



# Hugo Meynell School Newsletter

## 'Aiming High; Supporting Dreams'

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### Attendance and Lates

School Target 2020/2021:	97%
Attendance week ending 18 <sup>th</sup> September:	98.14%
Attendance Year to date:	97.43%
Lates:	0

### School Meals

We are pleased to report that AiP will be serving hot meals again from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September** starting with a special 'Welcome Back' menu of pizza and chips or jacket potato with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna filling along with an iced cake for dessert. From Tuesday, please follow week 3 on the Autumn/Winter Menu, this will be emailed to parents on Monday.

### Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may qualify for free school meals. If you think you may be eligible, please visit the website below and make an application on line. If your claim is successful then we will receive additional funding for the whole time that your child attends Hugo Meynell which will allow us to support children in school. All applications are completely confidential and, because of the way our registers are taken in class, other children will not be aware of which children are entitled to free meals.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

**Although children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive universal infant free school meals it is important to apply on line regardless of this so that the school receives the additional funding that we are entitled to. Under current legislation, the benefits will continue for the remainder of primary school even if your circumstances change in later years, so please apply as soon as possible.**

**If you have any questions, please contact the school office.**

### School Photographs

Academy Photographers will be attending school on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September** to take this year's school photographs. Additional hygiene measures will be in place for this in line with covid risk assessments. Siblings in school will be able to have a photograph taken together during the school day. However, siblings who do not currently attend Hugo Meynell will be unable to attend for photographs with their siblings this year. We do hope that you understand this change as part of our covid risk assessments which restricts visitors who come in to school.

### Guitar, Ukulele & Violin Tuition

We are pleased to confirm that we will be offering guitar, ukulele and violin lessons in school from October. An email with further details was sent to parents of children in Year 2 and above this week along with a copy of the contract. If your child is interested in starting lessons, please complete and return the contract to the office by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**.

### ParentPay Charges

A reminder that payments for school dinners, nursery fees and Little Owls fees should be paid on ParentPay weekly in advance. An email from ParentPay will be sent each Friday if you have any outstanding charges up to and including that day.

### Harvest

For the past couple of years, at Harvest time, we have supported our local foodbank in Market Drayton. This year, although the children will celebrate the harvest in their classes, we are unable to have a Harvest festival in school but are still keen to support this important charity. If you would like to donate food items to the Foodbank this Autumn please refer to the attached details.

# Star of the Week!

**Congratulations to this week's winners!**

Year 1

Max Perkins & Noah Tyrrell

Year 2

Leo Barrow & Felicity Brannon

Year 3

Joshua Baker & Cameron Horn

Year 4

Luca Parkes & Stanley Gray

Year 5

Gabriella Wessel & Ava Clark

Year 6

Lucca Pilato & Sophie Pye



## Little Owls

The activities next week are:

**Monday** – Colour the Scarecrow    **Tuesday** – Autumn Maze    **Wednesday** – Cupcake Colour by Number  
**Thursday** – Harry Potter I Spy    **Friday** – Frozen Maze

## Community

### Co-op Community Fund

There are just over 6 weeks until this round of the Co-op Local Community Fund closes on **Saturday 24 October** and we wanted to let you know there's still time to choose Hugo Meynell as your cause. **There is currently £4,280.44 unallocated in our community because people have not chosen which cause they would like to support and we hope that you will help us to claim some of this.**

If you shop at the Co-op and have a membership card, please log on to your account and check that you have chosen us as your cause. Even if you chose us during a previous campaign you will still need to register again to participate this time, so please do take a moment to check.

Please share this information with friends and family who live locally and may support us even if they don't have children at Hugo Meynell. The more Co-op members that choose Hugo Meynell, the more funding our project will receive.

Please click the link below for more details:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/35517>

Thank you for your support with this.



### Do you shop on Amazon?

Did you know that if you shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) you get exactly the same products, prices and service but can also raise money for our school at the same time? Just select '**The Hugo Meynell Church Of England School Parent Teacher And Friends Association**' as your charity the first time you log on and then shop as normal. Amazon will do the rest. Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases. Please register us as your charity before you start your Christmas shopping!

You shop. **Amazon gives.**

## Messages from Mrs Gleave

What a lovely week it has been – both inside the classrooms as well as outside in the sunshine.

To ensure our site safety measures are not compromised, please be reminded that children should be accompanied around the site by their parent or carer. Please do not allow your child to run in front of you or to climb on gates and railings. Not only is this unsafe, it also means that we have to put additional cleaning measures in place around the school. Thank you for your support with this.

### Nursery

What a fantastic week we have had in Nursery! The children have continued to settle well and are becoming familiar with how we roll at Hugo. Our main aim is to have happy and engaged children as we discover things together. This week, a tiny spider, found in a plant pot outside, led us to look at spiders and how spiders make their webs. After some research about spiders making webs on the internet, the children have used different resources to create webs: some used wool and cello tape, others used paint. We have been spider web and spider hunting every day in the garden, singing spider nursery rhymes and reading stories about spiders. This is all just a small part of our very busy week.

### Reception

In Reception, the children have been discovering the joy of mysterious messages. They just keep popping up everywhere: In Mrs Shore's shoes, pockets and even in our lunch bags. The children have then gone off to write their own messages to hide or leave for our baby dragon. Our egg hatched but baby dragon vanished before we got to school. We received a letter to say that he was living in our Stick Man tree with his mummy and found evidence from a trail of charred wood and magical leaves. Children also helped to plant some new plants in our garden and are looking after them by watering them. The mud kitchen is popular as is the digging pit as water is transported, poured and channelled along pipes to maximise mud content. As always, the children have gone on to follow their own interests too from creating long number blocks, creating tasty soup in the home corner to building a rollercoaster, which we hope you are following on Tapestry.

### Year 1

This week, Year 1 have enjoyed describing different eggs and even collaged their own. They have used their labelling skills to name the different parts of a dragon. This led them to draw and describe their own dragon. In Maths, they have continued to develop their ability to recognise numbers 1 to 10 in numerals and words. In Science, they thought about their senses and matched them to their body parts. It's been another great week!

### Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week. In Maths, they have been using a part whole model to partition 2-digit numbers and have been comparing numbers up to 50. In English, the children have found impressive vocabulary from the story that they have been reading as a class, 'George and the Dragon'. They have had a go at creating actions or expressions for the words and using the vocabulary in their own sentences. They have also been using the conjunctions, and, because, when and but to make their sentences longer. In Art, they have drawn dragons and then added details using tone and texture; we have been very impressed with their drawing skills and determination. In Science, the children have been looking at different everyday materials and have identified what they are used for. We have been thinking of objects that can be made from more than one material and have had fun thinking about some 'what ifs?' such as 'What if a spoon was made from paper or a bridge was made from glass?'

### Year 3

This week, Year 3 had some egg..citing news with another parcel being left. The egg had finally cracked inside the box. The children were so excited to see what was in it but there was nothing to be found. Unfortunately, the door was left open at playtime and the contents may have escaped. We will continue our hunt and keep you updated! In Maths, the class have recapped their knowledge about 100s, 10s and 1s and placed specific numbers on a number line. In RE, they have enjoyed learning about The Trinity and have explored the process of Baptism. During their Bee Active session, the children developed their passing skills using hockey sticks. The warm up sessions consisted of them playing pizza knockout. They had to balance the pizza on their hand avoiding other people knocking it off by moving into space and dodging to avoid their pizza being taken – a game that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been working very hard. In English, they have been working further on expanded noun phrases and have used these in their writing to describe the different dragons from our story and also their own dragon. In Maths, they have learnt about rounding to the nearest 10 and used this knowledge to apply it to answer a range of questions. In Music, the class have been learning the song 'Mamma Mia', I think we may have a few ABBA fans in our class! We have also been learning about the five different climate zones in Geography and how these vary in the world if you are located in the northern or southern hemisphere. In RE, the children have been learning about the story of Creation and the responsibility we have to look after the world.

### Year 5

Year 5 have had a great week. In Maths, the children have been working hard on place value, rounding and comparing numbers to 100,000. They have continued to look at the story 'Tell Me a Dragon' where they have created their own dragon eggs and the dragons that have hatched out. They have then worked really hard to describe them in their writing - so many creative ideas! To begin their brand new science topic (Properties and Changes of Materials), Year 5 found the definitions of any unfamiliar scientific vocabulary and also discussed a range of statements with a partner to decide if they were true or false. In Computing, the children re-familiarised themselves with Purple Mash and coding to create their own story. In RE, the children have been writing about what Christians believe about God as well as discussing the Trinity. Everyone had a great time at their first session of Chance 2 Shine this week.

### Year 6

Year 6 have continued to settle well into our new routines and they have been working really hard this week. In Maths, we have rounded numbers within 10 million and solved problems using negative numbers. We have also taken our Maths lessons outside to complete a problem-solving scavenger hunt on the playground. In English, we have continued with our Dragon topic and have planned, drafted and edited dragon reports for our class book, 'Dragons of the British Isles'. To help us complete our illustrations for the book, we have practised using different mediums to create dragon eye art, including sketching pencils, black fine liner and pastel colours. On Wednesday, we began to explore our WW2 topic and brainstormed what we already know about the war, as well as what we would like to find out during the course of the topic. We listened to lots of music from the 1930s and 1940s, including Vera Lynne's 'We'll Meet Again' - the name of our topic. The children are excited to get stuck in!

I hope that whatever you are doing this weekend, you manage to enjoy what may be the last of the sunshine.

Until next week  
Mrs Gleave



**Autumn Term 2020 Diary Dates – Parent Copy**  
**(Updates in Red)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>September</b>	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>School Photographs</b>
<b>October</b>	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Closes for half-term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
<b>November</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School re-opens for the second half of the Autumn Term
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Immunisations
<b>December</b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Christmas
<b>January</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens for the first half of the Spring Term