

EAST HUNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

18th October 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

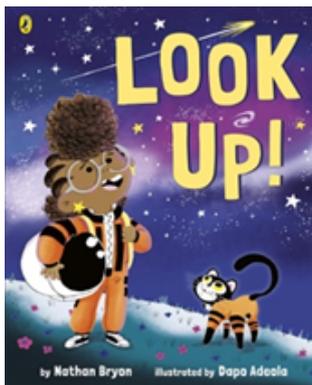
Dear Families

Yet another busy but brilliant week here at EHPS. The children's learning continues and every time I walk around the classrooms, I am so pleased to see the level of focus and effort all of our children have put in. The work in books is filling up nicely as well and our collaborative work between the Specialist Unit and mainstream is wonderful.

Assembly – Black History Month

This week we started with class assemblies that looked at Black History as part of Black History month. 2024's theme is: "Reclaiming Narratives". This is about recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

In our KS1 and Early Years Class Assemblies, we read the book *Look Up!* by Nathan Bryon and Dapa Adeola. It is a wonderful book which follows the aspirations of a very passionate and tenacious little girl who is desperate to follow in the footsteps of Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space. It is also a book on our 100 Reads. If you want to read the book again with signing, [click this link](#).



Another wonderful book to share is, *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin. Here is it being read on the [CBBC bedtime story](#). Year 2 study this book as part of their Talk for Reading Curriculum.

In our KS2 class assembly, we watched [this video](#) to learn what Black History Month was about.

We also explored how book publishing company Penguin Random House have revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists, the aim is to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible to children in school.

We talked about what 'Reclaiming Narratives' means and how this links to our British Values and Protected Characteristics. Finally, we learnt about Olaudah Equiano and Eniola Aluko and their life stories.

More to explore at home...

As part of RED October, I thought that I would share the book *Windrush Child* which is written by the late, great Benjamin Zephaniah and explores themes of identity, belonging and resilience.

Here is a [podcast](#) in which Benjamin explains how and why he wrote the book, he discusses the historical truth behind *Windrush Child* and he has some powerful advice for children struggling to find their voice.

RED October Continues

Our RED October continues and this week on Monday Peter Bunzl visited us. It was amazing to learn about all of the things that inspired his writing from his mum and teachers to his own reading books.

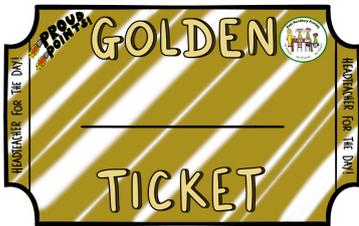
Did you know? Year 4 read Cogheart as their class novel, so it was really special for them to meet the real author.

Similarly, on Thursday, Abi Elphinstone, who wrote Ember Spark and RumbleStar, visited us and led a truly engaging assembly! Again, like Peter Bunzl, we learnt about what inspired her but also how she generates ideas – she introduced us to thinking: ‘What if...’ E.g. What if the glove in your cupboard, when you put it on, turns you invisible! I am excited to plan some writing sessions using our author’s ideas.

It has been wonderful seeing children take part in our reading challenges and earning those reading miles. Please do keep reading and sharing stories with your child at home – it really does make all the difference!

Golden Tickets

Our Proud Points have quickly become a huge hit at EHPS, where we recognise children for simply doing the right thing. So many have already earned a Golden Ticket (which puts them in the running to be the Headteacher for the day at the end of the year!)



On Monday, all of the children with 30 Proud Points will receive their certificate in assembly.

Pumpkins

WOW! Wow! Wow! What a creative bunch you are... over the past 2 days a variety of carved pumpkins have been brought into school and they really are fantastic. If you are picking up, dropping off or coming to our Spooktacular event tomorrow, please do have a good look at them. Thank you families for taking part and getting behind our community events. There’s a selection of photographs of your creations on page 6.



Rugby Success

And finally, last Friday 9 of our Year 5 and 6 girls went to Franklins Gardens to play in a rugby tournament. They did amazingly well and scored many tries – they were described as a competitive bunch. However, the extra special thing was that the BBC were there filming their programme, The One Show as part of the Rugby World Cup draw and you may have seen some of our children on the TV being interviewed by the Gladiator Fury, Jodie Ounsley, who is a professional Exeter Chiefs Rugby player. See page 4 for pictures of the event.

Spooktacular

Tomorrow is our annual Spooktacular event, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone who is coming along and seeing the costumes and fun to be had.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Ms Pennington

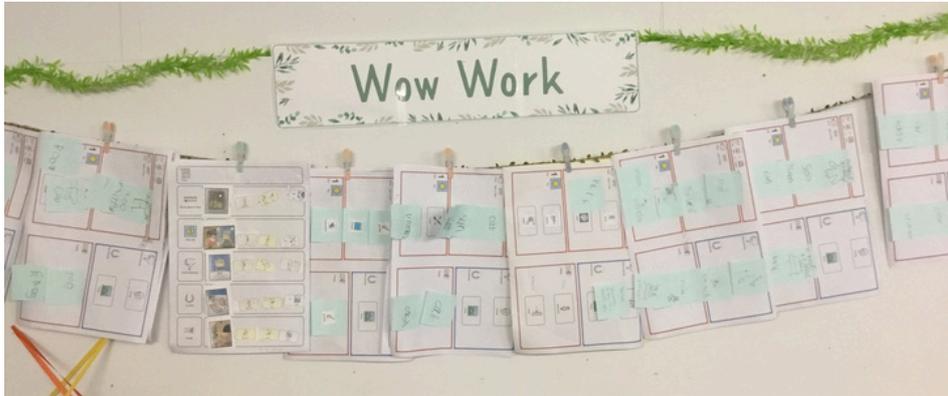
SU NEWS - RED CLASS

This term Red Class have enjoyed getting stuck into our Space topic, our story 'Whatever Next' and building friendships with Year 6 and working together in PE, Forest School and at lunchtimes. In PE we have enjoyed learning Rugby skills, working together as a team and working on our catching and throwing accuracy. We have had to overcome challenges and problem solve during our team games and we have really enjoyed it.

During Forest School we have used our skills of independence and communication to problem solve, including guiding a blindfolded friend, working as a team to cross a river and building confidence with climbing.

Finally, in Science and Writing we have been discovering what it takes to be an astronaut, how people can survive in space and even how rockets are built and powered. This child-lead learning has been exciting and even our teachers have learned new things!

This is just a small snapshot of our learning (we have also done RE, DT, Cooking, PSHE and so much more!) and we are really proud of all our brilliant work. We can't wait to see what next term brings!



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GIRLS RUGBY TEAM



Freya & Eden being interviewed by Gladiator Fury - Jodie Ounsley and Sadia Kabeya, Loughborough Lightning Rugby Team and England Rose player.



The girls with England Rose Rugby player Sadia Kabeya.



BBC interview with Gloria & Freya



EHPS Girls with Jodie Ounsley, Gladiator 'Fury'



peter Bunzl

- His favourite Children's author growing up was Roald Dahl and he loved The Witches.
- He was most excited about meeting Abi Elphinstone out of all children's authors. He used to follow her blog and she helped him with tips on getting published!
- His Mum used to work on lots of TV programmes and films, and she used to make the costumes for Postman Pat! She was his inspiration as she was so creative, and also read a lot of bedtime stories to him as a child.
- Peter has kept a diary from 1986, which he bought along to share, and he still writes in a journal every day.



ABI ELPHINSTONE

Abi has written lots of books including Sky Song, The Unmapped Chronicles Collection - Rumblestar, Jungledrop, The Crackledawn Dragon and Ever Dark. Her latest series of books are about Ember Spark - with Ember Spark and the Frost Phoenix due out on October 24th. We managed to get our hands on early copies for some lucky children! Her 3rd book in the collection comes out in April 2025. She showed us a sneak peak of the cover her publisher sent her only that day!!

- Abi wanted to be a Unicorn when she grew up!
- She lives in Scotland with her husband and 3 young children.
- She was a Secondary teacher of English for years 7 and 8.
- Her first 3 books were rejected by publishers over 90 times - what were they thinking?!!!





Who works at East Hunsbury Primary School? Meet the Team

Hello! My name is Mrs Roberts; and I have taught at EHPS for 12 years. During this time I have had the opportunity to teach in many different year groups. I have to say that my heart lies in the early years and supporting children with additional needs! I am extremely proud to have worked in such a wonderful school for so long. Currently, I am the Nest Provision and Key Stage One Leader and Teacher. I also lead PSHE+C and Health and Wellbeing, which are areas that I am very passionate about.

I enjoy being a teacher because I value the importance of supporting and celebrating children as individuals and little humans. I wholeheartedly believe in inclusion and equity and that every child deserves the right to an education, to be the best that they can be.

During my spare time, I like to be with my family, at the beach, crafting or practising Yoga! I love to travel and explore new places when I can, and I also enjoy reading. I am happiest with my girls crocheting in a sunny spot! It has been a pleasure to share my hobby with so many children at Crochet Club for the past two years.

A fascinating fact about me is that I am a qualified Children's Yoga teacher, and I love to bring these strategies and techniques to my teaching.



WINNERS

Mr Guilder and Mrs de Chastelain had the very difficult job of judging the RED October Mufti competition. There were some amazing and original costumes ranging from Pinocchio, Mary Poppins, Mr Men, Goth Girl and Harry Potters. We were very impressed with the effort that went in to all of them.

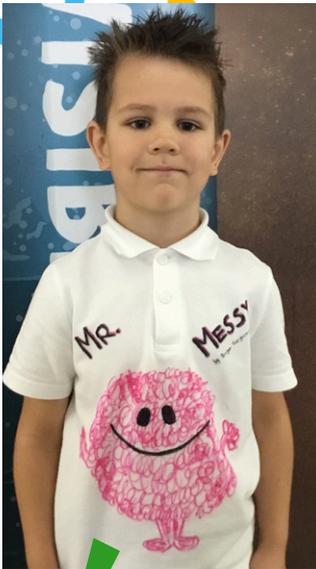
Congratulations to the winners below - they each receive a £5 book voucher to spend at our November 2024 Scholastic Book Fair.



Reception – Bluey



**Year 2 –
Evil Pea**



**Year 3 –
Mr Messy**



SU – Captain Underpants



**Year 5 –
Dog Man**

EHPS HOUSE POINTS TOTALISER

	Whittlewood	Harlestone	Everdon	Salcey
This week	164	121	139	154
Grand total	788	694	775	705

MINDFUL MEDITATION

TRY A 4 MINUTE MEDITATION.
SET A 4 MINUTE ALARM ON YOUR PHONE, SIT COMFORTABLY, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND BREATHE NATURALLY. IF YOUR MIND WANDERS, BRING IT BACK TO YOUR BREATHING

East Hunsbury Primary School

E-Safety Parent Information Evening

Presentation by Simon Aston

Online Safety and Wellbeing Officer
Safeguarding in Education
West Northamptonshire Council

Wednesday 27th November
6pm - 7pm

Penvale Road, Northampton NN4 0QW
01604 677970 www.easthunsburyprimary.org



[Click here to book a place on our Parent E-Safety Information Evening](#)

[Click here](#) to read more about the speaker Simon Aston.

Attendance News

Whole school average attendance this week was

95.43%

We are aiming to be at **96% + every week.**

	Weekly Attendance	Year Group	Weekly Attendance
Reception	97.58%	1	97.38%
2	92.75%	3	95.29%
4	95.00%	5	95.33%
6	94.58%		

Walk in Wednesday dates

27.11.24	Walk in Wednesday 2 - Christmas	08:30-9:00	Classroom
29.01.25	Walk in Wednesday 3 - Reading	08:30-9:00	Classroom
12.03.25	Walk in Wednesday 4 - Easter Crafts	08:30-9:00	Classroom
07.05.25	Walk in Wednesday 5 - Reading	08:30-9:00	Classroom
18.06.25	Walk in Wednesday 6 - Science	08:30-9:00	Classroom

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WORK HARD

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#weareEastHunsburyPrimarySchool #wearebrilliant

GIRLS

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OPPORTUNITIES

Loughborough Lightning v Sale Sharks

Saturday 19th October 2024

At cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens, 14:00 KO

[Click this link](#) to claim 1 x Junior and 1 x Adult free funded tickets to the game

Girls Only Rugby Camps - Open to girls of all abilities

Use this code SCHOOLS2425 to get a free morning camp or a half price full day camp!

28th October at Northampton Casuals RFC

Book via: <https://www.universe.com/girlscasualsoct24>

29th October at cinch Stadium at Franklin's Gardens

Book via: <https://www.universe.com/girlscampfoctober24>

1st November at Old Northamptonians RFC

Book via: <https://www.universe.com/girlsonsoctober24>

East Hunsbury Primary
My Friends My Future

Please help us to raise funds for our

Quiet Shaded Area

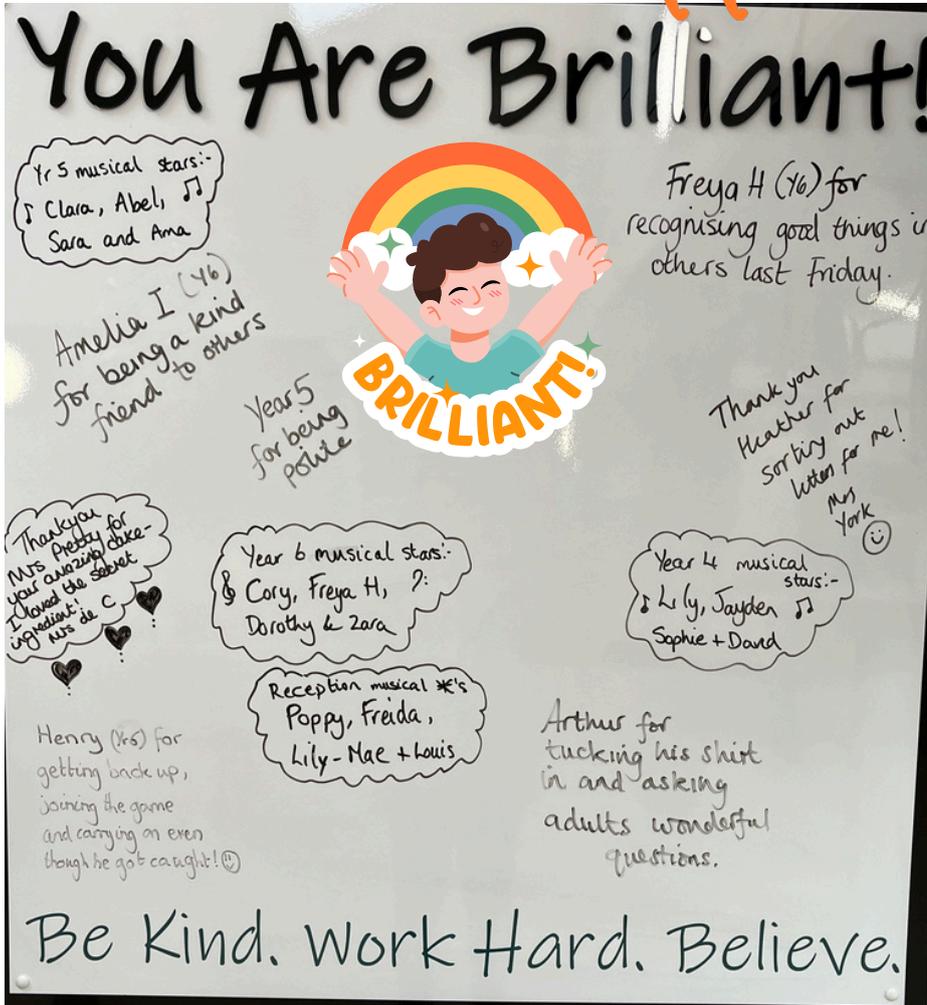
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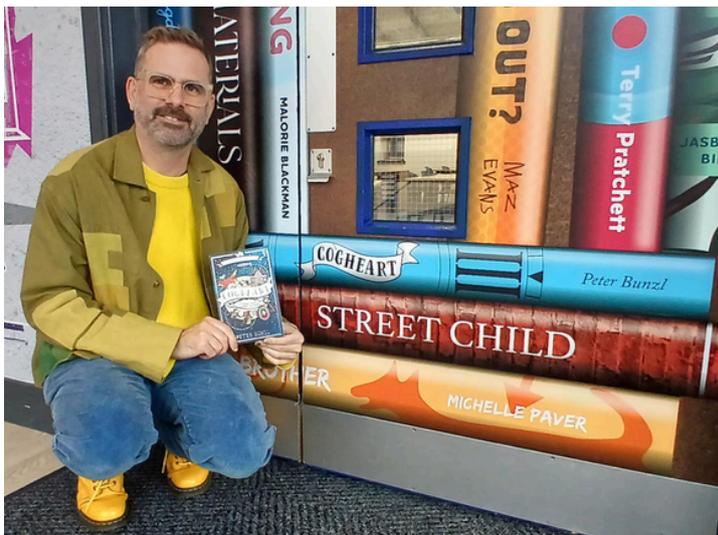
**THE CHANGEMAKERS
NEED TO RAISE
£2,500 BY
CHRISTMAS. PLEASE
SCAN THE QR TO
MAKE A DONATION.**

Who's been brilliant this week



PETER BUNZL

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West Northamptonshire Council

Is your child currently in Year 6?



Apply for Year 7 at Secondary school



Application Deadline: 31 October 2024



www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions



West Northamptonshire Council

Apply for a school place

Is your child's 4th birthday on or before 31 August 2025?



It's time to apply for a Reception place



Application Deadline: 15 January 2025



www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions

SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION

Reception Places September 2025

For children who turn 4 from 1st September 2024 - 31st August 2025

- 10th September 2024
 - 15th January 2025 - Midnight
 - 16th April 2025
- Online Applications open
Online Applications close
National Offer Day

[Click here to book](#) a tour at East Hunsbury Primary School. You could even come to Forest School!

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

- 10th September 2024
 - 31st October 2024
 - 3rd March 2025
- Online Applications open
Online Applications close
National Offer Day



Did you know you can also follow us on [Instagram](#)?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Activity	Time
19.10.24	Spooktacular	12.00pm - 2.30pm
22.10.24	Reception Individual & Sibling photographs	Morning
23 - 25.10.24	Yr 6 Residential	3 days
NOVEMBER		
06.11.24	Rags to Riches Collection	8.30am
06.11.24	Reception Phonics Information Meeting	9.00am - 11.00am
10.11.24	Remembrance Event - Grangewood Park	10.45 - 11.15
13.11 & 14.11.24	Parents' Evening (All Mainstream)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
13.11.24	SU Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm
12.11 - 15.11.24	Bookfair	After school
13.11.24	Positive Noticing Day	all day
15.11.24	Yr 2 to St Benedict's Church	Afternoon
NOVEMBER		
07.11.24	Yr 1 to Abington Park Museum	1CL morning / 1ES afternoon
27.11.24	Walk In Wednesday Christmas	8.30am - 9.00am
27.11.24	Simon Aston E-Safety Talk for Families	6.00pm - 7.00pm
29.11.24	FEHPS Mufti for Christmas Hampers	All Day
30.11.24	Choir Singing at Hunsbury Festive Fair at Hunsbury Library	12.30 - 3.30pm

DECEMBER

03.12.24	Yr 5 & Red to Space Centre	All Day
07.12.24	Christmas Fete	10am - 1pm
10.12.24	Reception and Blue to West Lodge Farm	All day
13.12.24	Year 2 & Green Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
16.12.24	Reception Nativity	10.00 - 11.00am 2.00 - 3.00pm
17.12.24	Year 1 Carols by Twinklelight	6.00pm - 7.00pm
17.12.24	Christmas Party Day (Christmas Jumpers and Lunch)	All Day
18.12.24	Year 6 & Red Christmas Carols & Crafts	TBC

JANUARY

16.01.25	Yr 4 Multiplication Check information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
16.01.25	Australia Day Census Day	
28.01.25	Yr 6 SATs Information meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
29.01.25	Walk In Wednesday Reading	8.30am - 9.00am
29.01.25	Yr 3 trip to Oxford Museum of Natural History	All day

FEBRUARY

03.02 - 07.02.25	Childrens' Mental Health Week	
07.02.25	FEHPS Family Bingo Night	5.30pm - 7.30pm
11 & 12.02.25	Year 6 Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.30pm
13.02.25	Year 1 Phonics Test Information Meeting	4.30pm - 5.30pm
14.02.25	Year 3 & Purple Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am

MARCH

5 & 6.03.25	Mainstream Parents' Evening (not Yr 6)	3.50pm - 6.30pm
05.03.25	SU Parents' Evening	3.50pm - 6.50pm
05.03 - 07.03.25	Bookfair	After school
12.03.25	Walk In Wednesday Easter Crafts	8.30am - 9.00am
17.03 - 21.03.25	Neurodiversity Week	
21.03.25	Chocolate Mufti	All day
21.03.25	Odd Socks Day for World Down Syndrome Day	
28.03.25	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.30am-10.30am
29.03.25	Easter Cafe	11.00am-1.00pm

APRIL

02.04.25	Autism Awareness Day - Wear Blue (No Charge)	All Day
02.04.25	SU Show	10.00am-11.00am
22.04 & 23.04.25	Earth Days	All Day

27.06.25	Sports Day Year 4	1.30 - 3.00pm
28.06.25	Whole School Summer Fayre (Country dancing & Maypole by Years 2, 5, Purple & Yellow)	10.00 - 1.00pm
30.06 - 03.07.25	Yr 5 Bikeability	
30.06 - 04.07.25	Careers & Aspirations Week	
JULY		
04.07.25	Reception & Blue Class Assembly	9.30 - 10.30am
04.07.25	Brilliance Exhibition	TBC
08.07.25	Music Gala	5.30pm - 7.00pm
JULY		
09 - 11.07.25	Yr 3 Residential Everdon	
10.07.25	Sports Day Year 5	9.30 - 11.00am
15.07.25	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance	6.00pm - 7.30pm
16.07.25	Yr 6 Leavers' Performance for toddlers to attend	5.00pm - 6.30pm
17.07.25	SU Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	9.30am-10.30am
21.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Party	7.00pm - 9.00pm
22.07.25	Mainstream Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly	10.00 - 11.00am

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