

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from Academy Head

We are very keen to have speakers and visitors come into Hennock to talk to our children and widen their knowledge and experience of the world. This week it was the turn of the Plymouth Aquarium Ocean Conservation Trust. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to get a chance to do some hands on science and learn more about our oceans.

We would love to welcome in any of our parent body to talk about their work or hobbies. Please do get in touch if you would like to talk to either your child's year group or the whole school.

Ash Class



We have had a lovely two weeks in Ash Class.

In Maths, the children have completed their Algebra unit. I am so impressed with how well the children have picked up what can be a tricky topic!

In English, we have been planning and creating our Shared Write based on Shaun Tan's *The Nameless Holiday*. It has been lovely to read the children's writing and see how well they have been applying the skills they have learnt in class.

In Art, we studied Chris Ofili's painting *No Woman, No Cry*. We looked at the inspiration behind this artwork and explored and analysed how Ofili used social issues that he felt passionate about to help him create his art. The children then created some fantastic imitations of this piece.

In History, we have continued our learning about the Kingdom of Benin. This week, the children analysed different Benin Bronzes, and used their skills as historians to deduce what they can tell us about society in Benin.

We were also lucky enough this week to receive a visit from Plymouth Aquarium's Ocean Conservation Trust. The children took part in a fascinating workshop all about the ocean, and completed some awesome scientific experiments.

Have a lovely weekend, and good luck next week to our Year 6's who be completing their SATs!

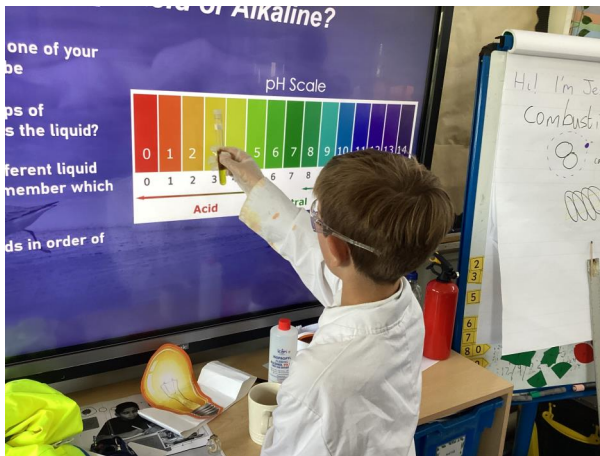
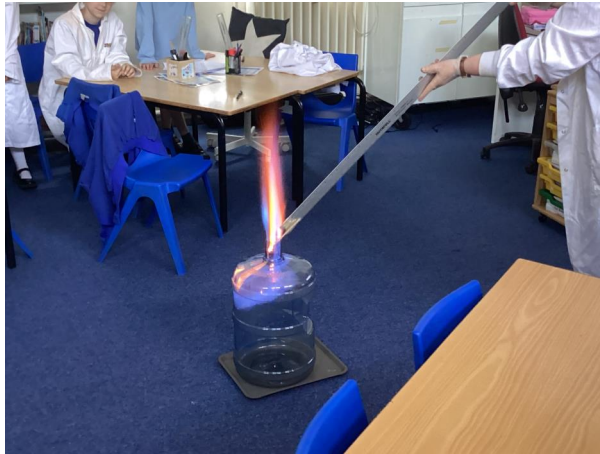




Birch Class



It's been a lovely couple of weeks in Birch with the highlight being the visit of the Ocean Conservancy Trust coming into school to conduct some Science experiments talking about the impact of global warming on the planet.





In English this week, we have moved onto the planning of our own home appliance.

First we came up with many creative ways that appliances could work and as a class we settled on a fire alarm powered by a guinea pig on watch, a cat with a treat ball to tease a dog to run and howl, which will alert the occupants of the building to evacuate. We have been ensuring we are including the various grammatical devices including subordinate conjunctions and pronouns in our writing to make it as interesting and exciting as possible.

In Maths, we are completing our unit on Mass and Capacity. This week, we have been understanding ml and l finding equivalent capacities and comparing volumes.

Wider Curriculum



The children are really enjoying their unit on the Romans where we wrote a recount as a Celt who fought alongside Boudicca when the Roman's invaded.

In Art, we have learnt what a botanical artist is and we collected a sample of plant specimens from the playground, which we brought back to class to sketch and mix water colours to achieve the different shades of green, pink, violet and blue that best matched the specimens. I am looking forward to this project progressing.

The children have been really enjoying their computing unit where they are planning their own podcast using audible to edit their show.



Upcoming Events in Birch

Home learning -

Reading for at least 10 minutes daily.

Please practice for at least 10 minutes 3 times a week

Spelling - Spelling checks are on Friday

Times tables - Times table checks are on Monday

Optional Homelearning projects- in Homelearning books

Willows and Reception Class



It has been a busy time in Willows.

It has been lovely to be able to spend more time outside and Reception have enjoyed taking more learning in to the outside area.

In Willows, we have continued to develop our vocabulary to describe a dragon and have been very inventive with our choice of words: glistening, sparkling, razor sharp and thunderous are just some examples of the wonderful adjectives being used.

Reception have been writing sentences using the book 'Lost and Found' as their text model. It has been amazing to see them using their phonics to help them with their spellings in English.

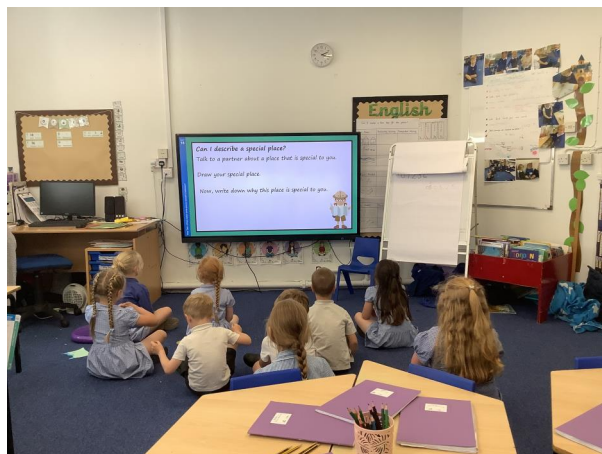
In PE, we have been developing our throwing and catching skills and continue to do so to play some striking and fielding games. The perfect season for a game of cricket!

In Science, we have started to learn about what animals need to survive. We have discovered animals need things similar to humans.

On Thursday we found out a little bit about VE Day and what happened 80 years ago. We made Union Jack crowns and wore them to lunch to celebrate.

And as always a massive thank you for supporting your children with their reading at home. You would not believe the difference just 5-10 mins of listening to them read makes. If you can record any home reading in their reading records as we like to see what you have been reading at home too, it can be a comic, magazine or a recipe alongside their reading books from school.

Lets hope the sun stays shining. Have a lovely weekend.





Saplings



We have had a lovely couple of weeks in Saplings class. In maths we have been saying one number for each item in order; 1,2,3,4,5. Now that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total. In PSHE we are thinking of ways to solve problems and stay friends. Communication and Language, the children have taken part in Listening and attention games. The children are also learning to form sentences in their speech. Saplings are taking part in Phonics and are speaking like little robots when they are learning to sound out words with sounds.

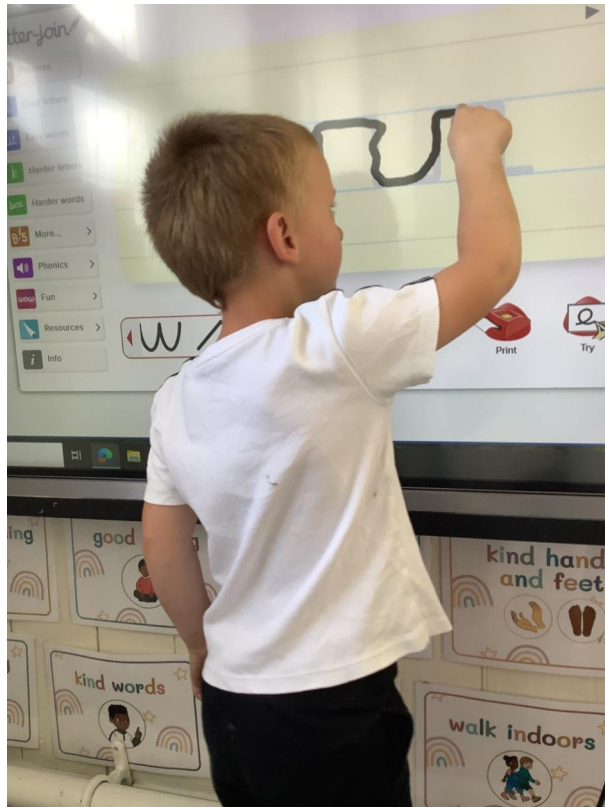
On Thursday all Saplings that were in that day took part in the 2 minute silence. They spoke about how happy they were at winning the war. Some of the children said, 'Thank you Soldiers'. I felt super proud of them.

They are all stars this week.

Have a lovely weekend.







Toddler Group!





Come and join us for Toddler Group, we restarted on 7th May!

We had lots of fun and cake!

Running from 9.15-10:30am every Wednesday morning.

Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;

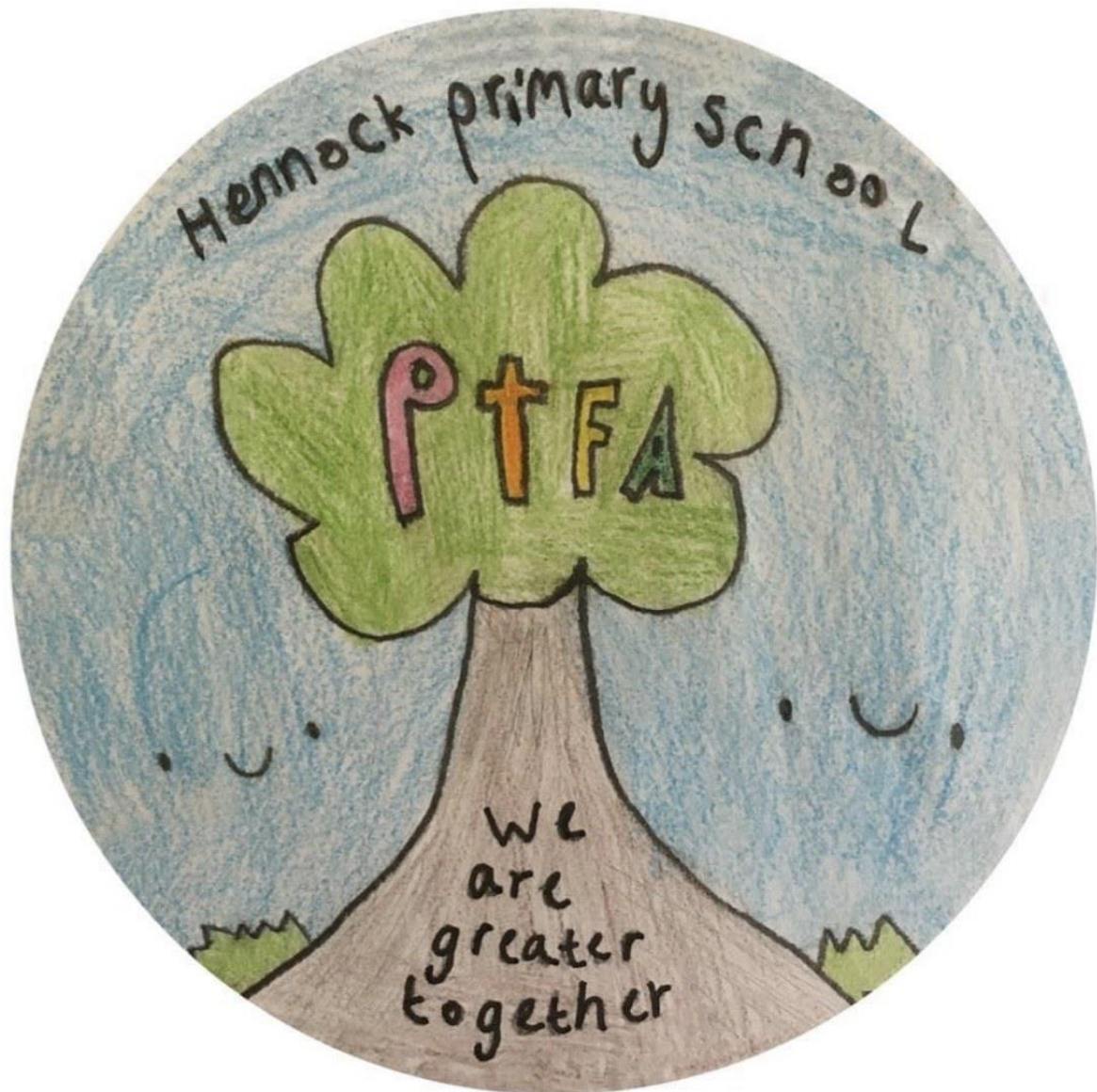
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We look forward to welcoming you to our little school.



PTFA Message



Dear all,

Our Summer term PTFA meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 21st MAY at 3.30 in the school.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We need your support!!

Sarah is standing down as chairperson at the end of the year and we would love a replacement to allow for an easy handover. Job roles are shared so please don't feel there will be a lot of pressure.

WE WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN!!!

Also the BIGGEST Thank you to Kate (Rupert's mum) and team at Hennock Hideaways who hosted the AMAZING lawnmower races a few weeks ago and donated £250 from the profits to the PTFA.

You are AMAZING!

Give us some ideas on how to spend it to make the kids time at school that little bit more special.

Thanks to all

Sarah and team

Hennockptfa@gmail.com

Communications Team



We interviewed a member of Ash Class who particularly enjoyed their Art lesson this week.

Q: What is it that you enjoyed about your Art lesson yesterday?

A: I loved having the opportunity to use the water colours and create a painting based on Chris Ofili's *No Woman, No Cry*.

Q: Was it fun?

A: Yes, I found it really fun because I love being creative and drawing.

Q: What did you learn?

A: I learnt that in the tears of the painting, there are pictures of the man who was murdered, Stephen Lawrence, who inspired the painting.



Star of the Week



2nd May

Ash: Taya ***Birch:*** Laya ***Willows:*** Alice

Dojo Points:

Ash: Katie

Achievosaurus:

Playground Hero: Ronnie

Pride of School: Asa

Values Star: Albert

9th May

Ash: Jackson ***Birch:*** Agnes ***Willows:*** Chantae

Dojo Points:

Ash: Taya

Birch: Sophie and Lucy

Achievosaurus:

Playground Hero: Maddie

Pride of School: Agnes McDonald

Values Star: Lyric

Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday

Willows - Thursday

Birch - Fridays

Ash - Wednesdays

- **SATs Week 12th - 15th May**
- **Ash Class Frisbee event 19th May**
- **Ash Class Trip to Haven Banks 21st May**
- **Non-pupil day (staff training) Monday 2nd June Term restarts 3rd June**
- **Teign School Parent Information Evening - Thursday 5th June (More info to follow from Teign School)**
- **Sports Day 7th July (with a back up of 14th July in case of poor weather)**
- **Year 5 Taster Day at Teign School - Thursday 10th July (More info to follow from Teign School)**
- **KS2 Production 16th and 17th July - more information to follow**
- **Year 6 Transition Days at Teign School - Thursday 26th & Friday 27th July (More info to follow from Teign School)**

School Attendance

Attendance this fortnight:

Whole School 88.7%

Ash 88.9%

Birch 88.5%

Willows 88.7%

Attendance Matters



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

1 FIRST OFFENCE
The **first** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child. This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.**

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The **second** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.**

3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
The **third** time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.



Safeguarding



Key contacts and useful links

Front Door (formerly MASH) main number: 0345 155 1071

Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) – 0845 6000 388

Front Door email: mashsecure@devon.gov.uk¹

Our Safeguarding Lead is Sarah Reddington and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Issy Fraser. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact Front Door (formally known as MASH) on

0345 155 1071

¹<mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>