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Reception's Recent Adventures

Over recent weeks, our Reception children have displayed a remarkable passion for books! They have been actively engaged during their continuous provision, exchanging, and revelling in numerous stories. It is heartwarming to witness how their friendships blossom through their shared love of reading. Each day concludes with an enthralling story session, while a special weekly story holds a prominent place, enhancing our literacy focus.

One featured story recently was "A Walk in London," which follows a child's journey as she explores the iconic sights of London. Inspired by this tale, some children have creatively illustrated King Charles and enthusiastically discussed his residence at Buckingham Palace. Recent focus in writing was on forming questions about London, emphasising the importance of using a question mark at the end. Interestingly, many questions were imaginatively directed at the King!

Our Reception children also had a delightful visit to Mutley Baptist Church where they met Nick and Beth. The children learned about the church's special objects and their meanings. The visit was made even more memorable by the baptismal pool, a feature that particularly fascinated our young explorers.

We look forward to sharing more stories from our dynamic Reception children as they continue their journey of exploration, learning, and growth through the enchanting world of books and exciting field trips!



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Year 1 Explores Artistic Techniques

This term, our Year 1 children have been diving into the world of art by mastering the use of oil pastels and chalk. They have been learning to create various types of sketch marks and lines, honing their artistic skills each week. Recently, they took on the challenge of drawing outlines of objects they personally selected, then brought these sketches to life using coloured chalk to add intricate details with different line techniques. This exercise is all part of their preparation for the term's grand finale: creating a flower artwork inspired by the iconic style of Georgia O'Keeffe. Stay tuned for our budding artists' final masterpieces!

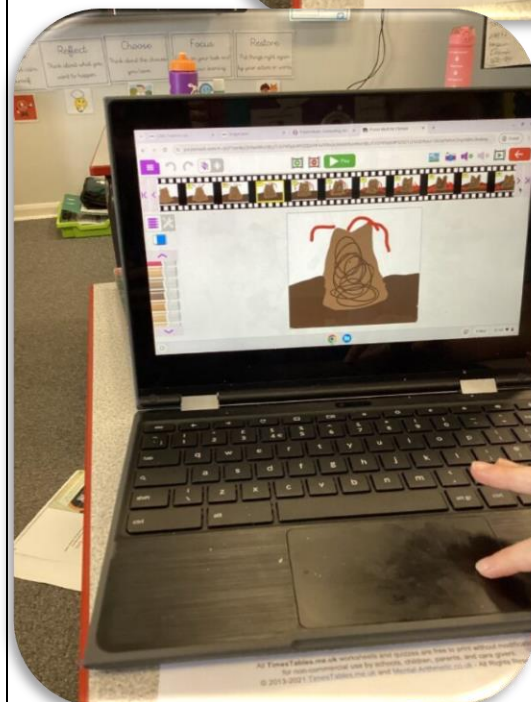
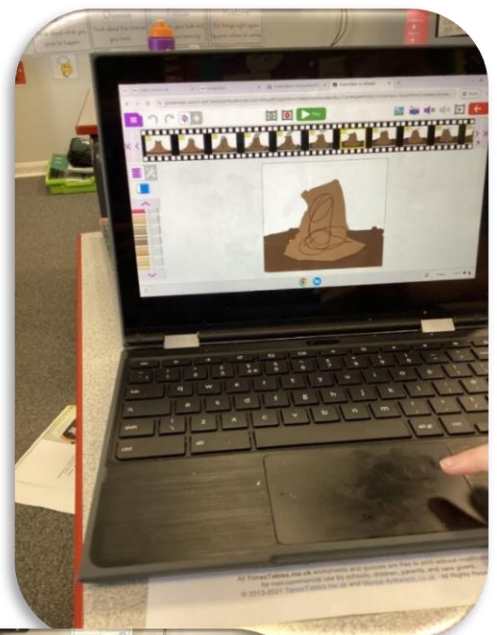


Art education is crucial for children for a multitude of reasons, providing not only a creative outlet but also enhancing various skills and overall development. Here are some key reasons why learning art is important for children:

1. **Creativity Boost:** Art encourages creativity, an essential skill that can be applied in almost every aspect of life. It allows children to express their feelings and ideas in unique ways, fostering imagination and innovative thinking.
2. **Motor Skills Development:** Engaging in arts and crafts helps children develop fine motor skills. Tasks like cutting with scissors, holding a paintbrush, or sculpting with clay enhance hand-eye coordination and manual dexterity.
3. **Cognitive Development:** Art can enhance cognitive abilities by encouraging problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
4. **Cultural Awareness:** Through art, children gain exposure to and develop respect for cultural diversity. Art is a reflection of culture, and by learning about different art forms, children appreciate not only different visual and performance arts but also the cultures from which they originate.

Year 4 Dives into Digital Creativity with Animation

This term in Year 4, computing lessons have taken a creative turn as children have delved into the world of animation using the Purple Mash '2Animate' program. The children have been exploring how this intuitive software, combined with their own imaginative ideas, allows them to create their very own animations. They have been learning about the fundamentals of animation, from storyboarding to the final playback, seeing their stories come to life on screen. It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to blend technology with art, enhancing their digital skills while expressing their creative visions. Watch out for these young animators in the making!



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Free School Meal

We are pleased to remind you that all pupils at our Infant School are eligible to receive a free hot lunch every school day, courtesy of the Universal Free School Meal (UFSM) program. In addition, families meeting specific criteria can qualify for Free School Meals (FSM), which also provides our school with additional support from the Local Authority.

For families eligible under the FSM program, the Local Authority is currently providing vouchers to cover the cost of lunches throughout the school holidays, including the upcoming 6-week summer break. To access this support, please apply directly via the following link: [Free School Meals Application](#)

Eligibility Criteria:

- The child must be in full-time education at a local authority funded institution and must be present for full days.
- The child must reside with a parent or guardian receiving one of the qualifying benefits.

Please note, applications for free school meals are not processed by the school. Use the link provided above to submit your application directly.

Currently free school meal pupils receive weekly vouchers to cover the cost of lunches during the holiday period at approx. £14.00 per week, this is at the Local Authority's discretion.

For further details or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. We are here to help ensure that you can take full advantage of this valuable program.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for being part of our school community.

Uniform Expectations

We would like to gently remind parents of our school uniform policy as outlined in our Parents Information Booklet. Ensuring that all children wear the correct uniform is important for maintaining a sense of equality and pride within our school community. Please refer to the Parents' Information Booklet for detailed guidance on our school's uniform requirements. It's essential that children come to school dressed according to these guidelines every day.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining our school's standards of dress. If you have any questions or need further clarification on the uniform policy, please feel free to contact the school office.

Current Surveys

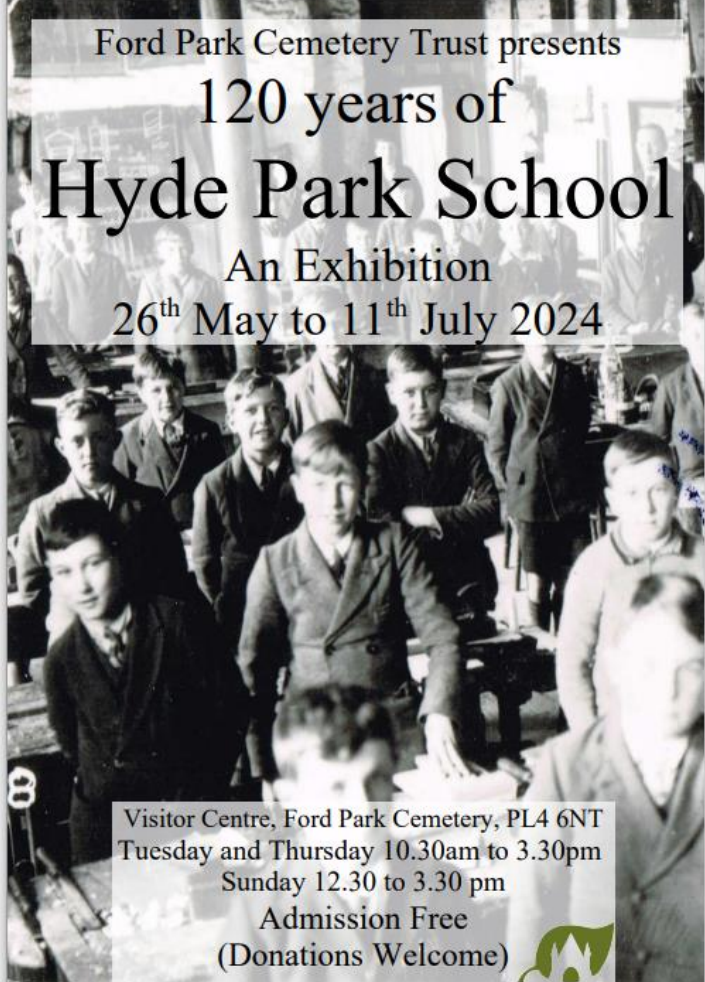
Gentle reminder to complete our two current surveys on service families and young carers. Together, we will make a difference to our children.

Update on our Behaviour Policy

We have recently updated our school policy to better meet the needs of our community and ensure a supportive and safe learning environment for all our pupils. A detailed letter outlining the changes has been sent to all parents. Please review this important information to stay informed about the latest updates. If you have any questions or require further clarification, do not hesitate to contact the school

120 Years Celebration

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming exhibition celebrating 120 years of Hyde Park School. Hosted by the Ford Park Cemetery Trust at the Visitor Centre, this special event will run from May 26th to July 11th, 2024. Admission is free, and donations are welcomed. The exhibition will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM, and Sundays from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and join us in exploring the rich history of our school. Further details will be communicated soon.



Ford Park Cemetery Trust presents
**120 years of
Hyde Park School**
An Exhibition
26th May to 11th July 2024

Visitor Centre, Ford Park Cemetery, PL4 6NT
Tuesday and Thursday 10.30am to 3.30pm
Sunday 12.30 to 3.30 pm
Admission Free
(Donations Welcome)

The poster features a black and white photograph of a group of young boys in school uniforms, likely from the early 20th century, standing in a classroom or school setting. The text is overlaid on the image in a clear, serif font.

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April 29-May 3, 2024

Cedar	TD
Ash	Bethany
Oak	Dudley
Beech	Edward
Poplar	Ezra
Willow	Evelyn
Holly	Alice C
Elm	Lily
Sycamore	Jax
Keller	Jessie
Seacole	Leo
Barnardo	Coco
Attenborough	Henry
Curie	Millie
Hawking	Mia
Gandhi	Harry P
King	Noah
Mandela	Reuben R and Dilneet
Pankhurst	Freddy
Douglass	Grace
Dickens	Emily

Nominations for being an Inclusive Learner

Cedar	Olive
Ash	Jack
Oak	Blossom
Beech	David
Poplar	Enea
Willow	Farouq
Holly	Frank
Elm	Grace
Sycamore	Finlay
Keller	Zoe
Seacole	Rhoda
Barnardo	Artemis
Attenborough	Salma
Curie	Esme
Hawking	Olive
Gandhi	Noah M
King	Sophia
Mandela	Georgia
Pankhurst	Eva
Douglass	Bea
Dickens	Rosie

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May 6-10, 2024

Cedar	Abdulsalam
Ash	Miles
Oak	Ometh
Beech	Gene
Poplar	Nara
Willow	Isla
Holly	Charlie
Elm	Rowan
Sycamore	Emily
Keller	Annabelle
Seacole	Ava
Barnardo	Hazel
Attenborough	Deborah
Curie	Jack
Hawking	Gen
Gandhi	Tanushree
King	Reuben
Mandela	Suri
Pankhurst	Eliza
Douglass	Damisi
Dickens	Immy


Nominations for being an Enterprising Learner

Cedar	Davina
Ash	Isobel
Oak	Iris
Beech	Molly
Poplar	Max
Willow	Joanna
Holly	Phoebe
Elm	Edie
Sycamore	Vihaan
Keller	Robert
Seacole	Felix
Barnardo	Isaac H
Attenborough	Ruby G
Curie	Isaac
Hawking	Poppy
Gandhi	Eric
King	Logan
Mandela	Nate
Pankhurst	Andrea
Douglass	Sydney
Dickens	Archie

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 May 2024	
Friday, 17 th	Attenborough Class Assembly @9am
National Vegetarian Week	
Tuesday, 21 st	Bag of Numbers Workshop @9am for parents, guardians, carers
Thursday, 23 rd	PTFA Summer Disco
HALF TERM 27th – 31st	

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