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Hopedale offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.



Summer (2) Newsletter 2024

What a great half term it has been!

We are all ready for a well-earned rest over the summer break.

We finish on Friday 19th July 2024 for the Summer holidays and return to school on Thursday 5th September 2024.

What have we been up to this half term?

This half term our focus is geography.

In KS2 our pupils explored the topic Extreme Earth. They learned about volcanos, coasts, the impact of floods and flood defence strategies. The pupils also explored how earthquakes are measured and made their very own seismographs! Some pupils also researched how often the UK experiences earthquakes and found out that these occur on a weekly basis, they are just so small that we don't even feel them!

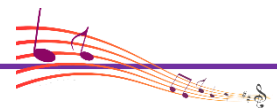
In KS3 this half term, our pupils have taken a closer look at how climate change is affecting the planet and how this has changed throughout the years. They have considered current issues and how they could have a positive impact on climate change through small changes to how they live their lives.



Family IEP day

Our next 'family IEP day' will take place on Wednesday 4th September 2024. This week, class teachers will be in touch to arrange time slots from; 10:30 – 13:00. The sessions are provided to give you an opportunity to discuss your child's IEP targets for the autumn term, to look through the fantastic work they have completed this academic year and also meet their new class teacher. Don't worry if you are unable to attend, IEP phone calls will still take place.

On behalf of all of the staff at Hopedale, we wanted to offer a big thank you to all of our parents and carers that attended our annual summer concert. Also, to our fabulous children who gave a great performance and made it a truly memorable day!



Inter-School competitions

This half term our KS2 pupils have taken part in an ultimate frisbee competition – they had an excellent time.

Our KS3 pupils enjoyed our 'mini-Olympics' inter-school competition, challenging their inner Usain Bolt!

Cricket unfortunately was cancelled this half term due to the 'good old British' summer weather and will be rearranged for September.





Enrichment Days this half term:

Religion through art – across school, our pupils created some amazing art work over the period of a week. This included; making decorations from recycled materials that spelled out religion, using scratch paper to create artistic effects and then drawing images relating to Buddhism. Our pupils also created their own ‘windows’, these included key religious symbols.

For world ocean day, across the school, our pupils; learnt the names of all the oceans in the world and considered what animals live in those oceans. Some of our pupils made a trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium in Birmingham and our older pupils made their own small globes and were able to label the oceans of the world.

Our KS4 pupils took part in independence fortnight. During the fortnight they; researched and investigated the cost of owning their own home, this included considerations of feeding themselves and planning a 2-course meal to cook later in the week. They also volunteered at the local charity shop and food bank. During the second week, our pupils discussed and completed activities that identified the cost of learning to drive, participated in their online hazard perception test and completed vehicle checks on the school mini buses. They also tested their taste buds in recognising the difference between branded and non-branded foods and considered portion sizes. To finish their independence fortnight, they took part in an introduction to first aid including; dealing with conscious and unconscious casualties.

During Healthy eating week, pupils explored the importance of a balanced diet and prepared their own healthy snacks. Pupils also learned about the food pyramid and created a plan for a healthy meal.



A message from our Head of School:

I would just like to say a HUGE thank you as always, for your continued support throughout this year and wish you all a very restful summer holidays – let’s hope the sun shines for us at some point!

I look forward to seeing everyone back with us on 5th September.