



Dear Parents,

Cramming five days of learning into a four day week has been a challenge but one which the children have risen to! Although a relatively short half term, there is always a great deal going on and things have already started a quite a pace with the fantastic success of the chess team, Year 5 heading out and about to London, the installation of the new climbing wall on the KS2 playground and the Year 3 and 4 pupils preparing for next week's football tournament.

This time next week will see many of our parents preparing for the Summer Ball and as always, and I would like to extend my thanks to all those involved with the organisation and preparation of such an event; I am very grateful to everyone for the hard work they put in to ensure a great time is had by all whilst raising invaluable funds for the school. I have been working with a local company exploring some exciting ideas and options to redesign and remodel the Foundation Stage and KS1 playgrounds to encourage all those in attendance at the ball to give generously! More details will be shared with you at the event.

This wonderful fundraising opportunity comes at a time when press coverage of the funding crisis in schools is at its height, particularly during the run up to the General Election, and the local schools' Heads' Consortium have drafted a joint letter outlining the issues faced by schools which you will receive in due course.

The next time I write a newsletter will be just before 14 members of staff, including myself, set off on our trip to Snowdonia, hopefully inspiring all our community to get out and about on foot! We are embarking on our Duke of Edinburgh Challenge to highlight the importance of physical activity to the children and to demonstrate the skills of perseverance, resilience and teamwork which we endeavour to instill in them! More news of our plans will follow next week.

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of the year 6 pupils and wish them luck for their SATs next week – not that they'll need it! They are more than ready for the challenge and can look ahead to the wonderful adventures that await them on the other side!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Webb



Key Dates for this term:

Event	Date
SATs Week	8th-11th May
INSET Days	25th and 26th May
Hindhead (year 6)	19th -23rd June
Friends Sponsored Walk	9 th June (reserve date 16 th June)
Summer School Fair	1 st July
Music Concert	5th July
Open Sessions	6th July 2.45-3.15pm, 7th July 8.15-8.45am
Secondary Transfer Day / Meet the Teacher	13th July
Year 6 Play	19th July 7pm
Leaver's Assembly	20th July 10.30am

Top Bananas

These children received Bananas Awards last week for 'Putting in time and effort to improve their work'

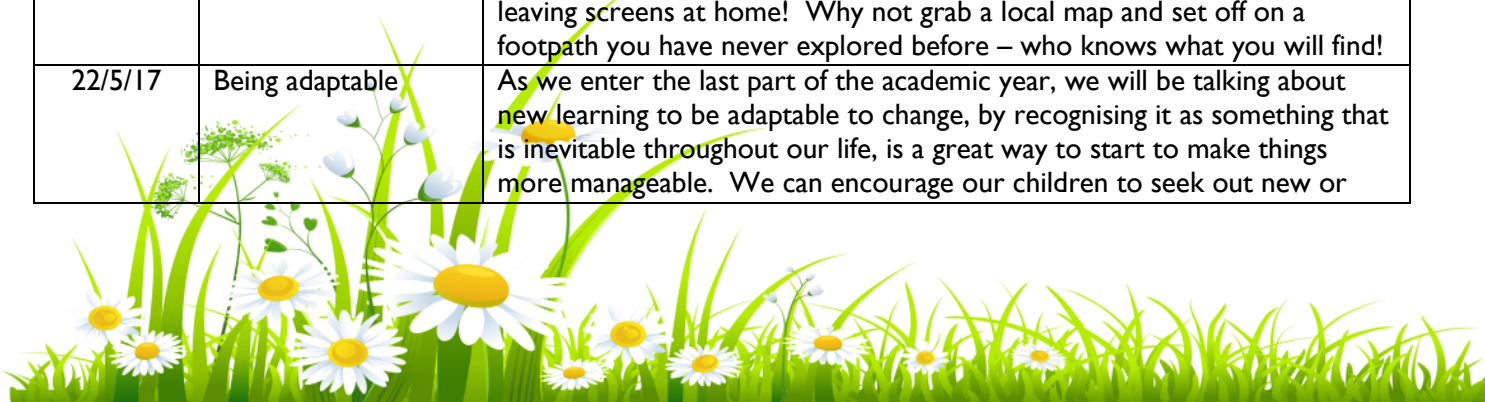
C1	Hamish, Nina	C12	Katie	C2	Daniel, Amelie
C3	Molly	C34	Charlotte	C4	Ben
C5	Isla	C56	Caitlin	C6	Leo

These children received Bananas Awards this week for 'Being Resilient'

C1	Anya	C12	Scarlett	C2	Amelia, Lily
C3	Rhys	C34	Kaleb Annabel	C4	Cian, Sarah
C5	Nicky	C56	Lieve Kiera	C6	Odile Barney C

This Half term Bananas Themes

Date	Top Banana Theme	How to support this theme at home
25/4/17	Putting in time and effort to improve their work	Success cannot be achieved without effort and sometimes things don't always go to plan! Help your child to recognise the effort they put in to their learning and praise that rather than the outcome of their efforts.
2/5/17	Resilience	The power of positive thinking is key to a child feeling successful and building resilience helps children to bounce back from disappointments. The children have learnt about using the phrase, 'I can't do this yet ' with the emphasis being on the word yet – everything is a learning experience and these words can just as easily be applied at home, whether it's tying shoe laces, learning the 4 times table or riding a bike without stabilisers.
8/5/17	No Bananas theme this week due to the Hall being unavailable for assemblies	
15/5/17	Being active	The end of this week sees 14 members of staff tackle Snowdonia and we are hoping to inspire the children to be just as active! With longer days and (hopefully) warmer and sunnier weather, it is the ideal opportunity to get out and about on bikes or on foot and explore the countryside – leaving screens at home! Why not grab a local map and set off on a footpath you have never explored before – who knows what you will find!
22/5/17	Being adaptable	As we enter the last part of the academic year, we will be talking about new learning to be adaptable to change, by recognising it as something that is inevitable throughout our life, is a great way to start to make things more manageable. We can encourage our children to seek out new or



		<p>more information or take a different course of action when faced with a new situation. Even just something as simple as thinking about the opportunities a new situation might create or not assuming that change is a bad or undesirable thing can make a big difference. For example, as children start to think about making the transition from one year group to another, help them child to identify ways they can adjust their behaviours (such as increasing effort, asking for help), control their thinking (challenging pessimism, self-doubt), and manage their emotions (keeping fear or anxiety in check).</p>
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Chess Tournament

On 25th April, Roundwood successfully defended another chess trophy - this time it was at the Harpenden District Sports Chess Congress. Leo G, Will B, Alex B, Stuart M, Jonas S and Finn P played four games each - against players from all other Harpenden schools in rounds 1-3, and against the second-placed team (after 3 rounds) in round 4. Roundwood didn't lose a single game, which is a fantastic achievement - well done boys and roll on Pontins next month! *Mrs Martin*

Year 5 Trip



On Tuesday 2nd May Year 5 went to London.

In the morning the children visited the Royal Festival Hall and enjoyed listening to the London Philharmonic Orchestra play a variety of music from around the world. The children were amazed to hear such a large orchestra and were very impressed with how in time the musicians were. Once this finished the children had a stroll along the River Thames towards the Globe.

After picnicking outside the Tate Modern, we entered Shakespeare's Globe where Year 5 were to take part in a drama workshop. The guides showed us around the Globe and the children enjoyed smelling all the wood and seeing some actors come on stage and warm up for their afternoon performance.

The drama workshop focused on Romeo and Juliette. It was a fast paced, action packed hour and half where the children were shown how to alter their voices, body language and interact with each other.

It was a wonderful day and the children behaved brilliantly.

Mrs Wakeman, Miss Smith and Mrs Burch

E-Safety Tip: Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space. For children of primary school age, it is particularly important to keep internet use in family areas. This way you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see.



FRIENDS OF ROUNDWOOD PRIMARY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO:

A FLOWER WORKSHOP FOR THE ROARING 20S BALL

THURSDAY 11TH MAY
TIME: 10-12PM

VENUE: 14 DOUGLAS ROAD, HARPENDEN AL5 2EW

FLORIST ANITA LINDEMAN FROM THE FLOWER SCHOOL IN ST ALBANS WILL TEACH YOU
HOW TO CREATE A STUNNING ARRANGEMENT, FOR EXCLUSIVE USE AT THE SCHOOL
BALL ON 12TH MAY.

YOU WILL THEN BE ABLE TO TAKE THE ARRANGEMENT BACK AND ENJOY AT HOME.

WORKSHOPS NORMALLY COST £45 BUT WE ARE OFFERING IT AT £25!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP

PLEASE EMAIL ELENA AT TURNER_ELENA@HOTMAIL.COM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ANITA AND THE FLOWER SCHOOL PLEASE VISIT

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