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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy term at Hanwell fields.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the second Inspire maths workshop, led by Mrs Tomlinson, learning about how we are supporting and challenging children in maths using different maths strategies and embedding maths knowledge and skills.

We have been joined this week by two aspiring teachers Mr Tedstone and Miss Shaw who will be working in Nursery and Year 6 until Christmas. This is part of our ongoing partnership with Warwick University.

Most exciting of all, six children went with Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Tomalin to Portsmouth and were given the once in a lifetime opportunity of meeting Tim Peake. You can read in detail about this later in the newsletter but many thanks to Mrs Griffiths for her work with her enrichment group on the rocket seeds from space project which makes this possible.

Have a great weekend!

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Mrs H Paget-Wall Collins

Attendance: Whole School – 96% Best Year Group – Year 4 – 98% Best Class Palmfly & 3AH - 98%



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The day we met Tim Peake!



On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, 6 pupils took part in the Principia Schools Conference, hosted by the University of Portsmouth, in the beautiful Guildhall. The pupils were selected through an extremely popular competition to celebrate the school work based on Tim Peake's 6 month mission to the International Space Station.

From left to right: Sean Johnstone, Oliver Griffiths, Yousif Abdelaal-Wait, Jesus Garcia de Paso, Ziyad Abdelaal-Wait and Amada Lim.

On Tuesday, we took part in the Activity Day – over 400 school children were present from KS1 to sixth form. Our first activity was hosted by **Info Film** – who transported us into space using Green Screen technology. After a short break, we had the opportunity to meet lots of science organisations including UK Space Agency, RHS, National Centre for Earth Observation, ESA, Principia and many more – there were lots of hands on activities for the children including finding Buckingham Palace using satellite images, trying to build a space rocket with Lego whilst wearing large 'space-suit' type gloves, programming on a Raspberry Pi.

After lunch pupils had the opportunity to learn all about the Earth and Suns magnetic fields and radiation ('**TimPix**' project) by creating their own pictures. The first day drew to a close with a key note talk from **Dallas Campbell** (best known as a presenter on the Channel 5 series The Gadget Show and BBC One science series Bang Goes the Theory) he gave us a fascinating presentation on the history of the spacesuit.



Wednesday was the day of the School Conference, where we had been invited to present our work on the RHS Rocket Science project (completed during Term 4, 2016). On arrival at the Guildhall we quickly put up our poster display and headed to the main auditorium.



Tim Peake, European Space Agency astronaut and a former International Space Station crew member gave an amazing presentation on his time on the International Space Station. We were then directed to the Lord Mayor's Banqueting Room in the Guildhall where we thought we would be listening to presentations from other schools – however, we were given a <u>HUGE</u> surprise as the children had the opportunity to not only meet Tim close up but to shake his hand and have a chat with him about their RHS Rocket Science project, what they wanted to be when they grew up and to ask Tim questions. (The children will also be receiving an official photo with Tim).



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During the day the children also watched a '**Destination Space Show**' with '*live*' rockets and explosions! After lunch, it was the children's opportunity to discuss their project work with other conference attendees – the pupils were energetic, enthusiastic, polite and were not phased in the slightest talking to cosmologists from the University of Portsmouth and Astro Physicists from the USA!

The two days were an 'out of this world' experience, and the pupils were a real credit to Hanwell Fields School (as they had 2 long days starting from 6.30 am to 6.30 pm).

The projects run by Principia and RHS have inspired so many children across the UK to take part in a wealth of scientific studies – and who one day, may work in the Space industry themselves.

A <u>huge</u> thank you to Mrs Tomalin for driving us safely to the Activity Day & Conference and to Ms Wall for allowing us to take the time out of school!

Mrs Griffiths (RHS Rocket Science Enrichment)

Further photos from the event can be seen on Twitter @DahlHanwell.



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Dates to Remember

School Disco November 10th

Butterflies, Y1 and Y2 5.30pm - 6.30pm Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6 7pm - 8pm. Tickets are on sale and selling quickly. Once they are gone we are unable to sell anymore.

School Christmas Fayre 10th December 12pm-2pm

Tables are booking well for the Christmas Fayre, but if you would like a table to sell your crafts please forward your details to the email address below.

Quiz Night 18th November in aid of Katherine House 5.00pm - 6.30pm

The community based project team would like to invite you to a family night full of fun quizzes for all the family. Tickets will be on sale next week £1 per child and £2 per adult, teams of up to 6. Snacks and drinks will be available as well as a raffle on the night. Tickets are on sale from Monday 7th November.

Banbury Literary live 20th November - 10am-4pm

The school choir will be performing, as they have performed in previous years with great success.

Tickets now on sale from the school office.

Christmas Cards/Calendars and Mugs

In the next few days you will receive the details of how to order your child's Christmas card all the information is on the back of the card and needs to be returned by 10th November.

For every item ordered the school receives £1 - we have introduced mugs this year too!

Children In Need 18th November/Save the Horton Campaign.

We will be holding a sponsored silence also children can come in non-uniform for £1 and the monies will be split between the two charities.

For further information please email <u>Rebecca.Lister@Hanwellfields.org</u>

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For Information

Banbury Literary Live

FRED 'n' FRIENDS:

Kids, meet Fred. Likes: cuddles, food, walks, food, attention, food. Dislikes: empty food bowl. Join-in Fred's adventures and fun 'Fred' activities.





KIDS COOKING with ANNELIESE:

Anneliese loves encouraging kids and families to cook. Bring your kids along to the Kids Cookery Workshop and cook up a lovely festive treat. Get tips too: Anneliese wrote the popular "How to Feed a Family of Four with £20 a week"

Banbury community event returns for fourth year on 20th November... The explosis is very much on the wold 'live' gardening typ: performance poets: drama, coolery demonstrations; music and drace: as well as authors briging their books to file through presentatives are creative writing workshaps. Open to all, this will have something for workynes – anthe and lawer at a time to all yourself. For more details visit www.literarylive.co.uk





Flu Vaccinations

Reminder - these will take place on **10th November 2016** for Years 1, 2 and 3.

Second Hand School Uniform

Uniform will be sold on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings in the key stage 1 canopy at 8:30am - 8:45am. Uniform prices range from 50p - £2.00 **Second hand uniform donations**

We really appreciate second hand uniform donations. Please donate uniform to the office. All donations should be in good condition, clean with the name label blacked out. Thank you

Hanwell Fields Rendition of Elf

Dates for the Christmas Production are December 14th and December 15th 7:00pm. Tickets tbc



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Introducing the 'Word of the Week'!

To help broaden children's vocabulary and support their oral language development, we have decided to introduce a 'word of the week' at Hanwell Fields. Each week a word will be delivered and displayed in children's classrooms, as well as in the hall, and they will be challenged to try to use this word in conversation or in their written work throughout the week.

We will also put this word in the newsletter each week. Why not see if you can use this word at home? You could look it up in the dictionary or thesaurus with your child, drop it into conversation to see if they realise or even have a competition to see who can use it the most throughout the week.

We would love to hear how your child has used the word at home so please let us know!

This week's word is.... luminous





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PE, Sport and After School Clubs

A brilliant first week back after half term has seen all the clubs back in full swing with some excellent skills on show and really clear progress being made by children in all their clubs. I'd like to thank parents and carers for collecting children from the canopy at the end of clubs. This has made seeing children out much easier and safer from a safeguarding perspective.

Nearly all children now have their PE kit in school but here is a reminder for when classes do their PE this term. This changes each term to accommodate different classes going swimming or going to forest school.

Mondays – Years 5 and 6 Tuesdays - Year 2 Wednesdays – Year 1

All that is needed for PE is a white T-shirt and black or dark blue shorts. As it is colder now please make sure the children have tracksuit trousers and a school fleece as well as a coat and hat.

For those children in sports academy please ensure you have the correct kit. If you are playing football you now need to have studs and either PE kit of football kit. If you do not have either studs or the correct kit you will not be able to play. All academy players MUST be in sports kit. There is a very long waiting list for academy and if you consistently do not attend or bring the correct kit your invitation will be withdrawn to enable other children to take up the space.

Next week we have a year 4 dance festival and a Year 5 / 6 swimming gala on Thursday to focus on and we now have 2 football matches and a netball match in the following week.

Good luck to all Hanwell Fields children in whatever sporting activity they are doing over half term. Please remember to respect your opponents, your team mates and the officials.

Finally, be safe around fireworks this weekend especially sparklers. Mr Townsend Head of PE & Sport



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Hanwell Lunch Menu Lunch Menu - Week 2 Milk on offer Monday Tuesday wednesday Thursday Turkey Steak Honey Slow Hot Mains Bolognese Pie Soy Cooked Dogs Chicken Pork Mozzarella Second Cauliflower Vegetable Veggie Pesto & Courgette Choice Cheese Stir Fry Pasta Dogs Pasta î. Roasted Harvest Chow Roast Potatoes Potato Caulifower Greens & Mein with Wedges Veggies all the & Spring Crushed Noodles & Potatoes Stir Fried Veg trimmings Salad Apple Raspberry Berries Banoffee Chocolate Crumble & Yoghurt in Dessert Pie Mousse 2 Sponge Jelly Custard •

Our aim is to produce an exciting seasonal menu, we sought fresh local produce. This menu could be subject to change due to fresh produce availability.