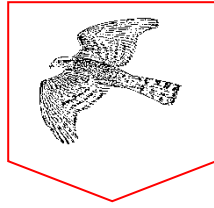


# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This week in our Monday morning assembly I warned children that they were in for a busy (but fun!) week – and it has been just that!

This week, as you know we have been celebrating Mental Health Week in school. The focus of the week is about children having a 'voice'. The children have taken part in class assemblies to remind them how they can look after their good mental health and take care of their wellbeing. The theme for 2024 is "My Voice Matters" so the children will be thinking about all the ways they can use their voices to express themselves, share their ideas, spread kindness and make the world a better place.

This week has ended with one of our termly Pupil Voice sessions that has focussed on collating the children's views on wellbeing and giving back to the community. The children were asked questions linked to their after school clubs, lunchtime activities and ways that they feel the school should give back to the community. Please do ask your son/daughter to tell you more.

We have participated in two football matches – thank you to Mr Cinelli and Mr O'Brien for giving their time up so freely after school this week for both matches. On Tuesday the boys team played against All Souls in the Herald Cup League winning 5 – 1. Goals were scored by Charlie Bartlett, Reggie Miles, Ben Terris and Reggie Spencer added two more goals in the second half. Yesterday the girls team played against Harcourt school and won 3 – 1. The goal scorers in this match were Poppy, Amelia and Bella! Well done to both teams!

Yesterday, on World Book Day we saw some superb sock book characters. Thank you for everyone who participated in this activity. We consciously make a decision for children not to have to come to school in costumes on World Book Day – due to the cost and time this takes (and many children also do not like to!) but we would rather keep the focus on books. Each class was given a new book, specially wrapped in lovely gold wrapping paper. I am sure your son/daughter have told you all about it, but if not please do ask!

Today we have also celebrated International Women's Day. The children learnt more about this in assembly on Monday. Many children were exceptionally insightful about why this day is celebrated and many had lots of interesting questions about the day. In school we decided to follow the FA initiative to celebrate International Women's Day by promoting Women's Football. There was a girl's football tournament at lunchtime supervised by Mr Iles and Mr O'Brien which the children really enjoyed. All children also completed an 'early morning activity' linked to International Women's Day too.

Next week we will be celebrating British Science Week in school. The theme this year is 'Time' and each class will be basing one of their weekly Science lessons on the concept of Time. In addition, every child will be designing their own poster with a select few being submitted to the 2024 Science Week Poster Competition. Please also keep an eye on the Facebook page where we will be posting some videos of the childrens' learning over the course of the week. If you would like further information about Science Week, please visit the website at [www.britishscienceweek.org](http://www.britishscienceweek.org)

I think we all need a good rest this weekend!



We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

This will still be a school uniform day, but children can wear red accessories for a suggested donation of £1 to this very worthy cause.

Red accessories could include:

Socks

Hairbands

Shoelaces

Ties

Hats

Scarves

I'm looking forward to seeing your colourful creations.