



Minet Junior School Newsletter

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I'm delighted to share that Odd sock Day was a wonderful success at our school. Our children had an amazing time, and the day was enriched by strong participation from our teachers, which the students found particularly meaningful.



Highlights:

- The activities were engaging and inclusive, and the children really enjoyed them.
- Our teachers joined in with enthusiasm, modelling collaboration and curiosity.

- We used conversations about differences to reinforce an important message: while we are all unique, friendship and respect unite us.

What we learned:

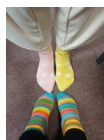
- Celebrating our differences helps everyone feel seen and valued.
- Friendship and kindness are essential to a positive school community.

- When teachers and students learn together, it strengthens trust and communication.

How you can support us:

- Reinforce the message that diversity makes our school stronger.
- Encourage inclusive actions at home and in the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a welcoming place where every child can thrive.

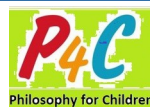


Upcoming Dates

- 25th November– Viking Day
- 4th December– Winter Emporium
- 8th December– Year 4 Ufton Court trip
- 11th December– Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
- 16th December- 9am- Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert– School Hall
- 17th December– 9am– Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert– School Hall

**19th December–
END OF TERM–
School closes at 1:30pm
5th January–
Children RETURN**

To mark anti-bullying week, the children in years 3, 4 and 5 attended an assembly whilst each year 6 class had a workshop where they explored reasons why people may bully and used theatre to understand different situations that they may find themselves in. It was an interactive and engaging workshop and helped children to really identify the different roles that appear in bullying situations.



'Can technology ever help us too much?'

Please discuss this question with your child. They can then share their family's ideas with the class. There are no right or wrong answers.



Democracy

New technology, such as Nike's Project Amplify, can lead people to voice many different opinions. Democracy reminds us to share our views respectfully and listen to the voices of others.



UN Rights of the Child

Technology can help children and adults be more independent and take part in everyday life. Children with disabilities have the right to the support they need to live with dignity and be fully included in their communities.



In the news this week

Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Explain and share your thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- > Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology, or should some things be only for people who really need them?
- > Can you think of other technologies designed to make life easier? Which do you use?

Our FAB FOUR for October:

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| 1. 5D | 98.81% | 2. 5M | 98.48% |
| 3. 4I | 98.02% | 4. 3O | 97.67% |

Great attendance!



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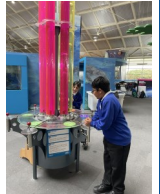
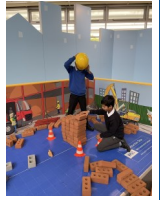


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Our Year 5 children had an absolutely fantastic day at the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium! The trip was a wonderful opportunity to bring our science learning to life and to inspire curiosity about the world and universe around us. Throughout the day, the children were fully engaged, exploring a wide range of hands-on exhibits that deepened their understanding of key science topics, including forces, light, sound and space. They particularly enjoyed experimenting with interactive displays that demonstrated how pulleys, levers and magnets work, as well as investigating how light and shadows behave.



One of the major highlights of the visit was the incredible planetarium experience, where the children were taken on an immersive journey through the night sky. They learned about the planets in our solar system, the life cycle of stars and the



movements of the Earth, Moon and Sun. Many children were amazed to see constellations projected above them and to discover how astronomers use technology to explore space. The show truly captured their imaginations and linked beautifully to our current science topic.



In addition to gaining new scientific knowledge, the trip helped the children develop important life skills such as teamwork, curiosity and critical thinking. They asked thoughtful questions, shared ideas and showed great enthusiasm throughout the day. We are so proud of their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and the excitement they brought to every activity. Overall, it was a memorable and inspiring day.

Last week Mr Puar and Mr Brough came to Minet Junior School to award prizes to Xinyi and Mansehaj who were two lucky winners of the annual Hayes Town Partnership Treasure Hunt. Xinyi won a headset and Mansehaj won a wireless speaker. Congratulations!



PARENTS AND CARERS WORKSHOP

Join local officers and partner services for an information evening. Learn how to spot the early signs of child criminal exploitation and grooming and the support available.

DATE
Weds 3rd December

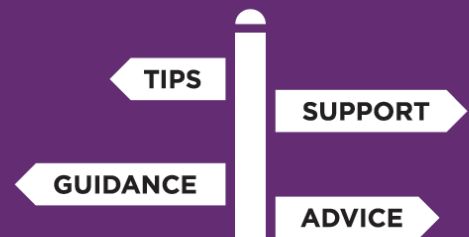
7.00pm - 8.30pm

PLACE
Online - register via QR code below to book your spot!

On Friday 14th of November, the children wore spotty clothes in aid of Children in Need. Thank you for your support, we raised £192. Well done everyone!



Please remember to send your child to school in appropriate clothing for the colder weather, including a warm coat.



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On Thursday 13th November, Mrs Taylor, Ms Page and Mrs Furzer-Pickett took our Choir to St Anselm's Church in Hayes to sing Christmas songs. They were joined by Dr Triplets, Grange Park, Hayes Park and Yeading Junior. The children also assisted the Mayor, Councillor Philip Corthorne to turn on the Hayes Town Christmas lights from the inside of St Anselm's Church. All the children were immaculately turned out and wore festive hats to add to the occasion. The diversity of Hayes could not have been better demonstrated.



On Wednesday 12th November, GROW and ESOL came into school to speak to parents about learning English and also gaining new skills for returning back to work. Fourteen parents have signed up for ESOL, to learn and improve their English and we still have places available. Eight parents signed up for GROW and they will be learning new skills for returning back to work.

If you would like to enrol for any of these courses, which start in January, please leave your name, number and the course you are interested in attending in our Reception area.



Introduced in 2011, the Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers. Often, children who are entitled to Pupil Premium face challenges such as poor language and communication skills, lack of confidence and issues with attendance and punctuality. The Pupil Premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.



How do I know if my child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

You are eligible for Pupil Premium funding if you are receiving the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit **and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.**
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit (with a NET of £7400 or less)

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to Pupil Premium.

Free School Meals If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish their primary phase of schooling .

Pupil Premium contact at Minet Junior School

Mrs Dobson and Mrs Costello are here to help support you and your family with any questions or queries about Pupil Premium or Free School Meals.

Please feel free to contact them on 01895 462 362

Free School Meals
Are you entitled?

