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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.

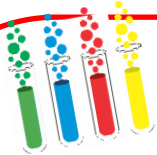


Spring (2) Newsletter 2024

What a great half term it has been!

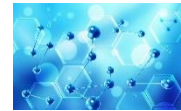
We are all ready for a well-earned rest over the Easter break.

We finish on **Friday 22nd March 2024** for the Easter break and return to school on **Wednesday 10th April 2024**.



What have we been up to this half term?

The focus this half term has been on Science.



KS1 – Our pupils this half term have focused on ‘Oceans and seas’. Exploring living things and their habitats and described how living things obtain their food.

KS2 – In KS2 our pupils have focused on reproduction and states of matter. Our pupils began the term by recognising the various stages of growth and development within humans, moving on to gestation periods. Through the latter part of the term, our pupils focused on; solids, liquids and gasses and their properties.

KS3 – Throughout the spring term, our pupils have focussed on; mixtures and separation, acids and alkali and the particle model. This has included; considering different scientific hazards and exploring the particle model relating to states of matter.

KS4 – In KS4 the focus has been on waves and radiation, electricity and magnets and waves and particles. Our pupils considered the electromagnetic spectrum and the different types of waves, they also studied particles and what is inside them, for example; electrons, protons and neutrons.

For science week this term, across the school, our pupils participated in many experiments, including; exploring chromatography with skittles, creating ‘safe’ ways of transporting an egg, making ‘oobleck’ and some of our KS4 pupils visited Heatherfield to carry out experiments relating to radiation and electricity.



Hopedale’s family IEP day

We are excited to announce that this year we will be holding a family IEP day, where you will have the opportunity to come and visit Hopedale on Tuesday 9th April. During the day, we will be holding activities with our; therapy team, SALT champion, hobby development, music lead and careers advisor. Alongside this, you will be able to have a twenty-minute slot, to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss their IEP’s and look through their books to see the incredible work that they have done so far this year.

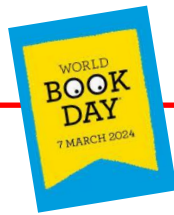
Enrichment Days this half term:

St David's Day – Our pupils celebrated by consuming Welsh cakes – delicious! They also researched who St David was and why we celebrate him.

World Book Day – This was a huge success this year with some fantastic costumes across the school. We explored various books and authors throughout the day, a visit to a local care home to read to residents and 'Busy Bee's even took to 'reading in strange places.'

British Science Week – there were many experiments throughout school during science week, including 'oobleck' and skittles. Alongside this, some of our pupils visited The Think Tank in Birmingham and our older pupils visited the science labs at Heatherfield.

Red Nose Day – For Red Nose Day our pupils; designed and made their own red nose t-shirts, designed red noses and researched the history of Comic Relief.



Inter-school Competitions

This half term we have held a number of inter-school competitions where our pupils have had the chance to participate in sporting events building upon their strategy and teamwork skills.

The competitions were held in handball and football this half term.



A message from our Head of School:

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our families who have supported the various diversity days throughout this half term. It was a joy to see our pupils dressed up for 'World Book Day' and thank you for all of your generous donations for the 'Alice Charity' in support of Comic Relief. Have a lovely Easter break.

Hannah