

# Hemingford Grey Primary School Newsletter



Friday 10th March

## Mrs Marriott News Update:

Career's Week has definitely been the highlight of the week and it has been so valuable to have so much support from our parent/carer community in talking to the children. Thank you so much to everyone who has given their time to come into school to help with careers week or as parent helpers in any way. Your contribution supports our school community in so many ways.

You may recall in a previous newsletter, I mentioned a group of Year 6 pupils who attended Young Voices last year at the O2 are planning to run a cake stall to fund a visit from the Urban Strides Dance Group. Advertising for the cake stall will come out separately next week but save the date to buy a cake after school on Thursday 30th March. Urban Strides are visiting on Friday 31st March and will run workshops with KS2 pupils.

The NEU are proposing strike action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th next week. We are not anticipating the need to close and intend to stay open. Should anything change, we will communicate this next week.

### ***Staying Safe - Just a few reminders:***

- Please be mindful of moving traffic coming in and out of the staff car park if you are dropping children off to Skool's Out or arriving at the school front entrance early.
- Please remember that use of mobile phones is not permitted in the school building or school grounds. This applies for visitors to the school, parents/carers on the playground or attending events with the children present and pupils in Y5/6 who walk to school independently. We appreciate your support with this important safeguarding matter.

Enjoy your weekend!

Kirsten Marriott

Headteacher

## International Women's Day - Wednesday 8th March



As part of International Women's Day this week, the children have been reflecting and discussing gender equality and the positive progress that has been made in history and how they feel about the inequalities that remain today. To raise awareness, our school took part in #Letgirlsplay. By 2024, The FA's goal 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 were very lucky to be joined by Willow's mum, Sophie Whiting, an ex Essex County Ladies and Leyton Orient footballer, who kindly offered her skills to support the event and inspire our footballer stars of the future to realise how much fun football can be. Despite the weather lots of girls of all ages and football abilities had great fun participating in the lunchtime fun. Once the field is back in use, we shall be supporting equality of girls in sport even more. A huge thank you once again to Sophie! You have inspired lots of girls to play football!



**Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17 March. Hemingford Grey Primary School will be taking part again this year to help fundraise and make a difference to people here in the UK and around the world**

## **RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The children are invited to wear non-uniform for the day and we would like everyone to dress in their brightest most colourful outfits to raise awareness. Along with the non-uniform day, we are inviting all children to take part in this year's Red Nose day by telling one of their favourite jokes! Throughout the day, children will be able to share their jokes and laugh along to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Whichever way it's done, laughter really can be a cure – especially when we all do it together!

Here are some famous faces sharing their jokes:



**Lenny Henry**

*What do you get if you sit on a barbecue?*

*Hot cross buns.*



**Sindhu Vee**

*What do you get if you cross an elephant with a kangaroo?*

*Big holes all over Australia!*



**Greg James**

*Knock knock.  
Who's there?  
Cash.  
Cash who?*

*No thank you, I'm allergic to nuts.*

If you wish to donate to Comic Relief this year, please use the link: [Comic Relief Donations 2023<sup>1</sup>](https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13)



## **Maths Come to Understand - Tuesday 21st March 8.50am**

We are offering a Maths Come to Understand session on Tuesday 21st March in the main school hall. The format of this session will be a brief introduction led by the school's Maths lead Miss Symons, followed by a workshop style Q&A with a representative from phases Reception, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. We hope that by running in this format, teachers can answer specific questions you may have relating to the Maths. You may be wanting to have a better understanding of how a

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particular area of Maths is taught or a calculation explained. We hope this session will be helpful for you to continue to support your child's learning at home.

### *What's on next week:*

#### **Monday 13th March**

AnsteyArt After School Art Club:

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

#### **Tuesday 14th 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)*

#### **Wednesday 15th March**

*Hemingford Harriers Running Club - 8:05-8:35am (meet past the bike shed on the school field) - **Well done to Joel, Matilda and Harrison P who have reached the 25 miles milestone at runner club!***

*Coffee Morning - 9:00-10:00am: Team Mars Mrs Gaynor (Please bring along your cake donations, all monies raised will go directly to the child's phase - Thank you!)*

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



#### **Thursday 16th March**

*Coffee Morning - 9:00-10:00am: Team Explorers Mrs Askew (Please bring along your cake donations, all monies raised will go directly to the child's phase - Thank you!)*

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

#### **Friday 17th March**

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

## Parent News and Information:

- Please see the poster below from the Hemingford Grey Parish Council



Hemingford Grey Parish Council

# Community Bulb and Wildflower planting

Can you help plant some spring bulbs  
and wildflowers?

Then join us at  
**Daintree Green,**  
**Yes Development (play area),**  
**Village Sign or Cemetery**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**11am**  
All welcome!

*Please dress appropriately and, if possible, bring a trowel, gloves and kneeler - and a drink as biscuits will be provided!*



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