy Gravener, Joshua Gruzelier, Katherine Birch, Sophie Spencer, Amelia Sutton, Kimberley Crowe, Olivia Pilsbury, Harry Exworth, Sian Thomas and Max Williamson.

#### Headteacher Awards

- Luke Worts: Learn to Swim 1  
Kian Hope: Swimming 5m.  
Leo Gravener: Great Street Dancing.  
Harry Exworth: Pioneer of the week at Houghton Pioneers.  
Callie Edwards and Katherine Birch: Gymnastics Proficiency Award 7.

**Finer Diners:** Blaise Barlow, Conner Peach, Cherry Edwards, Katelyn Pestell, Joshua Blake, Zoe Robinson, Ella Walker, Laura Guinness, Taylor Riley, Leo Gravener, Arthur Middleton and Lily Davies-Smith.



## Friday, 9th February 2018

### Star of the Week from:

**Miss Thompson:** Andrew Puplambu for his commitment to learning the gymnastics routine and kindness towards others.

**Miss Granelli:** Robins Class for a fantastic performance of 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

**Mrs Sebborn:** Thomas Spencer for showing creativity when making a Tudor House.

**Miss Dancer:** Jason Starr for excellent phonics work during intervention.

**Golden Certificates:** Joshua Gruzelier, Lilah O'Gorman, Andrew Puplambu, Reece Worts and Grace Exworth.

**Houghton's Handwriting Stars:** Arthur Middleton, Holly Vaughan, Cherry Edwards, Laila Peck and Madalyn Whitfield.

**Reading Rewards:** Brooke Baily, Cerys Sebborn, Laila Peck, Andrew Puplambu and Leo Graves.

### Headteacher Awards:

Tommy Spencer: Amazing Street Dancing.

Jason Starr: Fabolous Football.

**Finer Diners:** Blaise Barlow, Shania Holmes, Lucas King, Abbygail Fisk, Leo Graves, Lily Baker, Laila Peck, Dylan Partridge, Eden Suddaby, Cameron Stean, Ellie Bailey and Niamh-Mairé Furey.

## Friday, 23rd February 2018

### Star of the Week for:

**Robins:** Rosie Davies-Smith for fantastic effort and progress in handwriting.

**Doves:** Evie Sheridan for setting a good example in class and trying hard with reading.

**Owls:** Ben Vaughan for focusing really well in all of his lessons.

**Hawks:** Nathan Davis for working hard in literacy lessons.

**Eagles:** Sway Hyndman for another fabulous poem on her topic, volcanoes.

**Golden Certificates:** Amelia Sutton, Lily Davies-Smith, Millie Gibson, Katelyn Pestell and Niamh Davis.

**Reading Rewards:** Olivia Pilsbury and Eliza-Beth Semple.

### Headteacher Awards

Ruby Dobson: Swimming 25m and award for amazing breaststroke.

Katherine Birch: Player of the week at judo.

Ivy Gravener: Completing the off-road explorers course at Centre-Parcs.

Grayson Collins: Amazing performance coming 4th in a recent tennis tournament.

Laura Guinness: Pioneer of the week at Houghton Pioneers.

**Finer Diners:** Freddie Walker, Esme Stewart, Lilah O'Gorman, Emily Brett, Cody Riley, Luke Worts, Kimberley Crowe, Jasmine Robinson, Max Williamson, Harry Exworth, Lily Burton and Conner Peach.

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