

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from Academy Head

It's been a great start to the Summer term at Hennock. Birch have taken part in a Moorland schools football tournament and as I write Ash are preparing to do get on the minibus to do the same. I know that excitement levels are high and that some pupils were up practicing their ball skills early this morning!

Saplings had a great trip to the Bird of Prey Centre and came back full of facts.

This is a short half term but there is a lot packed in to the next few weeks. Please see below for some key dates. I will send out an email with all the key dates for this term at the start of next week.

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Sarah Reddington

Academy Head

Hennock Primary School

Link Academy Trust

Ash Class



What a lovely start to the Summer Term we have had in Ash Class!

In English, we have begun our unit focusing on writing an explanation text based on Shaun Tan's *The Nameless Holiday*. The children discussed their opinions on this new text as well as learning the first paragraph by creating story maps. We then practiced using the passive voice to create a knowledgeable and objective tone in our writing.

In Maths, we have started our unit on Ratio. The children explored the multiplicative relationship of numbers involved in ratio and practiced using ratio language. We then looked at ratios and fractions together and finished with exploring scale factors with shapes.

In History, the children researched and compared the differences between the different ancient African kingdoms. They compared aspects of the kingdoms such as: how long they lasted, who ruled them, and what they traded.

In Art, we have begun our unit "Trailblazers, Barrier Breakers", in which the children will be studied influential black artists and their work. This week, the children chose an artist that interested them the most and created mood boards to analyse their work.

Finally, today the children have taken part in a football tournament against the other Moorland schools in our Trust! They worked fantastically in their teams and should be very proud of the sportsmanship they have exhibited.

Have a lovely weekend!





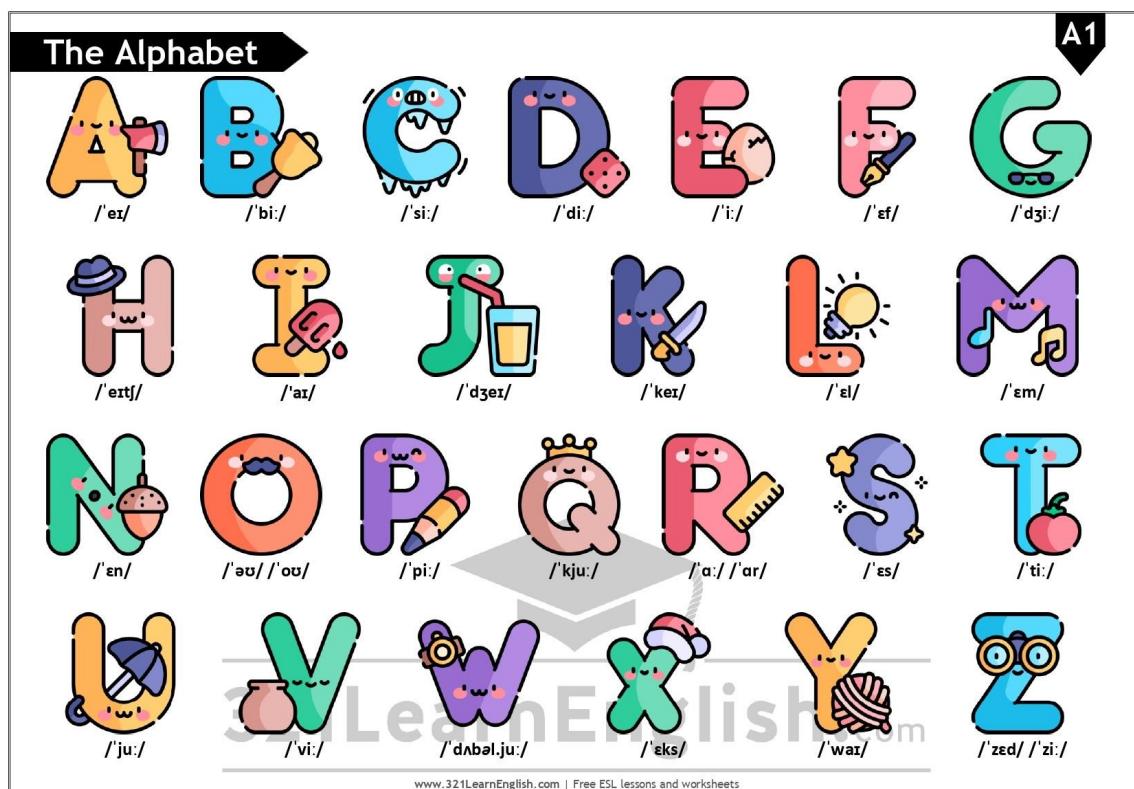
Birch Class



Welcome back to the Summer term, the final term of the school academic year.

This term is packed with learning, which is detailed in the half termly overview but I am really looking forward to exploring the History topic on the Romans, making Botanical art pieces and investigating how plants grow.

If at any time you have any questions, then do get in touch.



This week in Maths, we completed our beginning of half term Arithmetic assessment and I am looking forward to the children's scores rising even further by the end of the half term.

We have also started our next unit on Mass and Capacity learning how to read scales in grams, kilograms, litres and millilitres.

Wider Curriculum



The children have started their new topic in History, which is learning all about the Romans. In our first lesson, we were using our deduction skills to ask questions about Roman artefacts and then finding out our answers using research. We then reflected on what we felt life was like in Roman times and we are excited to see where our topic takes us next.

The whole class did a great job at representing the school at the Moorland Hub Football Tournament. Both teams played magnificently and they showed great determination and grit against teams with very experienced players. We came away from the tournament with the effort award so well done Birch class!



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



What a lovely start to the summer term we've had this week, the children have been excited to share their holiday news with the class.

In English our book is "Tell Me a Dragon" The children have had fun drawing their own dragons and using describing words.

In Math we have been solving problems using our 10 times tables.

This week in PHSE we have been discussing our families and drawing different people in our families.

Reception went on an awesome trip alongside Saplings to The Devon Bird of Prey Centre where they met some lovely owls; big and small, learnt lots of facts and were able to hold the owls on their arms.

What a great week back. Have a lovely weekend.



Saplings



We have enjoyed our first week back in Saplings. The children have caught up with all their friends and have enjoyed talking about the Easter holidays. Some of the children suddenly look so much taller than 2 weeks ago!! In PHSE this week we have spoke about some of the jobs they do in their family to help. In Maths we are beginning to explore shape, space and measure, exploring position and route. For Communication and Language we are reading, The Emperor's Egg.

Our trip to, The Devon Bird of Prey Centre was wonderful. All the children listened to a lady named Karen, who gave instructions of how to hold your hand in a certain position so that the birds would land safely. There were several birds for the children to meet. They were all very excited travelling in the minibus, singing nursery rhymes on the way.

Enjoy the weekend everyone.









Toddler Group!





Come and join us for Toddler Group, running from 9.15-10:30am every Wednesday morning.

Restarting on 7th May

Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

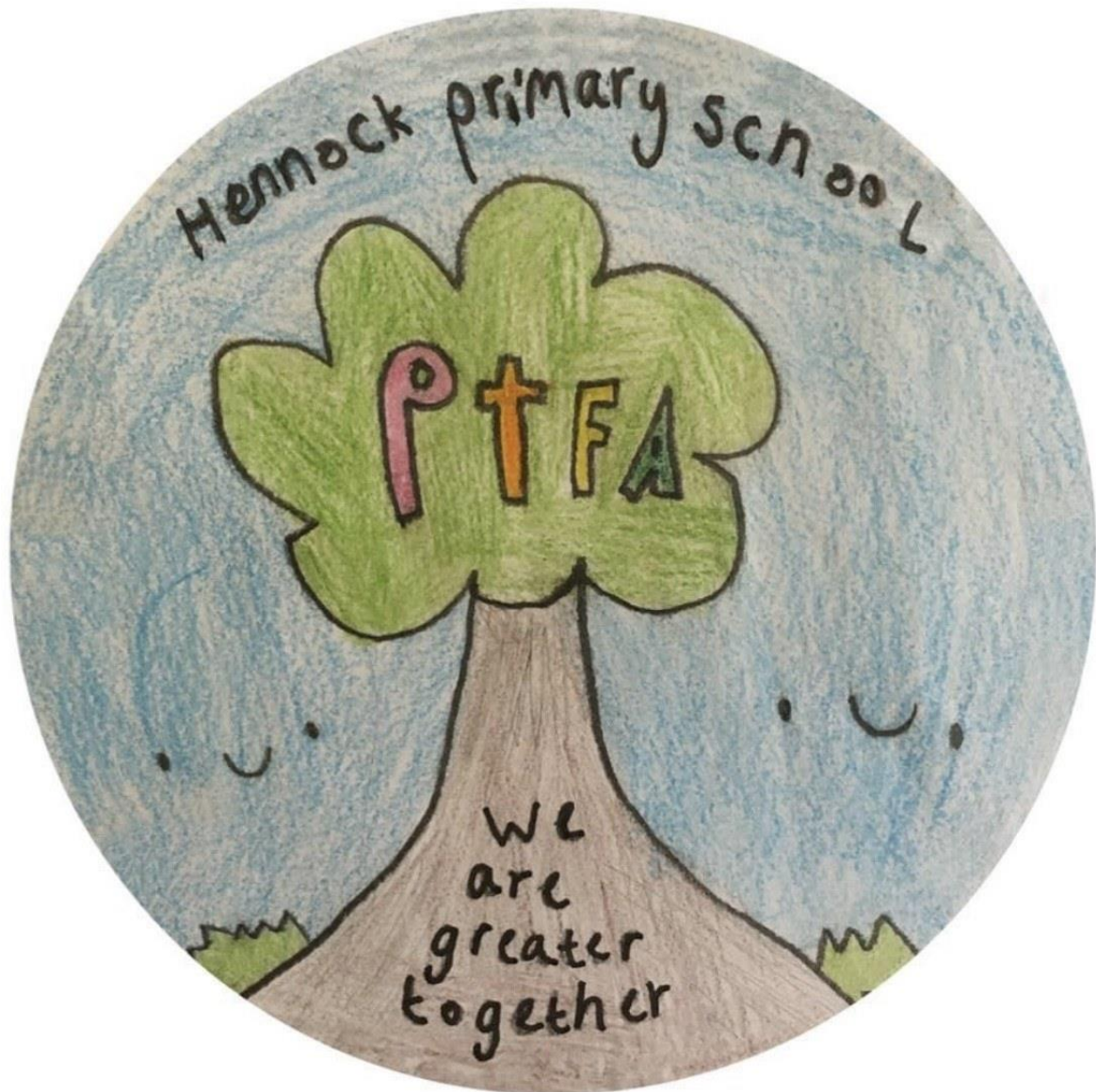
£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;

adminhennock@thelink.academy

01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our little school.

PTFA Message



Dear all,

We have been asked by the organising committee for this event if anyone would be able to volunteer with car parking on Saturday 3rd May for one hour at a time between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Some of the monies raised would then be donated back to Hennock School. Looks like it would be a great event to go to even if you can't volunteer! Please email me at hennockptfa@gmail.com so that I can put you in contact with the organiser.

Thankyou so much

Sarah, PTFA chair

Hi! Valley Bash plans are coming together really well....please share update with you school families and community

The Valley Bash early May Bank Holiday - keep it free! So far it's looking like this....Fri 2nd May is the opening night of the Beer and Music festival, kick off is 6pm. We will have Baobab Cafe and Soul Pizza Truck offering the nights nourishment, Three Shots Later setting the music scene with their country, rock and pop covers followed by headliners Electric Spank in the marquee in the field at the Teign House Inn. This is the adult, ticketed part of the weekend, £15 with all profits split between the 4 Valley primary schools.

Sat 3rd May is the fun day beginning at 12pm. Expect Maypole, tug of war, rounders and our open mic line up. This will be alongside Higher Beings Circus whose Aerialists are joining us for a display and have a go during the afternoon. There will be delicious afternoon food served up by the pub, as well as 12 real ales and 5 ciders. Saturday is donation only, no tickets required.

Sun 4th May is a relaxed afternoon of acoustic music and ales to wrap up the weekend. Donation only no tickets needed.

Huge thanks to the sponsors Beauty in Bloom in Chagford, The Character Builders South West Ltd and Olympus Power Ltd who have very kindly supported this event for the benefit of the Valley community.

Message me if you want a slot in the open mic.

Grab your Friday night tickets

here...<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/teighouseinnltd/1612984>

Communications Team



We interviewed a member of Birch Class about their Football Tournament they took part in this week.

Q: Did you like the football match?

A: Yes, because I was a good goalkeeper.

Q: Which team did you come up against that you found the most challenging?

A: Probably Moretonhampstead!

Q: What did you enjoy the most about taking part in the tournament?

A: I really enjoyed playing in goal and feeling like I was supporting my team.



Star of the Week



25th April

Ash: Fyrstan **Birch:** Lyric and Albert **Willows:** Rupert

Dojo Points:

Ash: Tommy and Asa

Birch:

Achievosaurus: Emilia, Aiden, Maddie and Edith

Playground Hero: Ronnie

Pride of School: Finn

Values Star: Lily

Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday

Willows - Thursday

Birch - Fridays

Ash - Wednesdays

- **Non-pupil day (staff training) Monday 2nd 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 Weeks:

Whole School 99.7%

Ash 100%

Birch 100%

Willows 99.2%

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>