



This Week's News!

Friday 26th May 2023

I find it hard to believe that I have now been part of the Flamstead family for half a term; it has flown by! I have really enjoyed spending time with the children and getting to know some of you and will continue to into the summer.

It is also great to see the strides of progress being made in school, with the focus on our curriculum and how it is ambitious for all of the children. Many still seem to be enjoying our renewed focus on reading and I have loved hearing about the new stories that they have read and seeing the increased engagement in lessons.

The next half term is also usually jam-packed with exciting activities and new things. I am looking forward to seeing where it takes us!

Early Years Update

This week Cherry Tree class have been writing sentences and phrases about the animals from our story and have participated in a Graffiti Workshop! They were beautifully behaved throughout the workshop, listening brilliantly, asking questions, using their manners, staying on task and producing some great work. Miss Stout is very proud of all of you! In maths this week Reception have been trying hard to identify the difference between numbers. For example, the difference between 8 and 5 is 3 ($8-5=3$). Some have found it a little tricky, but we got there!



To end the week, we spent the day with Years 1 and 2 in the glorious sunshine at Whipsnade Zoo. The children had a fantastic time spotting lots of different animals and thinking about their habitats; the best way to finish off our 'animals' topic!



All the staff in Cherry Tree class hope you all have a lovely half term break, and we are looking forward to next half term's topic 'holidays'!

Bright Stars!

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| Nursery | George | <i>For using full sentences to describe and explain facts about different animals we might find at the zoo. He told us that Scorpions have pincers!</i> |
| Reception | Jasper | <i>For his improvement in reading and writing. Jasper has worked very hard this week to produce some lovely sentences about our story and he has shown great perseverance in reading</i> |
| Year 1 | Oscar | <i>For being a wonderful influence on his classmates and promoting a love of writing in the classroom with his homemade stories.</i> |
| Year 2 | Everly | <i>for being an amazing friend, classmate and student during his time at Flamstead Village School. We will all miss you very much!!</i> |
| Year 3 | Lottie | <i>For an excellent description of how the digestive system works.</i> |
| Year 4 | Theodore | <i>For improvement in handwriting and focus in lessons and being a Flamstead 'Bright Star'.</i> |
| Year 5 | Dylan | <i>For a super week! Dylan has lots of creative ideas and he has produced some excellent work this week especially in computing!</i> |
| Year 6 | Henry | <i>For an excellent week in school! Henry is a fantastic goal keeper, a brilliant author and a computing star!</i> |



Exciting Staffing News!

I am pleased to share that we are now in a position to share a little more with you about our staffing plans for the next school year. Following a number of interviews over the past few weeks, we are currently looking to be fully staffed for September, which is fantastic given the national shortage of teachers and school staff. We also hope that the new team will bring a new period of stability to the school as well as a range of fresh and exciting new ideas.

As shared with you a few weeks ago, we have recruited a new Headteacher, Mrs Walton-Jones, who will be in school full-time from September. Mrs Walton-Jones brings a range of experiences from her current role, as Assistant Headteacher in a school in North London and has lots of exciting ideas about how she would like to move Flamstead forward. A letter from Mrs Walton-Jones is attached to this newsletter.

Mrs Walton-Jones will be joined by Miss Pike, who will be the new Senior Teacher at Flamstead. Miss Pike joins us from a school in Hemel Hempstead where she has gained a wealth of experiences over a number of years. Also joining the teaching team will be Ms Murray who is very well-known to many of you and has been an important figure in the local community. Having completed her teacher training we are very pleased that Ms Murray will be staying with us. Finally, a new Teaching Assistant will be joining our Key Stage 2 team; Miss Lamarr. I know in time that you will make them all feel very welcome as part of the Flamstead family. I have also agreed to provide some support to the team as they get to know the school so will be around for a little longer too.

Sadly, this does mean that some teachers currently with the school will be leaving us. Miss Tourney and her partner have made the exciting (but sad) decision to move to Spain to start a new chapter of their lives. Miss Webb will also be moving onto new challenges when her temporary contract ends at the end of the school year. We will spend time thanking them for the huge impact that they have had on our school nearer to the end of the year.

We hope that this provides an update of our current staffing situation. We are incredibly fortunate, at this point, to have a full team for September and there are so many exciting new ideas that will be brought into our school. In time I hope you will be able to meet the new members of staff and find out a little more about them.

Art Club



We have received the following message from Nathalie at My Art Club

"Our art project inspired by artist Georgia O'Keeffe has come to an end. The way the children have used the oil pastels has produced rich and vibrant artworks. I wish you a lovely half term break!

Please find the on-line Art Gallery of the children's artworks: <https://myafterschoolartclub.wixsite.com/artgallery/georgia-o-keeffe-2023>

Booking form for next half term's club is available to view on the school's website at: <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/school-clubs-1>

Football Report

On Monday 22nd May, Flamstead's Y6 boys played a strong Markyate side, it was a great game. This was the first time we had played a competitive school football match!



We walked onto the pitch led by our captain Ryder with high hopes. The first half didn't go to plan as Markyate were all over us and scored a well-deserved opening goal. However, their lead did not last long as Ryan took a penalty and scored! Markyate tried to score against us several times but Henry was a fantastic goal keeper and didn't let any goals through! The first half ended 1-1.

Mr Maher gave us an inspirational team talk to keep our motivation high. We went on feeling 100x better than we had come off and that showed in our second half performance.

We started the half of strong, pelting loads of shots at their keeper which all paid off with a hard hit shot by Teddy into the bottom corner. Deflecting off the keeper's foot and sneaking into the goal to make it 2-1.

But we were thirsty for more... George D intercepted the ball and passed it to George C who walloped it straight at the Markyate goalie giving him no chance for a save and we celebrated a well-earned goal. The score was now 3-1.

Our super defenders Charlie and Dexter were working hard throughout the game, helping with good tackles and intercepts. In the last minute a wonderful assist from Teddy and a great goal from George C again brought us a win.

The final score was 4-1 to Flamstead!

Teddy, George D and Henry

FoFS News!

As you may have noticed, a new fence has been put up by the double gates that lead into the school's carpark. FoFS funded this project, with money we raised from our parent community, in order to help the children to remain safe and secure in school.

A group of parents and friends helped build the fence and we would like to send huge thanks to Ali Coulter, Carlos Guinand, Sam Carter, Chris Goor, Nick Wild and Iain Heaslip from Majestic Trees for all their hard work. The fence looks brilliant!

This weekend we will begin re-decorating the Early Years classroom, with a coat of paint and new carpets being laid whilst the children are away. A huge thanks to David Carter for offering to paint! We can't wait to see what it looks like!



We're on Facebook!

If you'd like to see what we're up to at the school follow us here:

[https://
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FriendsOfFlamstead/](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfFlamstead/)

Attendance

| Class | W/b 22/05 |
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| Nursery | 93% |
| Reception | 96% |
| Year 1 | 90% |
| Year 2 | 100% |
| Year 3 | 90% |
| Year 4 | 96% |
| Year 5 | 96.2% |
| Year 6 | 97.3% |

Classes above Mr Maher's 96% target

Learn to Balance and Ride (L2BR) courses

If you want to get your child riding a bike in June here's the perfect opportunity! Learn to Balance and Ride (L2BR) sessions on **Saturday June 17th and Sunday June 18th** at Roundwood Primary School, Roundwood Park, Harpenden, AL5 3AD.

Suitable for children from 3.5 up to teenage, a balance bike, quality lightweight bike and helmet (if needed) are provided for each child. The cost is **£32** for the recommended two sessions. Full details and online booking are at [Public Schedule & Booking - Hertsbalance](#).

Final Thought

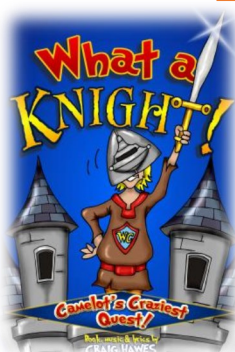
ENJOY THE



We all hope you have a fantastic half term and manage some time in the sunshine!

Oh no! After a really positive few weeks, we have seen a drop in attendance across the school this week, except for Year 2 who, again have a 100% record. Well done to Year 2.

We hope that after half term we will be able to have a renewed push on excellent attendance, with everyone being in school and learning each day. We know that there have been a number of bugs and illnesses going around over the past week or two. Hopefully next week will be a good opportunity for a bit of rest and recovery!



KS2 Summer Production

"What a Knight"

Mr Goor has again agreed to film our KS2 production this year. Please can we ask parents to respond to our permission to film form which will be sent out shortly.

Upcoming Dates

| Date | Event |
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| 29/5 | Half Term Week |
| 5/6 | All pupils back to school |
| 6/6 | Y6 Boys Football match vs Nash Mills |
| 7/6 | Y3/4 Residential Trip—Parent Meeting |
| 12/6 | Year 1 Phonics Checks taking place |
| 15/6 | Y3-6 Music Performance at St. Albans Abbey |
| 26/6 | Y3&4 Residential Trip |
| 26/6 | Year 5&6 Bikeability week |
| 6/7 | Sports Day |
| 13/7 | Transition Day—New classes! |
| 21/7 | School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer holidays |

Parents - Please put these into your diaries!

Key Notices

Finance : Please can we ask you to respond to any payment requests you receive this week asap.

Arbor—A reminder that we would like all parents to have signed up to the Arbor App. An email was sent a few weeks ago about this. Further information is attached to this newsletter.

Y3/4 Residential Meeting—We shall be holding a short meeting about the Year 3/4 Residential Trip on Wednesday 7th June at 2.45pm. If you are unable to attend, a letter with key details will also follow.

Term Dates—We have now confirmed our term dates for the next school year. These can be found on our website: <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/term-dates/>.

PRO SPORTS ACADEMY WILDCATS GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS



ENJOYABLE & ENGAGING
FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR
GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES!

SESSION DETAILS

UNDER 8 - UNDER 11
SCHOOL YRS 3 TO 6

THURSDAY EVENINGS
5.00PM TILL 6.00PM

AT HEMEL TOWN FC
VAUXHALL RD, HEMEL, HP2 4HW

ALL SESSIONS FREE

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Community Archaeology Project

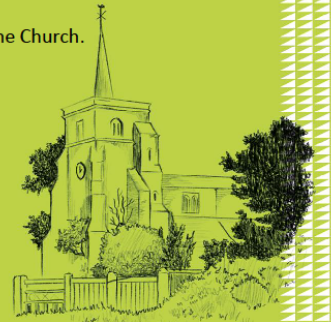
Saturday 1st July 2023 (10am onwards)
St Leonard's Church, Flamstead

- A special project delivered by Flamstead Heritage, in association with Herts Geo-survey and University College London.

- Working alongside professional archaeologists, there will be opportunities to get involved with the geophysics survey; using ground penetrating radar to uncover hidden archaeology!

- Light refreshments served in the Church.

- Churchyard picnics welcome.



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& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

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Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

May Half Term Fun

Monday 29 May - 2 June 2023

Join us in a celebration of art this May Half Term
Express your creative side with workshops on different artforms
each day, inspired by our new Open Art exhibition.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code



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Monday 29 May - Become An Illustrator Course

Led by graphic illustrator Wendy Wootton, find out how to hone your drawing and design skills to be the best illustrator you can be.

Tuesday 30 May: Wire Sculpture Studios

Use wire to create a model person magnet as instructed by our art teachers.

Wednesday 31 May: Printing Workshops

Take inspiration from our exhibitions to make a design for a greeting card printed using polystyrene tiles.

Thursday 1 June: Textured Painting Masterclass

Create an abstract picture on canvas using thick and textured paints.

Friday 2 June: 3D Sea Collage Photo Frame Make & Take

You will be taught several simple 3D crafting techniques, using fabric, shells and other craft materials to use in decorating a photo frame.

Booking Details - booking essential

- There are 3-4 sessions each day and each session lasts for 1 hour. Activities are aimed at 7 years+ however 5 years+ are welcome but will need some adult support.
- £5 per attendee

Make a day of it and why not visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and the rest of the Museum while you're here. We're open Monday 29 May - Saturday 3 June, 10am - 5pm.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Join in
Share photos of your day using #DiscoverBucks and don't forget to tag us!