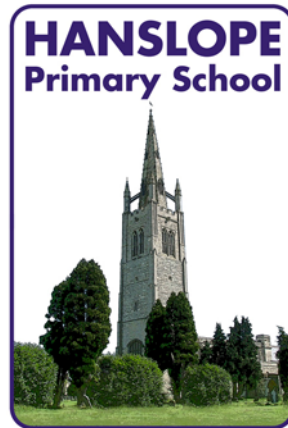


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Busy, exciting, fun-filled and exhausting are just a few words that could be used to describe the last few weeks at school. We still have another three weeks before we break for the Easter holiday, during which formal assessments will take place, the results of which will once again indicate to staff how much progress has been made since December. The Consultation Evenings were very well attended; I trust you found them informative. We are now more than half way through the academic year and, as last year, it has been a pleasure watching all of the children develop both academically and socially. We look forward to more of the same.

Inter-School Quiz

Selected pupils from Salcey visited Heronsgate School recently and entered an inter-school general knowledge quiz. Miss Britnell and Mrs Thompson accompanied the team. Hanslope came 2nd place and were pipped at the post by pupils from Boughton Meadow School. Our team's efforts were more than commendable. After returning to school and sharing the good news, we were surprised to hear a few days later that the standard of our team was so high, that we have been invited to enter the regional competition on 30th March. We wish the team all the best. Good luck to Charlotte Green, Ben Madeley, Rory Sandison and Phoebe Sandison.

Rural Play project

The Rural play project has been coming to the school on Thursdays from 3.30 - 5.00pm for a few months now. It is located on Salcey playground and is open to all children (and parents). So far it has been reasonably well attended but now that the evenings are getting lighter, we hope that numbers will increase. The activities vary from week to week and it is an ideal opportunity for children to work with different adults and pupils from different year groups. If you want to know more, simply show up. The school hopes to be able to provide tea/coffee for parents who wish to stay for the sessions. The rural play project is planning to hold some sessions at the recreation ground in the Summer term with a view to making it accessible to the wider community. We will keep you informed as to when this will take place.

326 Disco

Tickets are now on sale for the 326 disco which will take place this Friday, 20th March. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to have a few hours away from their children and for the children to enjoy an evening on the dance floor. The disco is open to all children of Hanslope School and not just 326 users, so hurry and get your tickets. Tickets are £4.00 which includes a raffle ticket. Tickets are available from Becky.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Another successful fund-raising event took place on Friday 13th March. The School's Council did a fantastic job leading up to the event:

- a polling station was set up in Salcey Hall on 3rd March where all pupils voted for their choice of charity
- a meeting was held to decide on the theme for the day
- a letter was drawn up to inform parents and pupils

The pyjamas and mad hair theme went down a storm and the children enjoyed the range of activities delivered by their teachers. By the close of business on Friday, £213.62 had been raised. Thank you for your efforts with your children's outfits and the amazing hair! Megan Dee and Emma Cheong deserve a special mention for organising their own fund-raising activities, a sponsored silence and cake baking. During the week where the theme was 'Doing something to be proud of', you did just that. The day came to hilarious end as the whole school were entertained by comedians from Beech class. They certainly did do something funny for money!

More fund-raising

Friday 27th March will prove be another busy time at school. The fund-raising committee will be holding a Hot Dog sale and the School's Council will be holding a 'Smoothie' sale. You should already have received an order form for the hotdogs (if not, please see Mrs Bishop in the office) and a letter about the Smoothie event will follow shortly. The fund-raising committee will soon be issuing a newsletter keeping you up-to-date with current and future initiatives.

'Much ado about Shakespeare'

Tickets are now on sale for the school play to be held on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March (apologies for the confusion in respect of the previously advertised dates). We look forward to seeing you there.

Sports News

Football, hockey and tug-of-war are the inter-school sports activities that will be taking place between now and Easter. After Easter we will be in a position to update you on how well the teams played.

17th March 2009

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Summer 2009

The following clubs will be on offer to the children in the Summer Term. Please note that clubs may be age specific and numbers may be limited. The children will be informed about the full range of activities and will be given a letter of invitation by the teacher leading the club. This will be sent out separately. If there are any parents who would like to lead a club or support our staff members, please contact the office. Please also note that some activities may take place at lunchtimes.

Activity	Year group(s)	Led by....	Day and time
Choir	3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Czornjy	Mondays 3.15-4.30
Dance	3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Doherty and Mrs Bishop	Thursdays 3.15-4.30
Athletics		Miss Britnell	
Gardening/ Conservation			
Board Games			
Homework			
ICT		Miss Myatt	
Art			
Reading			
Debating			

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