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We've certainly hit the ground running this term! From multi-school singing events to sports competition successes, educational visits and a very special milestone birthday, we've already got lots to share with you all...

Sporting Competitions

In only three short weeks, our children have competed (and won!) in several events. We won both the dodgeball and cricket competitions which were played, as usual, against much bigger schools. Yesterday afternoon, Mr Fowles and I took boys and girls Y5/6 teams to play against Hartford Manor. The boys emerged as 5-1 winners, playing some scintillating football along the way. The girls battled bravely to score 3 goals against Hartford's 5 with some exceptional performances across the pitch, especially considering how new to football many of the girls were. Thank you also to parents for your support with these and other sporting events.



Rowan and Acorns Educational Visit

Fittingly in a week celebrating one man's contribution to the natural world, Acorns and Rowan threw themselves into the visit to Green Acres Animal Park on Tuesday.

A mix of learning took place all through the day looking at where animals live and how we can classify them into different groups. We met lots of small mammals in the petting corner and enjoyed a tractor ride together. The larger mammals even came right up to our trailers! We finished the day walking around the park together and enjoyed a play in the sun. We had a wonderful day and have not stopped talking about animals since we got back!



The Acorns children enjoyed seeing such a wide variety of animals and were even brave enough to stroke some of them! They were all exceptionally well behaved and represented our school with pride. We are so proud of each and every one of them!



Northwich Sings

Hawthorn and Year 5 joined with several other schools in the Northwich Education Partnership to perform as a massed choir on our first day back to school. As always, our children's singing really stood out amongst the crowd. The children also performed poetry they'd written on the theme of Empowerment. Many thanks to all staff who had worked so hard with the children leading up to the event. We can't wait to share the songs with you all as part of our Key Stage Two production next academic year.



The Ark

Every day in the Ark sees a fun theme and activity for the children to enjoy. Next week, we are hosting a Disco straight after school on Thursday. If you would like your child to participate, places are still available on ParentMail.





Sir David Attenborough

In today's Collective Worship, we celebrated the life and legacy of one of Britain's most beloved figures: David Attenborough. We learned about his tireless work over the past 70 years, spreading awareness of the world's wonders and the threats they face.

Genesis 2:15 tells us: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

This verse introduced the concepts of justice and stewardship to the children. We learned how Sir David has fought all his life to uphold these values and asked ourselves how much we are responsible for looking after God's creation. Then we considered what we could do to help protect and nurture the planet and its creatures. The children then returned to their classes to write some truly stunning poetry and take part in an Unselfish Act as stewards of God's creation. See below and keep an eye on X for each class's updates on their work as stewards of creation and fighters for justice across the natural world!

Sir David Attenborough in EYFS and Key Stage One

Acorns have had a wonderful day celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday. We talked about how wonderful our world is and how we can help to keep it safe. We then painted pictures of the world and wrote simple sentences about how to keep it safe. We also enjoyed lots of other exciting continuous provision activities such as making birthday cards, making cakes in the sand, painting pictures of our favourite animals and role playing going to David Attenborough's birthday party!

Rowan and Birch joined forces this afternoon for our unselfish act. We were inspired by David Attenborough's love of nature to improve the school grounds for everyone. We have planted flower seeds and veggies, painted rocks and created stick weavings. These will all eventually go in the planters, on the path down towards the field. We hope it will brighten everyone's day as they pass by and become a hive of activity for wildlife.



Sir David Attenborough in Key Stage Two

Inspired by David Attenborough's example as a steward of creation, Elder wrote poetry about animals and the threats they face. Recognising the power of sharing the natural world's wonders, we also began gathering flowers to press which we will share, along with our poetry, with some local friends in the coming weeks.

As part of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, Hawthorn have been writing poetry and planning our term's unselfish act, which is to litter pick along the route of the walking bus. This links to David Attenborough because he has spent his life caring for the planet and teaching people how important it is to protect nature. By helping to keep our local environment clean, we are following his example and doing our part to look after the world around us.

As a way to celebrate the conservation work of David Attenborough, Oak class used their time this morning to tidy and clear the Oasis Garden and prepare it for the work that will be undertaken there this coming half term. With dogged determination, they uprooted weeds, tidied and filled 3 binbags of rubbish from the space. What a great way of showing stewardship for our fantastic school grounds!



Community Charity Events

A member of our school community, Mr Graeme Bell, is raising money for the Crohn's/Colitis UK charity which supports those and their families living with this debilitating and life-changing condition. He will be participating in the Winsford Water Festival Raft Race at Winsford Marina on 30th May. If you would like to know more or to donate, please contact the school office.



PTA News

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the recent planting around the school entrance. A special thank you also to the parent who kindly donated the plants and volunteered their time to help with this. Their generosity and hard work have helped to create a brighter, welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy and we are very grateful for their continued support of our school community.



The work done by the PTA over the past year has raised a remarkable £10,150 which more than met the target set in the last AGM. They, and we as a school, are very grateful for all of your donations, volunteering and of course, spending, which helped to meet the target.

Please see the PTA's latest newsletter for updates on their newest exciting projects which will enhance our outdoor provision across the curriculum. There is also information for how to join their next meeting which will be on Teams at 6pm next Thursday 14th May. Every member of our school family is invited and welcome.

The next big event is the Colour Run which will take place on Thursday 21st May, straight after school on the school field. Places need to be booked in advance so that the PTA can arrange enough colour powder and t-shirts for everyone. There are still three days left to book the Gold or Silver packages for your child(ren) and nine days left to book the Bronze package. Please see the PTA's newsletter for all the details, as well as how you can help.



Dates

Monday 11th May	All Week	Y6 SATs Week
Monday 11th May	12pm	Y6 visiting St John's Church for The Word
Wednesday 13th May	9-1:30pm	Elder, Hawthorn and Birch visiting St John's Church for The Word
Thursday 14th May	6pm	PTA Meeting via Teams
Friday 15th May	9:10am	Hawthorn Sharing Assembly
Monday 18th May	4 days	Residential visit to Quinta
Thursday 21st May	3:15pm	Finish for half-term
Thursday 21st May	3:30pm	Whitegate Family PTA Colour Run
Monday 1st June	8:45am	Return to school
Thursday 4th June	6pm	New Starters' Evening
Friday 5th June	9:10am	Elder Sharing Assembly
Thursday 11th June	12pm	Sports Day
Friday 12th June	8am	Family Breakfast
Friday 19th June	7:30am	Hawthorn visit to York
Friday 19th June	9:10am	Birch's Sharing Assembly

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.
Every blessing,
M Thomas