

Friday Letter for Parents and Carers 31st March 2023


Headteacher Update

Happy Easter to all our pupils, staff and families!

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Hop for the Hospice' to raise funds for St Leonard's Hospice. The grand total will officially be announced by St Leonard's Hospice after Easter but we know it will be a fantastic amount for a local worthy cause.

Our annual Easter competition was very well attended, from cute bonnets to impressive egg themed masterpieces; the creativity and talents were Eggcellent! Hayley Wilkinson had the hard task of judging but choose 6 worthy winners. Well done to Leo, Joey, Evan P, Diogo, Isaac and William S (photographed overleaf).

Staff celebrated our 'Brides to Be' on Wednesday evening. We wish Aimee, Lucy F and Marta love and best wishes on their wedding days. We cannot wait to see the photographs!



Now for the hard goodbye. Hayley, our School Business Partner, has worked across Hob Moor Federation for 17 years. She is leaving the city for a life in the beautiful countryside of the Yorkshire Dales! Hayley has supported many Headteachers during this time and supported SO many staff during the beginning of their employment at Hob Moor. Hayley is one of the most happy and hilarious members of our team, who achieves so much behind the scenes to make both schools run smoothly. This week I've described Hayley as the heartbeat of our school, from managing our budgets (which includes managing all our Amazon orders for weird and wonderful resources needed), ordering specialist equipment, invoicing for numerous class trips, risk assessments, facilities management and all things employment (which is no mean feat in a special school!). She really is one of a kind! We will miss you so much Hayley; it is not goodbye, it's see you soon. Hayley is even coming back to help on our Lea Green residential. Dedication at its finest! Thank you for everything you have done to support me both personally and professionally. On behalf of the staff, pupils, governors and wider school community—THANK YOU! Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break, see you all in April! Many thanks, Olivia

Oak Leaves



In Oak Leaves Class our topic has been 'Taste the Rainbow'. We have been using different colours to help with our learning. We have been buying different coloured items in maths, connecting colours to emotions in PSED and using colours in our stories.



Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Hayley Wilkinson

For ALWAYS being a HERO!

Happy Birthday during the holidays
to:
Presley, Kacper, Leyton & Oscar



Easter Bonnet Winners



Leo

1st



Joey

2nd



Evan

3rd

Easter Egg Winners



Diogo

1st



Isaac

2nd



William

3rd

Golden Leaf Award 31st March

- Seedlings** Dylan for using his hands kindly more and more with his friends.
- Blossoms** Mason for using a 3-part PECS sentence to request snack.
- Green Shoots** Ava for being a total superstar! Transitioning without a buggy, using first & then, fabulous talking and lots more!
- Twigs** Georgia for walking the length of the corridor in her walker.
- Saplings** Darcie-Lou & Lily for being such kind and helpful friends to everyone in class.
- Branches** Louie for increased focus and attention during assembly & lunch while not using a buggy to support.
- Buds** Phoenix for lovely interactions with friends this week.

- Roots** Reuben for great progress in reading and moving onto Red reading books.
- Trunks** Athena for fantastic walking around the classroom and school!
- Boughs** Holly for independently seeking her ear defenders as a way to self-regulate.
- Oak Leaves** Harrison for great work when in Roots class and for independently transitioning. Well done Harrison.
- Catkins** Ziggy for accepting his new peg and engaging in feeding routines!
- Woods** Addison for asking for help and building relationships in Wood class.
- Oak Trees** Skylar for super maths work.

Olivia's Outstanding Award

Theo H for fabulous independence skills whilst in the dining hall.