



The Hayfield Herald

S.A.T.S



After Covid removed the statutory tests for the past two years we have finally had our first Year 6 SATs at Hayfield Cross. Although we, like many schools, don't believe that SATs truly show the amazing talents and abilities of our children we are still required to do them and want our children to achieve their very best. With the last two years of disruption this has been tough for our Year 6 but they have excelled in their bravery and resilience. They truly have lived up to their name of Pioneers! Last year we employed additional teachers to support them catch up and this year they have worked so hard at everything they have done. We could not have asked more of them and we could not be prouder of how they have approached these SATs. A special mention to Miss Johnstone and Mrs Logue who have been amazing in supporting the children throughout. Next week they are going to be relaxing as they head off on our first Year 6 residential to PGL where we know they will have a wonderful time.

Last week Reception went on their first school trip to Hamerton Zoo. They had a marvellous time, saw lots of different animals and really enjoyed the whole experience of travelling on a bus and visiting new places together. It is so lovely to see the children being able to enjoy these experiences again. Huge thanks to the Reception Team and all the adults who supported!

It's been an emotional couple of weeks as we've said farewell to two people who have been part of our school from the very beginning. Last week we had our final Worship Wednesday with Rev. Eleanor before she headed off to her new adventure at a Church in Leamington Spa. Eleanor was on the original 'shadow governing board' who were involved in the initial plans and set up of the school. They were responsible for the planning of the school and appointing the first Head teacher to lead the school, and that is when we first met. Since then Eleanor has been a huge part of our school, not only leading worship but as a governor and then school Chaplain. She has been an incredible support to the staff and myself as well as the children and many families in our school and she will be missed. It was lovely and fitting that we ended singing our Fellowship song which Eleanor wrote and recorded with our Spiritual Ambassadors.

We also said goodbye to Mr Davies who has been our IT technician since before the school opened. Mr Davies joined Hayfield Cross when the school was still being built and was given the brief to set up all of the IT systems and servers. 7 years later, hundreds of devices, laptops, I-Pads and all manner of electronic mayhem later, including running on satellite broadband for 5 years which stopped working in high winds, he has made it through. Since last year Pete has been the IT manager at Latimer Arts College but has continued with us while we found a new company to take over. We are super grateful for all he has done for our school and will miss his support and expertise (although he probably won't miss us calling him because we have broken something again!) and wish him all the best for the future.

On a slightly different note, today we are saying farewell for a while to Mrs Wood as she heads off to begin her maternity leave. We are looking forward to meeting her new arrival and wish them all the best until she returns next year.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go² (Joshua 1:9)*

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship