



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
15th March 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Families

Another Wow week here at Hartford this week, this time about all things science related! I'd like to personally thank our Science Leads Mrs Clinkard and Miss Shepherd for organising such a wonderful week of activities for the children.

Science Week Report from Mrs Clinkard and Miss Shepherd

We've have been celebrating National Science Week in school this week and it has been action packed and fun filled! We have been lucky enough to welcome a range of fabulous, inspirational visitors into school to enthuse the children about science. All year groups have taken part in a range of interactive activities throughout the week and there has been a real science 'buzz' around school! The week began with the launch of our Science Selfie competition by our Year 5 Science Ambassadors. All children in school are invited to enter and send in a photo where they are taking part in science. The closing date for this competition is 22nd March and lots of ideas /information is in the attached PowerPoint presentation.

We have enjoyed experiments with 'Super Little Scientists' and learnt about fossils on a 'fossil dig' with the 'Education Factory'. Year 6 had a super workshop with Ms Challinor from Hartford High School and learnt all about chemicals and the pigments of ink. Farmer Will and Farmer Alex from the National Farmers Union brought a tractor into Early Years and we took part in a live lesson with NFU education!

We'd like to give a big 'shout out' to members of our school community who volunteered their time this week to run workshops and talks for us connected to their jobs in science. Thank you to parents: Gareth Williams (Edward in Year 4), Valerie Decraene-Maw (Blake Year 2 and Seb Year 6), Lou Walker (Zoe Year 3), Lindsey Hickey (Finlay Year 4 and Aoife Year 1), Bernadette Barley (Isaac Year 1), Andrew Jackson (Adam Year 5), Kevin Dean (past parent!) and Clive Rowland (our very own Mrs Rowland's (EY) husband). We could not run our week without your help!

A highlight of the week is always seeing the looks of awe and wonder on the children's faces! Please look at our Twitter page if you have time for some super photos of the week.

Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone for your support over the last few evenings at the Book Fair. Our parents spent just over a £1000 on books over the 4 evenings. This means we have raised £550 worth of spending money with Scholastic. In a time of ever-increasing pressure on school budgets these extra funds are extremely welcome. A special mention goes to Mr Harris and Miss Miller for organising the book fair and to all the staff who volunteered their time to man the event.

Author Visit – Year 6 Creative Writing Club

This week it was the turn of Miss Miller's Creative Writing Club to welcome a visit from a local author. Ros Roberts showed the children how to develop their stories by using different characters and props. The children were able to draft their ideas and then use Ros' expertise to improve and develop their stories. Ros very kindly left a signed copy of one her books, 'Every Cloud', for school to enjoy.

A Sporting Update from Mr Cairns

On March 11th, the indoor athletics team went to Ellesmere Port Sports Village for the County Final. The quality of athletics was extremely high, and the children performed very well. The team finished 6th in the county which is a fantastic achievement, and they should all be very proud.

Wednesday 13th saw our Year 5/6 gymnastics team attend the County Final at Moss Farm. They all improved their vault and floor routine scores and finished second, claiming silver medals. Congratulations to Josh, Max, Amber, Gigi, and Hattie for this amazing performance.

Today our Year 6 football team are off to Liverpool Academy for the final of the Northern Region's Football competition. Good luck boys!

Easter Church Visits

Year 1 are visiting St. John's Church today for an Easter themed craft session and it will be the turn of our Early Years children next Friday.

Easter Themed School Lunch – Wednesday 27th March

The school kitchen will be serving an Easter themed meal for the children on Wednesday 27th March, please see the attached menu.

Lost property

Next week all lost property will be displayed outside Mrs Moore's Hall at these times:

Monday 18th March - after school

Tuesday 19th March - before and after school

Any lost property not claimed by **Friday** will be donated to the PTA's pre-loved uniform, to charity or disposed of. In order to help us try and keep on top of lost property please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

PTA Preloved School Uniform Sale – Friday 22nd March

Our lovely PTA ladies will be holding a preloved uniform sale outside Mrs Moore's Hall after school next Friday, please see the attached flyer.

Robin Hood Spring Pantomime - Northwich Memorial Court Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March

Please see the attached flyer regarding an upcoming performance at Brio. We've been given a discount code to distribute to parents which entitles you to 25% discount. In order for parents to take up the offer you should use the code **ROBIN25** when booking tickets via www.brioentertainment.org


Free Easter Holiday Activities for Children Eligible for Free School Meals

Edsential, on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester council, have coordinated a whole host of Holiday Activities and Food clubs, funded by Department for Education - which are completely free for eligible FSM children. To find a full list of the Easter holiday activity clubs visit their [website](#)

Finally, a reminder that the Spring term comes to an end on Thursday 28th March when we break up for Easter. School reopens for the Summer term on Monday 15th April.

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Warm regards,



Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher