

Hemingford Grey Newsletter



Hemingford Grey
SCHOOL

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4 page summer special! Another year gone by. Unbelievable! It has been a highly successful year on so many fronts from sporting and musical achievements, so many children making good progress academically, allotments filled with mouth-watering produce and above all, a wonderfully happy climate for learning at the school. Thank you to all of the parents/carers for your support over the year. Our children's success relies on a strong partnership between home and school and we feel this is working incredibly well. I'd like to wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday. Good luck to our fabulous year 6 pupils who are off on the next stage of their journey and we are looking forward to seeing our new and existing pupils in September ready for another amazing year.

Staffing update

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mr O'Sullivan who is off to London. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to him for his commitment to the school and for the wonderful work he has done in the reception class and leading PE. Our French teacher, Mrs Upward, is leaving to continue her career in secondary teaching and she will be replaced by Madame Marie-Odile Guillou. Many thanks to Mrs Upward for her sterling work with our KS2 pupils. Mrs Lilley will be leaving her post as senior Midday Supervisor and will be replaced by Mrs Tagg. The team has gone from strength to strength in the last few years, many thanks to Mrs Lilley. The team will also be joined by Mrs Gosling in September. We are delighted that Mrs Mallol Wright has decided that Hemingford is the place for her and will not be leaving us in September after all. The teaching assistant team will be joined by Miss Jaffe and Ms Spencer. Good luck to the staff moving on and a warm welcome to those joining us in September.

Dates for your Diary

Please check the website and weekly reminders for diary dates.



Farmers' Market raises an incredible £952

Many thanks to those of you who supported our annual Farmers' Market. This event is going from strength to strength and we are incredibly proud that the produce and crafts on sale are all put together by our wonderful children with the support of highly skilled adults to guide them. We are further delighted to have been awarded the highly coveted Green Flag for the third successive time. The criteria for meeting this ECO award is very challenging, however, thanks to our Knowledge and Understanding curriculum team and the hard work of the pupils and ECO committee, we came out with flying colours; the Assessor's first word on feeding back was "WOW!" Money raised from the Farmer's Market will go towards science equipment for outside learning and a new chicken coup!

Film Festival success

We were delighted that we achieved an amazing run of success at the annual film festival. This is a large event where schools are invited to submit films based on a general theme. We achieved a second place, a third place and three commendations across the school. Well done to all of the children who took part across the school. We are looking forward to developing the children's expertise further during the forthcoming year.



Hockey

As in previous years, the school has dominated at the annual local Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament. Hemingford put forward an A and a B team from a mix of Year 5 and 6 pupils. Both teams demonstrated a wonderful prowess on the hockey pitch and both tasted success throughout the group stages. The B team finished in 2nd place out of 14 teams. Hemingford A team were ruthless throughout the whole tournament, racking up an impressive 39 goals with a clean defensive sheet for the whole tournament! The A team came first, rounding off a fantastic day of hockey. This meant that the A team qualified for the Level 3 Summer Schools Games on Thursday 30th June. The team that represented the school are our up-coming squad who had to stand in last minute against the best squads across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, as the year 6 pupils from the squad needed to be at transition day at secondary school. The team played amazingly well and did themselves and the school proud. The team never gave up, showing great team spirit and sportsmanship in each game! We have very high hopes for them for next year.





No Dog Fouling in the Hemingfords!

The school was delighted to support a Parish Council Campaign to draw village residents' attention to the need to clean up after their dogs. Pupils in KS1 drew posters with strong messages about the serious impact on health, hygiene and the environment that coming into contact with dog mess can bring. Posters were chosen that will start to appear around the village. Please follow the good messages they deliver and help keep the village clean. Thanks to Janet Brasnell and Robin Waters for coming to judge the posters.

Fundraising Thanks

We cannot say thank you enough for the wonderful efforts that you put into fund raising activities over the year. From September 2015 to July 2016 we raised a mammoth £6,482 towards school funds and £1,390 for charitable causes. The sponsored spell alone raised £1,137, half of which has been donated to Cancer Research UK. The money we have raised for school has gone towards kitting the school out with an amazing bank of technology tools and we now have the following for pupils across the school:

39 iPads, 12 tablets, 8 large interactive flat teaching screens and 1 smart board, 44 laptops and 28 desk tops

The pantomime at Christmas was funded through parental fund raising as well a contribution towards the year 6 leavers' book. Outdoor learning will benefit from the Farmers' Market as outlined above. Mrs Seamark is already planting produce with the children which will appear alongside the turkey for Christmas lunch!

We are now building up a fund towards replacing the astro-turf and any funds raised during 2016-17 will go towards this. We already have £3,700 in the pot, but as you know, it is a costly job. We are confident that we will get there, especially with your ongoing support.

Have a wonderful, happy summer holiday. Enjoy it all, but above all, stay safe. Be careful on the roads, play safely and look after each other.



Cricket

Undeterred from losing out to first place in their last tournament, the Year 4 cricket strode out to face their new opposition in the County Finals cup. Hemingford started their campaign with a loss, but, in the subsequent game, bounced back with a crushing victory. Due to some superb line and length bowling from all involved and athletic fielding, Hemingford went on to win our final game. The team were thrilled to hear they had come 2nd behind a very strong Beeches team. The children did themselves proud and deserve to wear their silver with pride.

Football

The Y6 football team's cup run unfortunately came to an end at the end of May against Holywell Primary School. The match was extremely close throughout, with both teams having their moments of brilliance, and the score remaining 1-1 for the majority of the game. Holywell eventually found the net in quick succession during the second half, bringing the final score to 4-1. The Y6 football team have had a great season this year and have been exemplary sporting role models for everyone at Hemingford Grey Primary School. You should all be very proud and I'm sure you will have equally continued success at our prospective secondary schools!



Music

Our choir sang beautifully and received many compliments at the annual Big Sing in St Ives. Mrs Mathews, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Gunn have done a wonderful job in developing the children's voices and their ability to sing in harmony together. The end of year concert was a great success with the choir performing, as well as pupils who are developing their instrumental talents with music tutors at the school. The teachers also gave a short performance on their recorders! We are looking forward to another successful year next year.

NSPCC fun run

We saw some amazing examples of resilience as our children took part in the annual fun run, this year to support the NSPCC. We raised a wonderful £294 and the children ran amazingly well. Well done to the year 6 pupils for organizing the event and supporting the younger children so well.



Well done to all of our amazing children. You have achieved so much over the year, been proud of our wonderful school and been top class, 6Rs learners! HUGE thanks to the staff team and Governing Body for their dedication to driving the school to year on year improvements in all walks of school life.
Have a very happy and safe summer break. See you on September 5th!