

April 2022

The Meppershall Magazine

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has certainly been another end of term which has been disrupted by Covid. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for following guidelines and keeping your children at home when they tested positive. It has meant that we have been able to keep the school open which was looking difficult at times with the number of staff absences. We are extremely grateful to Caren Earp (Executive Head) and Nic Sharp (Assistant Head) of Henlow for stepping in and covering for myself, Mrs Halford and Mrs Allen when we were all self-isolating at the same time. The staff left in school really stepped up and made sure that all classes had teachers in front of them and learning still continued. I sincerely hope we are through the worst of it now with most children and staff having had Covid at some point.

On a more positive note, we have been able to continue with some of our events. We were able to have a lovely Easter Service at the church (lots of pictures later in the newsletter) where all the classes either sang, displayed their incredible artwork, recited the Easter Story or read poetry and prayers. There was also a beautiful performance by our choir which you can see on our facebook page. Reverend Ronni gave every child and adult who attended an Easter Egg or bag of sweets as we left. Needless to say this was very gratefully received and we would like to thank her for welcoming us into the church. A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who volunteered to walk with us to church in what can only be described as Arctic conditions - we were not expecting snow!

MAPTA have been busy as usual. Many of you have bought raffle tickets for the Rainbow Raffle and the lucky winners will go home with one of the amazing coloured hampers (I personally have got my eye on the orange one!) We close our term with a talent show in the afternoon and school disco from 5pm to 7pm in the village hall. We need to gather all the funds we can get as MAPTA have agreed to help us fund the resurfacing of the play area on the far side of the playground. Your support is much appreciated.

During the Easter holidays I plan to do a bit of a spring clean and tidy up around the school grounds. If any of you would like to join me I would be grateful for any help you can offer. There is a range of jobs which need doing from general litter pick and garden tidying to painting Acorns fence. If you are able to help on either Thursday 7th or Thursday 14th April please email me on mnewman@meppershallacad.org to let me know you intend to come along. If you have any secateurs, brooms, paint brushes etc please bring them along too. I am aiming to be here from 9:30am until 4pm both days.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for supporting the school over the past term and wish you a peaceful and happy Easter. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Wednesday 20th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Newman

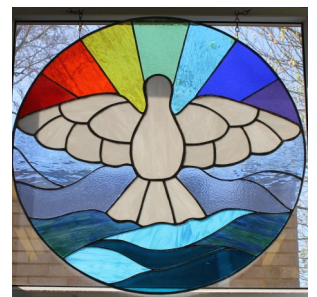


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World Book Day

We had a great World Book Day in Oaks. The day was dedicated to books and reading and the children enjoyed a 'story openings quiz', where they had to identify the book from the opening sentences and a 'speed dating with books session', where they had 1 minute to promote their favourite book to a partner.



More world book day pictures later in the newsletter.

Schools Library Service

As you know we have struggled for books over the last few years and have replenished our library stock from your generous donations. The school library service offers a scheme which supplies new library and classroom books on a loan basis. This is a brilliant service and means that books get rotated with new ones and project boxes are supplied each term. Caren Earp, Executive Head of the Poppy Hill Multi-Academy Trust is passionate about books and reading and has paid our subscription for the next year. This will have a huge impact on all pupils in the school and we are very grateful for this support.

A gift from Henlow Academy



Henlow Church of England Academy donated our new safety mats.

MAPTA News

Acorns

Planting daffodils, kindly donated to us by MAPTA



As always a huge thank you to MAPTA. They have stood outside in the scorching heat and freezing cold (it's been one of those months!) and sold raffle tickets, disco tickets. They have given up their time to attend meetings, shop, make up hamers, supervise children and so much more. They were the most popular people in school on the last day of term as they gave every child an Easter Egg. They are a great group of people and always welcome new members.

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Street Tag

Street tag - A huge well done to our Street tag team. Their amazing effort has put us at the top of the Leaderboard. Keep going everyone, as this session runs until the 12th April. If we manage to finish first we will win a £50 voucher for our school. If you would like to join our team, just scan the QR code below.



Operation Spring Clean

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Thursday 7th April and Thursday 14th April

If you are able to help with the school spring clean please email Mrs Newman at mnewman@meppershallacad.org and let her know which day and whether you are able to help in the morning, afternoon or all day. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Easter Service

Thank you to Mrs Allen for coordinating our lovely Easter Service held at St Mary's Church. Thank you also to all the volunteer helpers who walked with the children to the church and to Rev. Ronni who welcomed us and led prayers as well as sharing chocolate and sweets with everyone who attended.

The service was led by Oaks who told us the Easter story throughout the service. This was punctuated by Acorns singing Easter Song (Little seed), Elms sharing their outdoor art from natural materials, Willows Easter poetry and Birches Art depicting the crucifixion in pastels. We also had a beautiful rendition of 'When I think about the cross' from the choir.



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Year 4 Transfer Event



Henlow Church of England

On Tuesday 29th March, Oaks visited Henlow Academy as part of our Year 4 transition. The children took part in a mini-sports festival supported by the Year 8 Sports Leaders. Everybody worked extremely hard and it was great to see the children being so supportive of their team members, especially in the relay races at the end of the morning. Well done to everyone who took part.

Speed Jumping



Photo Gallery

