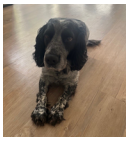
Hobletts Manor News

16th October 2026

This Term's Value ...

Today we received a very special, and long awaited, visit from a four legged friend! His visit followed an assembly on Monday that introduced everyone to Monty Smith. As a school community, we learnt about what Monty has been doing in training including rolling a dice and choosing a book. We also talked about how we could help Monty to be the best therapy dog he can by remembering to ask before we say hello or stroke him and being calm and quiet when he is working. We understand that Monty may be a little nervous and we watched a video to help us learn a little more about what a dogs body language can tell us. This will help us look after Monty and also help us understand how other dogs may be feeling too.

We were very excited to learn that Monty will have his very own mailbox so if we would like to write to him with any questions we may have, any worries or anything to celebrate we can!



Following our recent return from PGL, so we also prepare for next year's residential trip for our current Year 5 pupils. We know that sending your child away from home—often for the first time—can bring up a mix of excitement and natural anxiety. Whether you have questions about the daily activities, sleeping arrangements, dietary requirements, we want to ensure you feel completely reassured and informed.

As a school we are committed to working in partnership with you to ensure that all children are able to experience our residential visit in Year 6. We look to work together to discuss individual needs, address any concerns, and remove barriers to participation. We routinely consider a variety of adjustments to support physical well-being, medical needs, and anxiety reduction. In the past, this has successfully included reduced or phased days, having parents on-site for specific periods, and building adapted and alternative activities into the activity schedule. Please do not hesitate to reach out and get in touch with any questions you may have.

Lets Get Talking ... Question of the Week





Would you rather ... visit the past or jump into the future?




Black History Month

As you may be aware October marks Black History month, a celebration of impactful people of black origin throughout history. In conjunction through with Hobletts Manor Infant and Nursery, we aim to ensure that children learn about the heritage of a wide range of cultures and communities throughout the year. We continue to review our curriculum, books and resources to reflect diverse voices and experiences and include positive representation of significant figures. Through this work, we aim to help children appreciate the people who have shaped our world.

If you ever have any suggestions on how we can further enhance our offer, please do let us know.

Lost Property

We are only 6 weeks into the school year and already have a substantial amount of lost property, including jumpers, cardigans and coats. Staff make every effort to re-unite children with their clothing, so ensuring it is clearly named helps us achieve this.

Please also support us by encouraging children to use their pegs and school bags to keep clothing safe if they take it off during break or PE lessons. Lost Property can be checked at the end of the school day if you are missing items.

Halloween and Firework Safety

Halloween and Bonfire Night are widely celebrated, particularly by children, and often involve costumes, decorations and illuminated pumpkins. Whilst generally low risk, incidents involving naked flames, unsafe costumes and flammable decorations can lead to serious injury or fire.

Whilst enjoying the autumn season and the activities it brings, please take extra care with children around these added fire risks. More information can be found on our website about how to stay safe and what precautions can be taken.



A Spotlight On .... Sporting Achievements

On Wednesday 30th September, 56 children from Year 6 headed to Hemel Hempstead (Camelot) Rugby Club to showcase their skills at the annual Saracens Tag Rugby Festival. Split into 6 teams, our players competed in an exciting round-robin tournament against a number of local schools, demonstrating excellent passing, tactical movement, and brilliant try-scoring teamwork.

Bathed in glorious afternoon of sunshine, every team showed incredible determination, resilience, and mutual support through each demanding fixture. Their exemplary sportsmanship did not go unnoticed; the children received an abundance of high praise and compliments from both opposition teachers and sports leaders alike.



Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who took part and represented our school with such distinction!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 table tennis players who recently competed at Kings Langley School. Demonstrating immense dedication, all of the children involved gave up their break and lunch times to practice and develop their skills. Thanks to this high level of interest, we were fortunate enough to run two teams for both the girls' and boys' events.

Our girls set the bar high on day one. The Year 5 Girls team (Margot, Olivia, and Micaela) put in a fantastic effort, often playing against older children, to finish 3rd overall in their group. Carrying on from their tournament victory last year, our Year 6 Girls team (Ella, Freya, and Andreea) dominated yet again to win the tournament for the second year running! They will now proudly represent Dacorum at the county finals at Edge Grove School on Tuesday 19th November.

Two days later, it was the boys' turn to shine. Showing great resilience during their first time at the event, the Year 5 Boys team matched the girls' success by finishing a brilliant 3rd in their group. The Year 6 Boys team won the majority of their games, resulting in a tense tie-break at the top. In an incredibly close finish, narrowly missing out on the final by a mere 8 points.
Every single child represented the school beautifully. Well done to all of our players - Archie, Ranveer, Harry, Samuel, Charlie, Zac, Oscar, Mason W, and Mason S - for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship!



Congratulations to Last Week's Stars

	Values: Responsibility	Mathematics	English	Curriculum
Amber	Aria and Charlotte	Ibrahim and Ollie	Ellie and Marsie	Riley and Alfie
Azure	Abby and Kaja	Maria	Brody	Stanley
Citron	Luna and Iyla	Freyja an Evie	Ayla and Kairi	Isabelle and Margot
Cobalt	Ehsan and David	James and Charlotte	Amelia and Eva	Connor and Manreet
Saffron	Olivia and Kai	Ryan and Hunter	Mattie and Dom	Cooper and Georgia
Sapphire	Darcy and Ayla S	Ansh, Nelson and Bobby	William and Isabella	Eoghan and Micaela
Topaz				Isabella, Charlotte, Dolly-Rose, Ariaana, Zia, Osman, Hussnain, Theo
Turquoise				Mason, Tyler, Jax, Jack, Ruby-Mae, Sajad



Congratulations to Zac in Team Azure, Jackson in Team Citron, Brianna in Team Cobalt,, Sienna in Team Sapphire, Isaac and Iyana in Team Saffron, who all received a friendly leaf last week



Reading Records ...

Congratulations to the following children who read at least 5 times last week...Aria, Harper-May Maksym and Quinn in Team Amber. Bobby, Kaja and Layla in Team Azure. Aizah, Mithula, Harriet and Ronnie in Team Cobalt. Ava, Eden, Freddie, Margot, Poppy, and Riley in Team Citron. Margot and Drew in Team Saffron. Amir, Dua, Nelson, Ayla, Bobby, James, Patrick, and Logan in Team Sapphire !

Reading Challenge ...7 times!

Congratulations also to the following children who read at least 7 times last week attaining the Reading Challenge... Raees in Team Amber. Abby, Luiza, Neo, Pollianna, Rupert and Theo in Team Azure. Isabella, Eva, Mollie, Madison, Noah and Connor in Team Cobalt. Freyja, Isabella and Iyla in Team Citron. Connie, Mattie and Ruben in Team Saffron. Arlo, Isabella, Sienna, Eoghan, Ansh Freddy, Erin, William and Alisa in Team Sapphire. Ariaana, Keanu, in Team Turquoise!

Times Table Rockstars

Congratulations to Agnes, Robyn, Daisee, Ishaan, Quinn and Zachary in Team Amber. Abigail, Theo and Patrick in Team Azure. Evie and Poppy in Team Citron. Isabella and Amelia in Team Cobalt. Ansh, Bobby and Logan in Team Sapphire. for their commitment to Rocking last week.



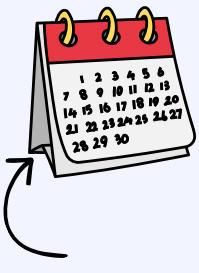
COMING SOON

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
19th (Amber only) and 22nd October	Family Consultatation Evenings
19th October	Year 5 Trip
20th October	Year 6 Trip
23rd October	Last day of Term Finish 3.15pm
2nd November	School Returns
25th November	Flu Vaccinations (2nd Visit)
27th November	**INSET Day School Closed**
30th November	**Occasional Day School Closed**
1st December	Beezee Bodies Drop in for Parents
9th December	Year 3 - Watford Theatre
16th December	Year 3 performance 2pm
17th December	Year 3 performance 9.15am
18th December	End of Term



As we approach half term please note we have Art Club running on 26th and 27th October (infants building). More details including how to book can be found on their website



Please check our website regularly for updates to the School Diary!