



Newsletter

2nd October 2026

HUXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS...

Busy week, lots of learning!

It has been another busy week in school, with lots of learning, conversations and opportunities to spend time with our children and families.

Our new student leadership roles have now been allocated. I am really looking forward to writing to our new student leaders next week and beginning our regular meetings. I know they will have lots of ideas to share and will take great pride in their new responsibilities.

It has been quite an office- and meeting-based week for me, but one of the highlights was welcoming our new SIP to school. It was lovely to share our school journey so far and to show her around. As always, the children were incredibly welcoming and very keen to tell her about what they have been learning and doing. It was her first visit to Huxley and we look forward to welcoming her again as we progress through the year.

I managed to catch up with our Acorns as they headed off on a nature walk. We had a lovely chat about the sorts of things they thought they might discover along the way. They were using their senses to explore the world around them, thinking about what they could see, smell and hear. There was lots of excitement about what they might find!

Oaks have been exploring the three main periods of the Stone Age – the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. They are really interested in the topic and, for the third week in a row, were incredibly keen to share their writing with me. I particularly enjoyed hearing about even more “cherry on the top” moments!

I also had a lovely visit to Mighty Oaks, where I spent half an hour sitting in their classroom. I couldn't believe how many children wanted to share their work with me! The letters they had written were excellent, and they also proudly showed me their Ancient Greek pot designs from their history learning.

I was lucky enough to take two of our Mighty Oaks children to an art masterclass exploring the Gelli printing technique, organised by our trust, CDAT. It was wonderful to share the day with children from schools across the trust. The technique was a little tricky at first, but I was so impressed by the perseverance and resilience our children showed as they worked to create their final pieces. You can see some of their fantastic work below.



Harvest collection- if you would like to donate to our harvest collection, please bring tins/dried goods in from Monday. Years 5/6 will be taking them over to church when they do their Harvest Worship on 7th 9.15am - all welcome!

DIARY DATES

- Year 5/6 harvest - St Peter's 7th October- ALL WELCOME
- Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
- Autumn 2- Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December
- Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January
- INSET 2nd and 3rd January
- 4th January- Pupils return for Spring Term
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Come Be dates attached below

CLUBS
TUESDAY CHOIR
WEDNESDAY CLIMATE CLUB
THURSDAY HOCKEY CLUB



**MRS
RACHEL
GOURLEY**

HEADTEACHER



We had a huge turnout for our coffee morning this time, which was wonderful to see. It was particularly lovely to see some of our newer parents getting to know other families and becoming part of our school community. There were lots of conversations about home learning and opportunities for learning at home, as well as simply having the chance to chat and get to know one another. Sarah and Miss Dickens kindly supported discussions around Showbie when I was unfortunately called away, so a big thank you to them both for stepping in. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very happy to arrange additional support sessions while newer families are getting used to using it.

As mentioned in recent correspondence, evidence of learning can take many forms, so please do not feel tied to doing things in one particular way. We have simply found Showbie to be a useful tool for two-way communication between home and school in the past.

Our reading log has really taken off over the past two weeks, and I have seen so much fantastic reading taking place – thank you for your support with this. Please do not worry about the reminder emails or notifications that some of you have apparently received; these have not been sent by me or by the teachers. I am looking into how these can be switched off, if you haven't already managed to do this within your own app.

A quick reminder regarding communications: an email will follow this newsletter over the weekend with further information but please follow the communication flowchart so that your query reaches the correct person and you receive the speediest possible response. We would also ask everyone to be mindful of staff wellbeing, particularly around the times at which emails are sent and when a response can reasonably be expected.

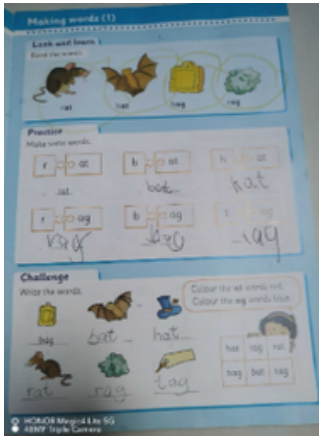
Finally, our first Showbie Spotlight is below! It was so hard to pick this week as there was so much on there! Thank you, as always, for your continued engagement and support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Today we went on a nature walk. Ruby wanted to find acorns (as she now is one!) but was disappointed that there was none on the ground. At the end of the walk there was the branch of an oak tree hanging low so we were able to see the (very tiny) baby acorns growing. We will go back and check on them in a couple of weeks.

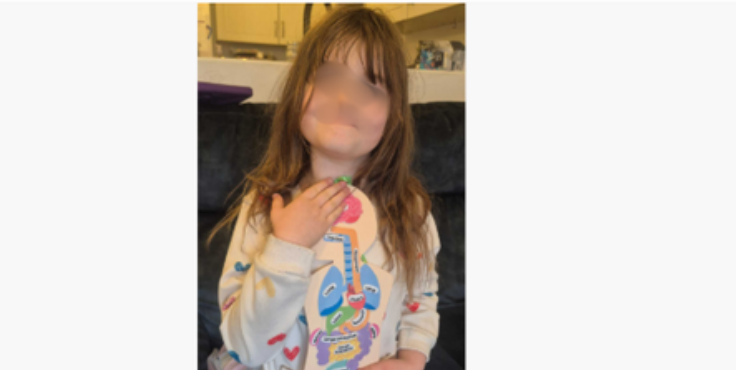
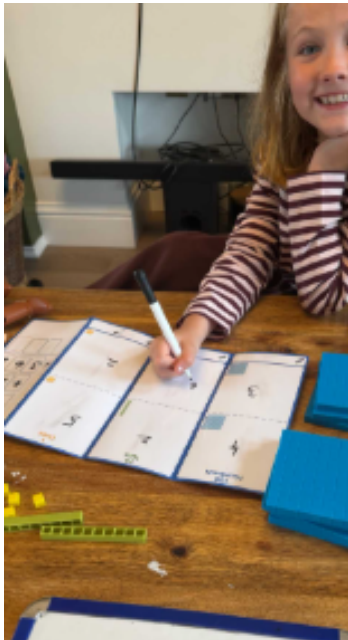
We discussed the phrase 'from tiny acorns come great oaks' and Ruby told us that was why the classes in Huxley were named like that - Ruby said 'and I will be a Mighty Oak one day!'

We also found fungus, birch shells, pine cones and lots of interesting sticks!!



This week we have looked at some anatomy. Ruby has created a human body diagram and labelled all the body parts. We then followed the journey of food through your body and what happens in each organ. Ruby enjoyed learning about the intestines and thinks they look like sausages!

This week Ruby also spent some time looking at the story of Adam and Eve.



Ruby also passed his level 5 trampolining last week - a great achievement!

This week In home ed

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Went swimming and his backstroke and pushing off from the wall is really improving

Art bus- they got the claywork back that they worked on a few weeks ago

Beavers- made rafts with twigs and Plastic bottles which floated

We also picked up a book on mushrooms/funghi in the library last week after seeing circles of mushrooms in our local park and on our art walk the week before

learnt that some help give trees nutrients and water

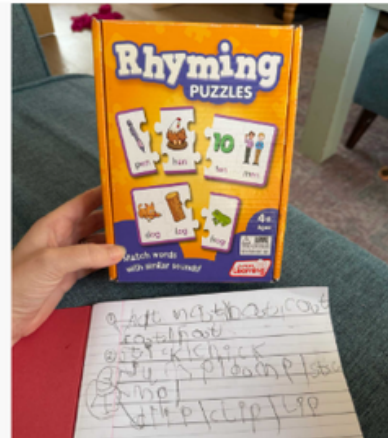
But others can kill animals like sea turtles, bees and bats

He also practised his Italian vowels and writing and started maths multiplication in his workbook

We read a book before bed every night

This week he read: sometimes I curl up

Today L... worked on rhyming words by doing the puzzle- he was able to decode and read each word independently. He then practiced his letter formation writing some of the words in his book.



Today we went to Lego club and the theme was vertebrates. We talked about what made an animal a vertebrate and she chose to make a dog from Lego. She read lots of books while we were there and afterwards we went upstairs where they have a fantastic local history museum. There was amazing stained glass with a map of Mold, and a replica of the gold cape: a bronze age found in Mold, less than a mile from where we were standing! We also learned about Daniel Owen, a local man who was very influential in the 1800s.



Welcome to Huxley

Reception 2021 visits

We totally understand how daunting it is to have to start thinking about your little one starting school. It is a big deal! You have to find the right school for your child. We would like to help support you in this process and invite you to Huxley for an informal walk around to see what Huxley can offer you and your family.

If you have a child who is **due to start school in September 2021** then please do visit us. We have open days on the following dates-

Wed 23rd September 10am
Tuesday 20th October 1.30pm
Wed 18th November 10am
Wed 9th December 1.30pm

Please make sure that you call 01829 781296 or email admin@huxleyprimary.cheshire.sch.uk to book your slot.

WELCOME TO HUXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Come LEARN with me!

We like to invite our parents in to school to share and be part of, a 'typical' lesson at Huxley. This helps us model our approach, ethos but also share resources that may be useful to use at home. We also hold Come LEARN with me sessions for parents where we share training and/or provide CPD

Come TALK with me!

Come 'BE' with me!

Come READ with me!

Come DINE with me!

Come WORSHIP with me!