

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter



04.04.25

End of Term 4



A kind, creative community where learning is an adventure.

MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

We have had a fantastic end to our Explore: *Water* project across the school. As always, the children have impressed with their creative and teamwork skills to produce some fantastic creations. They have been busy bridge-building, designing animal shelters, making sandwiches, baking cookies, creating yummy cakes, writing poetry, and much more besides.

We have had some exciting trips to Railway Land and Drusillas, as well as experiences including a theatre performance, a danceathon and Badgers' brass band extravaganza!

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils continue to work hard as they prepare for SATs, supported by the Owls Class team. Thank you to Mrs Robertson and Mrs Green for running the weekly SATs booster clubs.

Next term we begin our Create: *Portrait* project and I cannot wait for Hamsey pupils to unleash their creative talents as we explore portrait artists and a range of musical genres.

From all the Hamsey team, I wish you a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mr Dean

IMPORTANT DATES



April 2025

- Tues 22nd - Term 5 begins

May 2025

- Thurs 1st - YR & Y6 NHS Screening
- Mon 5th - Bank Holiday
- Tues 6th - PE for all classes (SportsCool)
- Fri 16th - Y6 SATs treat
- Mon 19th - Computing tournament
- Weds 21st - Y5 Cuckmere Haven trip
- Fri 23rd - Y3-Y6 tennis tournament
- Fri 23rd - End of Term 5

SPARE CLOTHES

We are in need of some spare clothing items. If you have any socks, tights or underwear suitable for Reception or Key Stage 1 pupils, we would be very grateful. Thank you.



LOST PROPERTY

A reminder that any items left in school will be donated to the PTA second-hand uniform sale or disposed of elsewhere at the end of term.

Please name all items!

CURRY AND BINGO

A huge thank you to the PTA and all those involved in last Friday's Curry and Bingo evening in Lewes. It was a great evening with delicious food, lovely company and lots of money raised for the school.

A lot of work went into the organisation and I am very grateful for the PTA's ongoing support. A fantastic £937 was raised! The money will continue to be used to enrich school life for our pupils.



BRIGHTON AND SUSSEX MEDICAL SCHOOL

IN THE MEDIA

BSMS in latest series of *Operation Ouch!*



BSMS has once again been involved in filming for the latest series of *Operation Ouch!* for the BBC. The Anatomy team were filmed as part of a session on tummy rumbling and guts, with Sam and Josh, sons of BSMS' Laura Arnold, Senior Administrator in Clinical Neuroscience, featuring in the filming. See the full series of *Operation Ouch!* on iPlayer [here](#).

Fame at last for Josh and Sam! They are famous in Brighton and Sussex Medical School thanks to their behind the scenes work on the CBBC show *Operation Ouch!*

They tested an experiment where they filled a pig's bladder to see how much liquid it will hold before bursting! (Turns out a lot!!)

Dr Chris and Dr Xand replicated this on the latest series on *Operation Ouch*-Ep 11, around 5 minutes in.



OUT OF SCHOOL PROJECT



This is Romy's entry to the Young Artists' Summer Show. It depicts a firework scene, inspired by the local Bonfire celebrations.

It is a very vibrant and exciting image of the sky at night on Bonfire Night.



CHARITY DANCEATHON

Thank you to Rachel Kelly and Michelle Clark for a fun morning of shape-throwing!

We hosted a Charity Danceathon in aid of the Children's Respite Trust (www.crtcharity.org).

The event was led by Happy Me Dance, getting everyone moving, grooving, and raising money for an incredible charity that supports local children with disabilities and their families.

Thank you for your support and generous donations.

HAPPY
ME
DANCE





HEDGEHOGS CLASS



Hedgehogs continue to be inspired by the Amazon Rainforest.

We have enjoyed a day out to Drusillas together where we found many species that come from the Amazon Rainforest including: anteaters, sloths, tamarins, ibis, capybaras, and coatis.

We have concluded our learning journey by exploring the Human Geography that surrounds the Amazon River. We have learnt all about the city of Manaus and we are looked at what it means to be indigenous in the Amazon. We learnt what the face paints and tattoos could mean and then had a go at creating our own.



FOXES CLASS



Foxes Class have loved getting stuck into our Explore: *Water* project.

This term we have been learning to be designers through our Design and Technology project. The children have designed and built shelters out of junk modelling for the endangered water voles that live along the River Ouse.

The children came up with a Design Criteria to stick to whilst making their shelters. We decided the shelters needed to be: camouflaged, waterproof, cosy and have a split-pin door to allow the water voles in and to keep predators out!



BADGERS CLASS



Badgers have had a very busy term. We started off with a fantastic talk from Sara Rooney about her travels to the Amazon rainforest. We were all fascinated to hear about her presentation and thoroughly enjoyed the Fair Trade chocolate that she brought in for us to share. Thank you so much Sara - it was such a treat! In DT, we created our own bridges and boats with a waterproof shelter to sail under them. They were incredible!

We would like to say a huge thanks to Nathaniel from Brass Sparks for all his wonderful teaching and great sense of fun. The final performance was fantastic! It has been one of the highlights of our week. Finally, well done to Year 4 on their determined efforts at swimming this term.



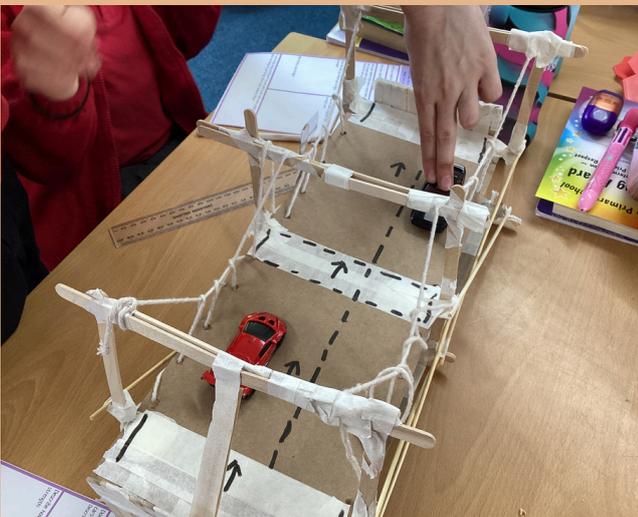
OWLS CLASS



Owls Class have enjoyed a wonderful term, packed full of learning and adventure! Most notably, we enjoyed a memorable trip to the Railway Land Nature Reserve in Lewes. This trip gave the children hands-on experience, in which they observed the physical features of the river, conducted an experiment to measure its flow and completed an annotated field sketch of the river and surrounding landscape. The trip was a triumph!

In Design Technology this term, the children have learnt about bridges and the shapes that create the strongest structures. They explored how engineers use triangular trusses, suspension cables and arches to build safe, sturdy bridges. After investigating the technology and science behind bridge design, the children were given a design brief challenge and had the chance to get creative. They built their own wooden prototypes and tested their designs, putting their teamwork and problem-solving skills into action. It was exciting to see their ideas come to life in their superbly built models!

Well done Owls Class for another term of hard work and superb effort! Enjoy your break!



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Hamsey School Charter

- We are kind, gentle and forgiving.
- We celebrate our school community and the world around us.
- We value our learning and creativity.
- We feel safe to be who we are.
- Our pro-social choices create a safe space for everyone.
- Our learning behaviours are:
curiosity, determination, independence, pride and respect.

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