

Hemingford Grey Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 3rd March

Mrs Marriott News Update:

It was wonderful to see so many children taking part in fun reading activities for World Book Day. There was a cosy feel around school with children and staff dressed in their pyjamas and cosy clothes. The fun definitely began in the afternoon with the teacher completing a reading relay around the school and the reading Buddies with children of all ages was enjoyed by all.

Again, we have had a great turn out for coffee mornings. It is so great to have parents engaging in the school community with interest being shown in the role of governance and a PTA. Our community will continue to build whilst we focus on the common goal of best outcomes for our pupils.

Following on from the request for 'just water' in last week's newsletter, a parent has raised that Airup bottles have become a recent trend. Due to the high cost of these bottles, I suggest they are best kept for use at home. Water bottles appropriate for school use can be purchased for a relatively small cost and are robust enough to withstand the movement and use in around school. The children in UKS2 have asked me – 'Are you banning them?' My response is that these bottles are best kept for home use as they are an expensive item to bring into school and all expensive items are best kept at home. Thank you for your support understanding with this.

Our group of Year 6 pupils who attended the O2 for Young Voices have booked Urban Strides to visit at the end of term have begun cake baking for their cake sale. Look out for their posters next week!

Staffing update:

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Butcher in the school office who will be leaving us at the end of this term.

After the Easter break, Mrs Askew will be know as Miss Whatnell.

Enjoy your weekend!

Kirsten Marriott

Headteacher

#LetGirlsPlay



On Wednesday 8th March 2023, we shall be joining many schools across the country for #LetGirlsPlay. #LetGirlsPlay is organised by England Football and *Barclays Girls Football School Partnerships*, to encourage and promote girl's football.

What is #LetGirlsPlay?

By 2024, The FA's is for girls to have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs. #LetGirlsPlay is a campaign to influence and drive change, showing that football can and should be played by girls. It is bringing together a growing community of people of all genders, ages and backgrounds who want to champion equal access for girls, helping create independent, resilient young girls who will be a force for good in all local communities.

We shall be supporting the day by running football activities, during lunch time, for girls to participate. Our aim, once the field is back in action, is to support this further by having at least 1 lunchtime dedicated to promoting girls football and upskilling our children.

Miss Perry is looking for KS2 girls to lead mini football activities to inspire others in the school and in time become 'coaches'.

If your daughter is interested, please encourage them to speak to Miss Perry.

Hemingford Grey vs Westfield : Thursday 2nd March

The Year 6 football team played in their first tournament of the year against a number of well drilled teams. Hemingford Grey did very well and managed to come second behind Westfield. They played well and showed a tremendous amount of resilience, sportsmanship and teamwork. The team still look forward to a semi-final in the cup in the next coming weeks!

What's on next week:

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

Monday 6th March

AnsteyArt After School Art Club:

- Years 2 & 3 – 3:15-4:20pm
- Years 4, 5 & 6 - 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 7th March

Swimming Year 4 Sessions - 1:30-3:20pm (Please can you ensure that your child has a swimming costume or swim shorts, a towel and a swimming hat)

Grafham Residential Year 4 Meeting for Parents - 6:00pm Presentation in the hall

Wednesday 8th March

Hemingford Harriers Running Club - 8:05-8:35am (meet past the bike shed on the school field)

Forest School After School Club - 3:15-5:00pm

Thursday 9th March

Netball After School Club - 3:20-4:20 : Years 4, 5 and 6

Celebration of Culture Day : Thursday 30th March



What is Culture?

Each of us belongs to a culture.
This is a feeling of belonging to a group in society.
Culture is drawn from a number of different influences, including:

- religious beliefs
- age
- gender
- race
- language or dialect
- history
- food
- music
- dress
- festivals and celebrations

Cultural identity

We recognise our cultural identity in the things we share with other people.
Each of us has more than one cultural identity.
You might be a young person from Northern Ireland.
Your grandparents might also be from Northern Ireland, but they are no longer young.
You and your grandparents will identify with slightly different sets of cultural groups.

Location, location, location

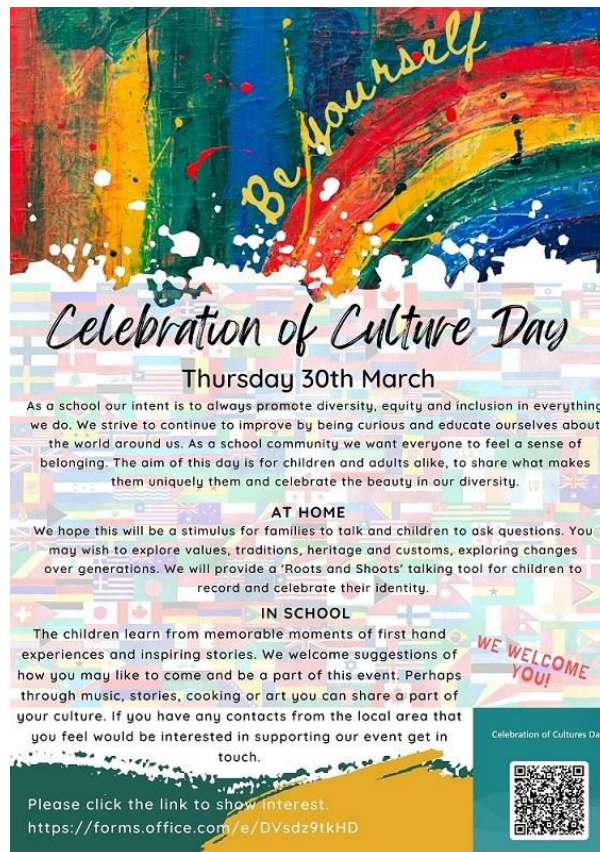
Where you live has a big impact on cultural identity because you first learn from your immediate surroundings.
The way we speak is a good example.
Most people in Ghana - an African country - speak English, but it is spoken differently in different places.
The country is also home to around 50 indigenous dialects - meaning most people speak two languages!
People speak differently depending on what part of the country they are from. Our language and accents reinforce our sense of belonging to a particular place

Family values

Your cultural identity is shaped by your parents' beliefs and attitudes.
They may take you to a church of a particular denomination, or celebrate particular festivals.
Taking part in these activities shapes your personal beliefs.

Encountering different cultures

Today our communities are home to people from a variety of other countries.
This is making our society much more diverse.
Diversity is many different cultures living within society.
The benefits of living in a diverse society promotes understanding between different cultures and enriches our community through shared experiences with different people.



Parent News and Information:

- Attached to the email is a letter from the Governors about the outcome of the parent governor vacancy
- A poster from Magpas with information on a charity fundraising obstacle course taking place on Sunday 7th May 2023 that you may be interested in taking part in. Think obstacles, water, inflatables, foam and FUN (lots of it) with family and friends! With 2,000 participants taking on this unique course and an events village filled with energy, music and entertainment in Abbots Ripton. You can see more about the event here www.magpas.org.uk/dash/¹ to give a great insight of what to expect and just how fun it looks.
- Anglesey Abbey are celebrating World Book Day on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th March with a range of activities for families. They understand that it's a difficult time for many people and they want to help support local families by providing affordable access to their special place. Therefore, on 4th and 5th March all children aged 17 and under get free admission and a free lunch box meal from Redwood Restaurant, if they are wearing a World Book Day costume, bring their favourite book, or can tell one of the team their favourite book. They have a range of activities on the day from storytelling to a creative writing competition. There is something for all ages to enjoy and get excited about the magic of books. See the poster for more information.
- Easy Clean currently have an opportunity for a cleaning position at Hemingford Grey Primary to join their already established cleaning team. The advert with further information is below.

¹<http://www.magpas.org.uk/dash/>

- Also attached is March's edition of the **Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter**. The subjects that are covered in this newsletter are as follows:
 - **Antisocial Behaviour: What can I do as a parent/carer**
 - **E-Scooters -reminder about the law**
 - **Keeping children safe online – FREE virtual workshop for parents/carers**
 - **KOOTH – Digital Mental Health Support Service**
 - **Child car seats & belt safety – The Law**
 - **Parenting guide to Whizz App**

MISSION: Obstacle Dash

Your mission, should you choose to accept it...
... is to take on this brand new, fun-filled obstacle dash in Abbots Ripton!
Get your family, friends and colleagues together and tackle our unique course to splash, crash and climb your way to the finish line!

7th May 2023

5km course
8 obstacles
Suitable for ages 4+

Sign up now to receive:

- ✓ A FREE event snood
- ✓ A finishers' medal
- ✓ A digital fundraising toolkit
- ✓ Dedicated support

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Magpas AIR AMBULANCE
Registered Charity Number 1119279

Scan to buy your tickets now before prices go up!



Spring & Summer at Anglesey Abbey



World Book Day

4 & 5 March

Free child entry and free childrens lunch boxes from Redwoods Restaurant for every child who is dressed up, brings their favourite book, or can tell a member of the team their favourite book. There will be storytelling, a creative writing competition and a mad hatters tea party in Redwoods.

For the full terms and conditions see our website.



Easter adventures at Anglesey Abbey

1-16 April

Join the egg-citement this Easter and head on an adventure inspired by the magic of books. Don't forget your chocolate egg reward!

Pre-booking essential
£3 per trail

Come and enjoy a summer of play at Anglesey Abbey. To find out all the latest information and what's on visit our website.



nationaltrust.org.uk/Anglesey-Abbey



Total Commitment
7 Day Service, 365 Days a Year

Easy Clean currently have an exciting opportunity for a cleaning position at Hemingford Grey Primary to join our already established cleaning team.

- Hours of work –Monday to Friday, 3.30pm -5.30pm.
- £11.00 per hour pay rate.
- 40 weeks per year.

The successful candidate will work with Easy Clean to provide a great environment for children, staff and visitors by being friendly and approachable, taking pride in their work and maintaining the cleanliness of the site.

We will provide full training if you have not worked within the industry before, ideally, we are looking for someone who:

- Has high standards in all areas of their work.
- Be flexible in your approach to working.
- Be self-motivated, trustworthy and proactive.
- Work effectively and supportively as a member of the team and have confidence and ability to act -on your own initiative, dealing with unexpected problems that may arise.
- Have a positive outlook and good work ethic, taking pride in your work.
- Have good communication skills.

For more information, please contact Head office - 01733 244935 or email your CV to marketing@easyclean-contractors.co.uk

A member of the team will be happy to assist you with the application and questions.

We are committed to employment practices and behaviours which encourage diversity, promote equality of treatment and eliminate unlawful and or unfair discrimination.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy once we have received sufficient applications. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of the posting date, please assume that your application has not been successful and will not be progressed to the next stage.