

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Friday May 17th 2019

TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE OFF TO WEMBLEY TOMORROW, WE HOPE YOU HAVE WONDERFUL DAY, "COME ON YOU HORNETS!!"

YEAR 4—HATFIELD HOUSE

As part of their studies about the Tudors, Miss Malloupa, Miss Seymour and a group of volunteers accompanied Y4 to Hatfield House on Wednesday. Like all of the class, Alice and Jodie were so enthused and told me the following about the trip. "We met Henry VIII and Catherine Parr. Henry's guard talked to us about the longbow. We sang 'The Hunt Is Up'. Catherine Parr played an instrument while we sang. Henry VIII said he liked the actions we did and he thought we were one of the best classes he had seen! Catherine Parr gave Henry a portrait as a present with his family members in it. We learned about the buildings and the grounds. There was a maze there where they used to do bear baiting using dogs. Mary and Elizabeth enjoyed watching this!" It really sounds as though the children learnt a great deal and could also apply things they have been taught in class to a 'real' historical site.

DUCKLINGS



The whole school has been excited at the arrival of 6 eggs, an incubator and a cage to Reception Class. Miss Hacking has organised this to compliment the children's learning about life cycles and growth. It is fair to say that the children in Reception Class are mesmerised! They chose names for the residents of the eggs before they arrived: Leo, Poppy, Violet, Freddie, Tropical and Mango.

Leo did not hang about and started to pierce the shell of his egg soon after arriving. However, he was overtaken by Poppy, Violet and Freddie, discovered chirruping away on Thursday morning! Leo meanwhile was further along the way! Then yesterday late afternoon, Tropical made her appearance following Leo's arrival. We all eagerly await Mango to complete the group. The children have shown much patience and gentleness in handling the ducklings and these fluffy bundles have brought a smile to everyone's faces.

SATS

Year 6 took their KS2 SATs papers this week—well done to them all for trying their very best. They should be proud of their hard work. Next week Year 2 will complete SATs papers. Unlike Y6, their papers will not be sent away for marking. Instead, they will form part of Miss Armstrong's considerations when reaching her final teacher assessments for each child.

ALL HANDS ON DECK—THANK YOU

Some of our families who have been here a while may remember the chaos caused by the eruption of the volcano in Iceland back in 2010. We had families and staff 'marooned' across the globe as the grounding of planes coincided with the end of the Easter holidays. I, myself, was in Canada!

Less distant, but quite chaotic nonetheless, was the situation on Wednesday morning. Five members of staff (myself included) were caught up in the mammoth traffic jam on the M25: Mr Sills and Miss Wenham (five hours), myself, Miss Malloupa and Mrs Price (more than five and a half hours)!! Imagine my surprise when I heard 'Good morning Miss Ali' in that situation—I looked over to the next lane and there was Greg from karate club! There was absolutely nothing we could do, but we knew the school was in safe hands as Mrs O'Neill rallied the troops and plugged all the personnel gaps! She said that (without exception, and not a moment's hesitation) every member of staff she asked to change or to do something above and beyond their normal duties, said yes. Mr Hallam and Mr Arnold led the karate session. This kind of flexibility and commitment to the school is not something we take for granted, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff (and parents) at Arnett Hills. I know why they responded as they did—at the forefront of their minds was the need to keep the disruption to the children to a minimum. On our eventual arrival at school, we were bombarded with offers of cups of tea, something to eat and reviving ice lollies! THANK YOU ALL—YOU ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE

JUNIOR PLAY (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Year 6 were told ahead of the rest of the juniors that this year's KS2 play will be Mary Poppins. The play is full of fun and imagination, colourful characters and well known songs. Performance dates are on the **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** section below.

HOUSEPOINTS
1st -Canaries 119
2nd- Greenfinches 80
3rd- Kingfishers 65
4th- Robins 43

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday May 20th onwards—Y2 SATS week
Wednesday May 22nd and Thursday 23rd—Reception Class 'Stay & Play'
Wednesday May 22nd—Y1 visit from a fireman
Thursday May 23rd—Y6 Kwik Cricket (leave school 10:40)
Thursday May 23rd—Y3 classroom being used for polling Y3 will be taught in the Y6 classroom

HALF TERM Monday May 27th to Friday May 31st

Monday June 3rd— Y3 Health & Well being workshop
Friday June 7th—Y1 Alien Day
Friday June 14th—NO SHARED READING—Reception Class assembly at 9:10am to parents and school
Monday June 17th to Friday 21st—PGL Y6 residential trip
Tuesday June 18th—Reception Class 'Splash' workshop
Friday June 21st—Reception trip to Little Chalfont Nature Reserve
Monday June 24th to Friday 28th—National Sports Week (activities during the week)
Monday June 24th—Non uniform day—Children may wear sports clothes in exchange for a bottle for the tombola at the PTA summer fayre
Monday June 24th—School Sports Partnership Awards Evening
Thursday June 27th—Y1 trip to Bracknell Lookout Centre
Thursday June 27th & Friday 28th—Y5 activity days at HOAC

Tuesday July 2nd—Lights! Camera! Action! Show to parents after school
Thursday July 4th—Y3 athletics at reach free (12:45 to 2:45pm)
Friday July 5th—Non uniform day in exchange for 'goody bags' decorated with a circus theme
Saturday July 6th—PTA Summer fayre 12 to 3pm
Tuesday July 9th—1:30pm—Mary Poppins -Junior play performance to families
Wednesday July 10th—6pm—Mary Poppins -Junior play performance to families
Thursday July 11th—6pm—Mary Poppins -Junior play performance to families
Monday July 15th 1:15pm—Whole school Sports Day
Tuesday July 16th 9:15am—Reserve date for Sports Day
Tuesday July 16th—Y6 Bowling , Frankie & Benny's trip after school (letter to follow PGL)
Friday July 19th—Last day of term. **SCHOOL ENDS AT 2PM**

