



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

2nd February 2024



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers.

This week we have had lots of visitors to Hob Moor Oaks. We started on Monday with a visit from members of Ebor Academy Trust Education Team including the Director of Education, the SEND Lead and the Director of People and Culture. They spent the morning in school visiting classrooms, observing lessons and meeting pupils.

On Tuesday, Forest Phase had a story workshop. There were some fantastic opportunities for children to explore stories through drama, movement and words. Children were really engaged and showed great listening and participation. Thank you to Lucy for organising this.

On Wednesday, we hosted 13 Initial Teacher Training Students from the Pathfinder Trust as part of their course and training development. The students spent the morning in classrooms where they observed teaching and learning. They also got involved with performance rehearsals! The afternoon included a tour of the school giving them the opportunity to learn more about HMO and the chance for them to ask lots of questions about our amazing school, learning environment, curriculum and pupils.

Just a gentle reminder to Forest and Woodland Phase parents to please return slips to the admin team to book seats for the performances next week. We need to make sure that we have the correct number of seats, but also remain within capacity of the hall.

If you have any good condition school uniform which your child has outgrown and you would like to donate this to school then this can be sent to the Wellbeing Team. We try to keep a stock of spares so donations are always welcome. Likewise, if you are in need of a few extra items, please contact the Wellbeing Team and they will see what they have in stock.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Diary Dates

February:

8th Hob Moor Oaks at the Musicals 10am

9th Hob Moor Oaks at the Musicals 1.30pm

9th Last day of term

12th - 16th Feb Half Term Holiday

19th First day of term

23rd Number Day—Change of date

March:

8th World Book Day

8th Share a story with "Mum" - Mother's Day Open Afternoon

11th Makaton Level 1 Parent Course

15th Comic Relief

19th Parents Evening

20th Parents Evening

22nd Last day of half term

25th March—5th April Easter Holiday

April:

8th First day of term



Sarah

Catkins



At the start of the week Catkins took part in a story workshop in the gym! We showed great listening skills and the bubble machine was a definite favourite. In class this week we have explored our own class text 'Commotion in the Ocean' through a sensory story. We have also been working extra hard in focused sessions, creating sentences on what we can see in the story! In communication we have demonstrated brilliant turn taking and listening skills. We are working hard on using full sentences to request our favourite things.



Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Abby Moyse for always giving 100% effort.
Thank you for all your hard work.



Happy Birthday this week to:

Rowan, Keyleanne, Daniel &
Oliver W-B



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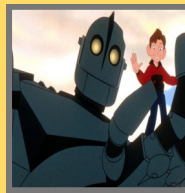
Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

City Screen

Autism Friendly Screening

The **Iron Giant** is to be screened on **Sunday 18th February**. The screening will start promptly at **11.00am**. All tickets for this show cost £3.30. Please could wheelchair users book in advance so they can have enough spaces available. Please contact the cinema if you should have any special requirements on 01904 612940 or email cath.s@picturehouses.co.uk

Thank you.



MAKATON LEVEL 1 TRAINING

Monday 11 March 9.00am - 3.00pm
at Hob Moor Oaks School
Cost: £20 (course manual)

Learn all about the Makaton Language Programme

The session includes:

- Discussing commonly asked questions
- Hints and tips for effective signing and symbol use
- How to start using Makaton in everyday situations

You will also learn the signs and symbols from Stages 1 & 2 and some additional Core Vocabulary



Come learn in a relaxed and friendly environment

To secure a place please pay via ParentPay



Golden Leaf Award 2nd February

Seedlings	Gabriel for pushing to stand and standing with minimal support.
Blossoms	William for lovely interactions with staff, and for getting adults to help him to try lots of different activities in the classroom.
Green Shoots	Henry for his fantastic phonics this week and for always coming to school with a huge smile on his face!
Buds	Mason for making excellent progress applying his phonics knowledge.
Acorns	Arlo for making great progress in the pool and growing in confidence.
Saplings	Georgie-Mai for independently feeding herself at snack time.
Twigs	Lily for amazing work in our daily phonics sessions. You have made amazing progress this term!

Branches	Max for fantastic engagement in phonics, and for spelling some of the 'ow' words independently and writing them on a whiteboard.
Roots	Riley for his participation and enthusiasm in a group music session this week.
Boughs	Sam for his first swim at Energise.
Trunks	Oscar for telling us about his haircut and trip to KFC a whole week in advance!!
Catkins	Alex for making a three part sentence to request an apple and then taking a bite without any adult prompts. Well done Alex!!
Woods	Blake for applying his phase 2 phonics fluently during reading time.
Oak Leaves	Joel for applying his understanding of phonics when handwriting and for independently writing his name!
Oak Trees	Lucas for growing accuracy and consistency when using his PECS symbols.

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Pupil Parliament & Student Council Pupils for representing HMO & talking to visitors about school life.