

Up date from HPS

Update form Hermitage Primary school

This past year has been a very busy year. We have survived the pandemic and moved on to more positive times.

As a school we have been keen to focus on providing as many exciting experiences for the children to enjoy and continue to build on developing our curriculum. Staff and children have worked hard to close the gap in lost learning. We have been out and about on many adventures- as part of our curriculum we enjoy getting out and about. Children have visited Cotswold wildlife park, Winchester CathedralSwimming for year 3,4,6

year 6 this year went on a weeks residential to Rhos-Y- Gwaliau in north Wales in November a little chilly and wet but great fun and a fab learning experience.. This was organised by Hermitage for 6 other small school. As small schools Year 6 would not be able to enjoy a residential trip unless they join with other school to increase numbers. It is also good transition and an opportunity to make new friends. It was a really fabulous experience full of adventurous activities.

Year 5 will be going to Lulworth Cove in May for 2 nights so they can learn about coast. Year 4 will be going to Wantage in July for a 1 night sleep over and explore of the canal area to compliment their topic on water.

This year we have formed an eco council who are keen to support the school community in recycling and saving energy. Our aim is to be awarded the green flag eco award. Last year we had 2 new boilers that are ASHP that have been running very successfully and fortunately this has helped with the cost of fuel. We also have Led lights and 26 Solar panels which provide us with most of our electricity.

Sport remains a huge part of what we do and trying to keep our children active and fit is high priority particularly in the stressful times we have found ourselves in. We have enjoyed great success at many different sports and try to offer the opportunities for all children to get involved and compete.

Outdoor learning continues to play a strong element in our curriculum and we have continued to promote forest school for all classes. Most teachers and some TAs have undertaken training to develop their own knowledge and pass this on to their class this has been in house training as Mrs Masoero is a forest school accredited teacher. Last summer we had an addition to our school grounds with a round house built in the traditional way- the children all got involved in the daubing process leaving their legacy behind for future pupils. The round house has been created to offer shelter for our children when using the bush craft area. We are developing an garden area next to it to grow vegetables and flowers. We are raising money for this project by doing a colour run as part of the summer fayre on 17th June all welcome. The garden will be built in memory of Mrs Axten who sadly died last summer but was a hug epart of our school community.

We have plans this term for sports week and a celebration to mark coronation

The PTA have continued to be a huge asset to our school working to provide fun family events like fire works. The money that has been raised supports the development of the grounds. Our next project after the Colourrun and garden is to revamp the outdoor space for our little Rabbit class.