



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 2nd March

Dear Parents,

“I wonder if the snow *loves* the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently.”

Lewis Carroll – Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.

What an exciting, albeit chilly week we’ve had! The children have enjoyed what may have been their first experience of snow. You can clearly see some of our younger children analysing the texture and feel of this strange cold substance. They enjoyed a nice cup of hot chocolate to warm up afterwards. Our older children enjoyed building snowmen and other structures. Snow is notorious for causing disruption and chaos in the UK. Despite the inclement weather, the children have remained focused on their learning and have achieved a great many things this week.



Success at the Thanet Primary Cross Country

Well done to all children who represented our school at the Quex Park Cross Country last Saturday. In freezing, blustery conditions, Years Three to Six ran absolutely smashing races, many children achieving personal best times. Stand out performances came from our Year 3 boys, with Jack Perks achieving a silver medal for his terrific run in a time of 4:39.48.



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A Trip Back in Time

Over the last week, Years 1 to 4 have braved the cold, taking time out to visit the Ramsgate Tunnels. Once inside, the children were shown a short video of Ramsgate, after the war. They saw pictures of houses and streets devastated by the 1940 blitz. They were all provided with hard hats and torches for the long walk through the tunnels. Their guide, Gill, led them underground and talked about how and why the tunnels were created. The tunnels were the brainwave of Ramsgate Mayor, A.B.C. Kempe, who wanted to protect his residents from the imminent bombing. People thought he was crazy spending money commissioning the tunnels, and unkindly referred to him as the Mad Mayor! The children learned that actually he was responsible for saving many lives and very few actually died in the raids. They were shown how children coped with the long nights, where they slept, and games they played.



Fantastic Achievement at The Thanet Speech and Drama Festival

Congratulations to Jean, Olivia, Isaac C, Ethan PJ and Ruby W for their outstanding conduct and performance at this festival. The ability to perform with accuracy and skill in front of an audience, accept the decision of the adjudicator and understand that his opinion is only one amongst an audience of many more is such a developmental experience for our children. Mrs Bourne noted that they showed respect, kindness and courtesy to other contestants during their performances. A list of the impressive results can be seen below:

Year 4 and under Poem Recital: 2nd Place: Isaac Cotterill 3rd Place Ruby White

Bible Reading Year 4 and Under: 2nd Place: Isaac Cotterill

Public Speaking: 2nd Place: Isaac Cotterill.

Reading Aloud at Sight Year 6 and Under: 1st Place: Jean Hodge.

Year 5-6: Poem: 3rd Place: Jean Hodge

Year 5-6 Prose Reading: 2nd Place: Jean Hodge.

Bible reading Yrs. 5-6 2nd Place: Jean Hodge

Mime Solo Yr. 6 and under. 3rd Place: Isaac Cotterill



Cosmetic Chemistry at Science Club

In science club this week, the group looked at irreversible changes by making bath bombs. The children made predictions of what would happen when we placed the bath bombs into water. They learned that carbon dioxide, which is released during the chemical reaction of mixing bicarbonate soda, citric acid powder and water, causes the fizzing. The group thoroughly enjoyed the activity and will look forward to taking their bath bombs home next week.



Year 5 Visit Quex Park

On Wednesday, Year 5 went on a school trip to the Powell-Cotton Museum in Quex Park. The museum is home to thousands of unique and fascinating objects which the children were able to explore. The main attraction within the museum are the multiple dioramas which feature taxidermies of a range of animals, some of which are now extinct. Additionally, the children had the opportunity to feel real lion fur, snake skin and an elephant's skull amongst other items. The children enjoyed their trip which provided them with an enriched learning experience.



Seeing Double at the Felt Workshop

On Wednesday, our younger children took part in a marvellous felt workshop. Here they learned to use merino wool to create a self-portrait of themselves. These masterpieces were then doused in a soapy liquid and compressed between two sheets of bubble wrap. We are sure you will agree that the final pieces are absolutely stunning. We think Toby has captured a real likeness in his work, don't you?



Success at the Kent County Swimming Championships

Olivia, Betty and Isabella from Year Six recently took part in a major swimming competition spanning a number of weekends. The championships took place at Crystal Palace and the London Aquatic Centre, which both host a 50m pool. The very best of Kent's elite swimmers took part having met the aspirational qualification times. The girls participated in a number of races achieving dozens of personal best times. A special mention must go to Olivia who achieved 5 Gold medals, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze. Based on her performance across the competition she has been selected to join an Olympic Pathway Training Programme.

PFA Update



Dear Parents and Friends,

Forthcoming Events:

Mother's Day Gift Wrap: 8th March

Wine tasting: 15th June

Summer Fair: 13th July

Christmas Ball: 24th November

Thank you for your support, *The Friends of Haddon Dene*

Message from the Office

- Please visit and 'like' our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/haddondeneprepschool) for further pictures and videos.
- Please ensure that you have signed up for parents consultation evening which will take place on Thursday 8th March from 3.30pm.

Kind regards

Handwritten signature of Miss Alison Hatch in blue ink.

Miss Alison Hatch
Headmistress



Forthcoming Dates:

5 th March	After school Science club for Year 6
6 th March	Year 4 Assembly Year 3 visit to Maurice Lodge
7 th March	Horse riding – Reception
8 th March	Parent Consultation Evening – 3.30 -7 pm PFA – Mother’s Day Gift Wrap
9 th March	Mother’s Day celebration assembly Ruby 4-5.30 Mini Festivals – Upton Primary
10 th March	Kent Schools Swimming – Hartsdown
12 th March	National Science week ‘Pumpkin’ to visit After school Science club for Year 6
13 th March	Year 3 assembly Netball at Dane Court – 3.45 -5.30 pm
14 th March	Kent Life trip – Year 3&4 – Egyptian Day Horse riding – Reception
15 th March	Visit to Dover Castle – Year 1&2 Year 5&6 – Royal Shakespeare Company – King Ethelbert School
16 th March	Assembly – all welcome Rugby – 4.00 – 5.30 pm venue tbc
19 th March	Easter Cracked – Year 6 – Queens Road Baptist Church After school Science Club for Year 6
20 th March	Festival of Song concert – Winter Gardens Margate 7pm Performance (Choir rehearsals 9.20 am – 2.30 pm at the Winter Gardens) Year 2 assembly
21 st March	Horse riding – Reception Netball High 5 – Dane Court 4.00-5.45 pm
22 nd March	Tri Golf – Year 3&4 1pm-3.30pm
23 rd March	Assembly – all welcome Current Parent Open afternoon – 1.30-3.30 pm Rugby mini festival venue tbc 2 nd payment due for ‘Aladdin’
Sat. 24 th March	Pre-prep open morning – 9.30-12 noon Kent school swimming – Hartsdown National Biathlon – girls final – crystal palace
25 th March	National Biathlon – boys final – crystal palace
26 th March	NO CLUBS Easter Service at Baptist Church, Queens Road – Yrs. 1-6 (Children only)
27 th March	Year 1 Assembly Visit to Howletts Wild Animal Park – Yr. 6
28 th March	Cat Protection workshops for whole school Horse riding for Reception
29 th March	Term Ends 12 noon

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Sat. 21 st April	Rugby Tournament venue tbc
23 rd April	Inset day
24 th April	Term begins

MENU

Week Commencing 5.3.18

MONDAY

Chicken korma, mixed vegetables & rice
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Peaches & cream / fresh fruit

TUESDAY

Sausages, hash browns & baked beans
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Mango & orange iced smoothies / fresh fruit

WEDNESDAY

Pasta Bolognese & salad
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Pear & raspberry crumble & custard / fresh fruit

THURSDAY

Roast beef, roast potatoes, green beans, carrots & gravy
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Waffles & ice cream / fresh fruit

FRIDAY

Fish cakes, oven chips, peas & sweetcorn
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Rice pudding & jam / fresh fruit

Please speak to a member of the school catering team or class teacher if your child has an intolerance to any of the 14 allergens in food.

Cold meats available

Fresh fruit available everyday

Vegetarians catered for