

# School Update

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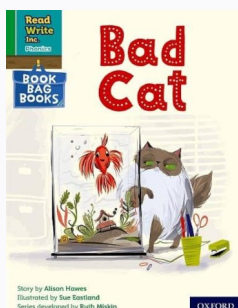
## In this weeks update:

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## Reading book amnesty!

We are still missing lots of **phonics** and reading books from the school library. Some of the phonics books look like the ones below and feel and look like paper pamphlets rather than books. Please could you have a look at home to see if you have any hiding? There is an 'amnesty box' in the school reception for you to deposit them. Many thanks.



## Earth Day

A reminder that **Earth Day** will be taking place this Monday (22<sup>nd</sup> April). Children are encouraged to **come dressed in blue, green and brown to represent the colours of the Earth**. Voluntary cash donations of £1 will be used to support sustainable projects at school. The eco-warriors will be holding a bake sale during break times and pupils can bring in small change (up to £1) to purchase something. Additionally, if you are able to provide any donations (either homemade or bought) for us to sell, we would be very grateful if they could be dropped off to the office on Monday morning. As always, please remember that food cannot contain any nuts. Thank you for your support.—Mrs Bird

## Summer Term 2024

### April 2024

Mon 22nd	<b>Earth Day</b>
Thur 25th	SEND Parent Coffee Morning 9-10.30am
Fri 26th	Miss Twombly—Class Assembly

### May 2024

Mon 6th	Bank holiday Monday
Fri 10th	Miss Cooper—Class Assembly
Mon 13th - Thur 16th	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
Fri 17th	Miss Smith—Class Assembly
Sat 18th	Pre-School Open Morning 10-11.30am
Mon 20th	Year 5 Viking Day!
Wed 22nd	Breakfast and After School Club Open evening 6-8pm
Fri 24th	Mr Harris—Class Assembly
Mon 27th - Fri 31st	Half-term

### June 2024

Mon 3rd	INSET Day—children not in school
Tues 4th	School open for children today Science Week!
Wed 19th	Year 4 & 5 at Twycross Zoo
Sat 29th	PTFA Summer Festival

### July 2024

Fri 12th	Last day of term
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## Happy 1st Birthday Nelson!

Unbelievably, Nelson turned 1 this week and he celebrated with some yummy doggy-treat cakes! Now he is a year old, and having completed his training, he will be spending more time working with the children in school—which I know they are looking forward to!





## HOPS High 5

This week our whole-school reward system called **HOPS High 5**—based on our 5 core values was again celebrated. We've linked our school rules to these values so the children are rewarded for living them through their positive behaviours. They earn value points each time they demonstrate one of these values, with the overall aim of achieving enough points to receive a values badge. Interim certificates will be issued at regular milestones and weekly **Values Awards** are given out to children showing their commitment to the **value of the week**.



We were delighted to award our **Values Awards** in Assembly this week, with children from across the school receiving them for showing our Core Values. This week we focussed on Democracy — how it maintains law and order, provides freedom of speech and helps achieve equality. Our children love to share their ideas and understand the importance of listening to the ideas of others. Well done to all those children who received awards (and also those who didn't!) for demonstrating any of our values in school this week!



## Bronze and Silver Awards

This week we were pleased to announce more **Silver Award** winners alongside our Bronze Award winners! It was fantastic to celebrate the efforts of our Year 6 children who are a real credit to the school!

These children, and many others, are well on their way to being the first of our **High 5** badge winners. Awesome stuff!





# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



**Summer Festival** We still have places for stall holders available. We would love to see more local businesses and community groups at our fun-filled event. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in having a stall please get in touch via [ptfa@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk)

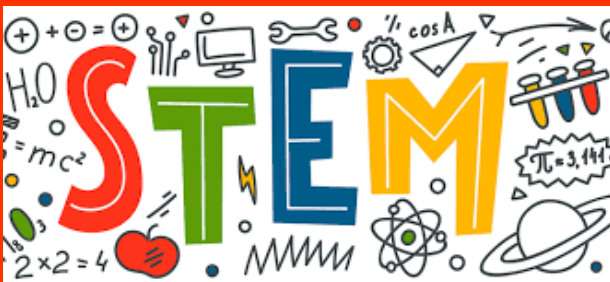
There are also opportunities to sponsor our event. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in sponsoring the event please do get in touch via the email address above.

**Summer Festival BBQ** Are you a keen BBQ'er and fancy helping us to run our BBQ at the event, if you are please do get in touch. Hosting our own BBQ provides us with a really great opportunity to raise even more funds to provide treats, equipment and further enhance our children's school experience.

**Annual General Meeting** We would like to give notice of the AGM to be held on 21st May 2024. The evening will start at 6.00pm with the PTFA Annual General Meeting in the school hall. Additional details to follow. The PTFA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTFA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school. Our next monthly meeting is on 24th April at 7.00pm at The Navigation Inn—come along and meet us!

**Frozen Fridays** will be returning after half term - watch this space!

Please support Hall Orchard CE Primary School PTFA on [easyfundraising](#) today and fundraise with your everyday online shopping at Tesco, eBay, Expedia, Just Eat and many more!



**Science Week—Week beginning 3rd June**  
Do you work in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) sector? If so, would you be willing to come into school to do a talk/ activity to our children as part of our Science Week celebrations? Drop us an email if you can help — [reception@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk](mailto:reception@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk)— marked for the attention of Mrs Godwin. Many thanks in advance.



## Year 3 and 4 Spring Show!

This week, the amazingly talented children of Year 3 and 4 put on a Spring Show performance to remember. Across 4 days, the children sang, danced, acted and joked their way through 'Dragon Days' - a story about the villagers of Stumbledorf needing a hero to save them from their terrifically terrifying dragon! Many of the thrilled audience members commented how well the children knew their lines, how beautiful the singing was and how creative the dancing and acting was. All in all a fantastic show. Many thanks go to the hardworking Year 3 and 4 staff whose continued effort and enthusiasm ensured the show was a resounding success. Thanks also to parent Amy Eccles for giving up her time, sharing her choreography skills with the children in prep for the show. Mrs Parker has taken photos and videoed the performance which shall be shared on the VLE.

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## Walk to School Poster Competition

### NOTES FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Hall Orchard Primary School and Barrow Greener Living Group are working in partnership to encourage healthier lifestyles and a greener village by organising a 'walk to school' poster competition. We want to promote walking to school as a good choice for the environment and for health and wellbeing. We would like pupils to join in with a poster competition with the aim of promoting this.

The posters could show that leaving the car at home is good for the planet or they could show that walking gives time to exercise, chat with family and friends, see nature and enjoy our village. They could show that less cars on the streets around Hall Orchard will improve the air we all breathe. Or the posters could be about how to make our streets feel safer to walk along by asking people to stop parking on the pavement or to switch off idling engines when they are parked. The posters could also show scooting and cycling too if these are a preferred way to travel actively without a car.

Winning posters will be selected and proudly displayed at the school and in other village buildings plus they will be published in Barrow Voice. Winners will also receive a certificate of achievement and a small prize. The children will be helping to start conversations about how to be greener and they will be inspiring others to embrace the benefits of walking, scooting and cycling and making the streets in Barrow upon Soar healthier and safer for everyone.

### We have two age categories:

- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2

### Submission Guidelines:

- Use favourite art supplies (crayons, felt pens, paints etc) to create a masterpiece
- Think about the themes of 'walking to school', 'no to pavement parking' and 'anti idling'
- Poster size should be no larger than A4 (landscape or portrait)
- Write your first name only plus class on the back of your poster
- Submit your artwork to your class teacher no later than **Thursday 16th May 2024**



*Barrow Greener Living Group* are a community of like-minded people who aim to bring awareness and support to environmental projects that increase biodiversity, reduce waste and improve energy efficiency.  
**Areas of focus:** Recycling • Climate Awareness • Transport • Energy and Insulation • Wildlife • Food & Waste