



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 24th January 2020

Dear Parents,

This term, I am placing a focus on resilience, which is one of our school values. Resilient people are able to manage the multiple demands modern life places on them. Resilient people do not let adversity define them. They see challenges as part of a 'learning journey', a journey which may contain many hurdles along the way. Evidence shows that resilience could contribute to healthy behaviours, higher qualifications and skills, better employment, better mental wellbeing, and a quicker or more successful recovery from illness. Some people are innately resilient whilst others must be supported to develop this skill. This stems from an inner belief and confidence that goals will eventually be accomplished. It is understanding that we may not know something 'yet' but will eventually by persevering and never giving up. Resilience can be thought of as an essential component of mental wellbeing. This means as adults, we must always have the highest expectations of our children, listening to their worries and helping them to develop strategies to cope with uncertainty as they face new challenges. We must try not to encourage our children to shy away from challenges but rather embrace being out of one's comfort zone. By doing this we are helping to ensure we never put a ceiling on their potential.

I have been mightily impressed with the handwriting entries received following our competition this week. Taking pride in one's work is so important. It is clear that everyone tried extremely hard. The overall winners can be seen in this week's newsletter. We will be entering the ISA national handwriting competition later this year with more details to follow.

Well done to our football team who took part in the Kent Schools Football Finals last week. Whilst we didn't win, we learned a great deal from the game and enjoyed being part of this prestigious tournament. Thank you very much to Mr & Mrs Hogben for sponsoring the new football kit.

Please don't forget that we are now offering an extended after-school club until 6:15pm. We had a number of families use the service this week and as a busy working parent myself, it is always comforting to know there is support when juggling the demands of work and family life. Please call the office to book this service in advance so that we may plan for catering.

Finally, following on from last week's newsletter, you may wish to visit this site to gain more information on how to safeguard your children online: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Parpworth
Headmistress



Haddon Dene News



Year 6 assembly

Year Six gave a highly entertaining assembly about life in the Stone Age, a topic they have been studying in Humanities. The audience cried with tears of laughter as the children performed scenes depicting what life was like back then. Stark comparisons were made with modern day life highlighting the key issue: are we really better off with our modern gadgets and gizmos or does a simple life lead to greater wellbeing?



Fostering a love of reading

Little Denes had a marvellous time at the local library this week where they were able to spend quality time reading with friends, teachers, parents and carers. It is so important that children have access to a range of books and that all key adults around them model a passion for reading. Reading is the key to everything. By building good habits early on, children will be set for life.



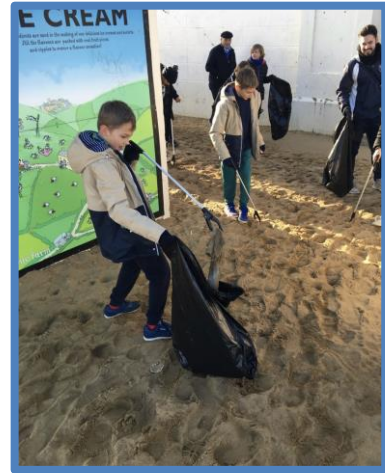
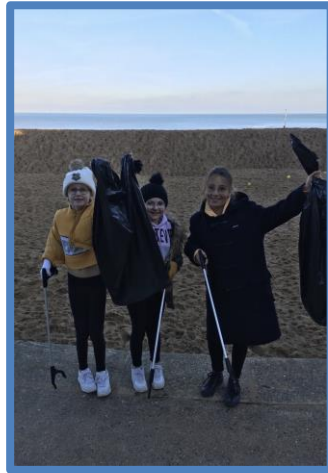
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Year 5 to the rescue!

Well done to Year 5 who conducted a beach clean at Viking Bay this week. They collected several bags of rubbish and found the most common item of litter to be cigarette butts. We are proud of their efforts as our good work continues in the local community. We want all our children to become responsible citizens, taking action to reverse some of the damage the human race has caused. We will rely on this new generation to find more sustainable and eco-friendly ways of living and this begins by educating them about the environmental issues that lie ahead.



Handwriting competition

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our handwriting competition. It is very clear that all children tried very hard with their entries. However, after consultation with Mr Good, we have decided that the following children are our winners:

- Reception: JJ Godden
- Year 1: Pearl Dunbar-Brunton
- Year 2: Stanley Keel
- Year 3: Raksiga Rajakumar
- Year 4: George Kemp
- Year 5: Leopold Hessler
- Year 6: Eevee Goodall and Grace James

We look forward to entering everyone, including our winners, into the ISA National Handwriting competition in May. Teachers will provide the children with new poems to copy in the summer term.

Don't Forget!

We have two social evenings coming up where we are hoping to raise money for charity:

Pamper evening

Mrs Russell has organised a 'Body Shop' pamper evening on Thursday 6th February at 7pm. Entry to the event is £3 which will include a glass of fizz and nibbles. Mrs Russell has also organised an enticing raffle with all proceeds going to the Australian bushfire crisis. Please RSVP to Mrs Russell or email secretary@haddondene.co.uk to book a place. It is set to be a wonderful night.



Charity Quiz night

On Friday 28th February at 7pm, we have organised a quiz night in aid of The Miscarriage Association. Mrs Kelly, who is Remus' mum in Reception, is running the London Marathon to raise money for this very worthwhile cause in April. Let's come together as a school community to support this charity whilst having a fun night together. Mr Arundell, Grace's grandad in Year 6, has kindly offered to plan and run the quiz. It will be held in the hall with tables of teams of 6. Entry to the event will cost £10 which will include either:

- Fish & chips
- Sausage & chips (battered or plain)
- Veggie burger & chips



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The knowledge to help

You are welcome to bring your own beverages or soft drinks. To book a place, please email secretary@haddondene.co.uk, confirming your choice of food and whether you are part of a team. If you would like to support Mrs Kelly in her London Marathon run the donation link is <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/nicolakelly30>

School Money

There are still a number of club's payments outstanding on School Money and we would be very grateful if you wouldn't mind checking your account. Mrs Crine will be sending statements to you this week which details all of the outstanding payments you have on your account. If you use either Early Birds or After School Club, please can you check for any outstanding payments. Use of this service will be reviewed if payments continue to be left unpaid. Thank you very much for your understanding with this matter.

PFA meeting

Please note that the PFA Meeting has now been rescheduled to Monday, February 3rd at 9.00am. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future direction of the PFA.



Weekly Awards

Excellence Awards		
Week 1	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Nishl Kirupakaran Remus Kelly	
Year One	Darcey Page	Max Goodgame
Year Two	Sophia Chubb	Jemima Fisher-Bowes
Year Three	Rashdan Syed	Toby Christian-Chapman
Year Four	Nicsikha Kirupakaran	Archie-Roy Hogben
Year Five	Finn Ilovenen	Finlay Smith
Year Six	Betty Whitefoord	Eevee Goodall

House Points Spring Term 2020		
Week: 2	MANNERS	VERNON
	84	77
Total:	991	983

Max and Izzy have been awarded a School Values Award for excellence in Maths and Giovanna, Arabella and Nancy for kindness.

Messages from the office:

Please note that the minibus is not available to bring children home from School on Friday, 7th February. Can parents please make alternative arrangements on this day.

Please note that payment reminders have been sent for any outstanding balances due on School Money. We would be very grateful if you could clear these amounts at your earliest convenience, if applicable. Password and login resets can be arranged by sending a Dojo message to Mrs Parpworth.



**Forthcoming dates:
Spring Term 2020**

28 th January	Year 5 Assembly
31 st January	Mrs Nicholass Assembly
3 rd February	Learning Walks start this week
4 th February	Beach Clean – Year 3
6 th February	Year 5 – Trip to Marlowe Theatre – Taming of the Shrew 1.30pm – 5.15/5.45pm Athletics Taster @ Dane Court – Year 2 Pamper Night - 7.00pm
7 th February	Mrs Parpworth Assembly Year 6 – Trip to the Beane Museum, Canterbury Minibus not available today PM to take children home after school. Alternative arrangements to be made by parents.
10 th February	Stay & Play Little Gym – Mindfulness 11.00am
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
14 th February	Prep School Show 9.30am Last day of Term
HALF TERM 17TH – 21ST FEBRUARY 2020	
Saturday 22 nd February	Ski Trip – Flying from Gatwick to Turin
24 th February	TERM BEGINS
25 th February	Shrove Tuesday Kent Life Trip – Years 1 & 2 – leave school 8.30am and return at 3.30pm
26 th February	Ramsgate Tunnels Trip Years 3 & 4 - 10.00am – 12.00pm Cricket Club starting - Isaac Dilkes, Level 2 Cricket Coach 3.30pm – 4.30pm – Years 4, 5 & 6
28 th February	Mrs Parpworth Assembly School Quiz Night – 7.00pm
Saturday 29 th February	Ski Trip arriving back at Gatwick from Turin
2 nd March	National Offer Day National Engineers Week
3 rd March	Year 3 Assembly
5 th March	World Book Day - non-school uniform day, dress as your favorite book character
6 th March	Mrs Murray Assembly Rugby Festival Years 5 & 6
Saturday 7 th March	Cross Country (Quex Park) at 10.00am - Years 3 - 6
9 th March	British Science Week
10 th March	Net Competition at Dane Court – Years 5 & 6
13 th March	Sports Relief – Non-uniform - £2.00 donation Mrs Parpworth Assembly

	Rugby Festival Years 5 & 6
Saturday 14 th March	Kent Schools Swimming Gala
16 th March	Scholastic Book Fair 16 th – 20 th
17 th March	Year 4 Assembly Tri-Golf KSG Qualifier – Ursuline College – Years 3 & 4
18 th March	Hi 5 Netball KSG Qualifier – Dane Court – Years 5 & 6
20 th March	Mr Good Assembly World Down Syndrome Day
23 rd March	Baby Gym – Easter Tea Party Theme – 11.00am – 12.00pm
24 th March	Festival of Song
25 th March	Parent Consultation Evening – Little Denes – Year 6 – 3.30pm – 7.00pm
27 th March	Howletts Trip – Year 6 – 9.30am – 3.00pm approx. Mrs Parpworth & Samuel Hearle Assembly
31 st March	Easter Competition Easter Service at Holy Trinity - 2.00pm
	END OF TERM

Menu

Week Commencing 27th January 2020

Monday

Tuna Pasta Bake/Broccoli

Mandarin Chocolate Cake and Cream

Tuesday

Chicken/Vegetable Curry/Rice

Fresh fruit salad

Wednesday

Roast Beef/Roast Potatoes/Cauliflower & Green Beans

Raspberry Ripple Roll

Thursday

Cheese and Tomato Pizza/Salad

Fresh fruit/Yoghurt

Friday

Jacket Potatoes/Various Toppings

Rice Pudding