



HUNTLEY NEWS October 2025

Our School Vision

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

Curriculum:

Science Investigation



In science lessons, the children in years 5 and 6 have been using the investigation that they had done together, as a starting point to design their own investigation. The children came up with the really



thoughtful scientific areas to investigate

Children chose to investigate:

If there is a link between the amount of sugar and melting speed.

If different branded chocolate melts at different speeds.

If the type of water has an impact on melting speed.



- If the type of chocolate (dark, milk, white, flavoured) has an impact on melting speed.
- If the method of melting impacts the melting speed.

The investigations were completely designed and conducted by the children

including the selection of their key question.

Cheltenham Literature Festival



The children in classes Estuary and River went to the Literature Festival to listen to the popular author Jacqueline Wilson. Hope and Sophie told me about their morning:

She read us part of her new book *The Seaside Sleepover*. She spoke about her life and what inspired her to write her book. Her friend was in a wheelchair and had problems going to the beach. She talked about her other books and how they linked to this one. She told us about how much enjoyment she gets from writing stories and that as a child, she always loved to read.



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Class River had a fantastic visit to Cheltenham Literature Festival this year. We saw the author and illustrator Rob Biddulph. He shared his newest book with us 'When I grow up I'd like to be...' and told us about his journey to becoming an author/illustrator and how he knew he loved drawing from when he was in primary school. We



enjoyed a 'draw along with Rob' and kept an eye out for Trevor! To finish, Rob sang us his winter fox story and played along with guitar. We all had a brilliant visit and Rob has now inspired many author/illustrators in our class!

Class River Cooking

Class River have been making vegetable tarts in Design and Technology – making good use of our fabulous new school kitchen! They have been; learning about climates and seasonal food; researching vegetable flavours through taste testing; designing individual pastry tarts; creating them; reviewing them and (most importantly) eating them!



Inspired by the story 'Rigatoni the Pasta Cat' they have been making their own pasta! They; sieved, cracked, mixed, kneaded, rested, rolled, folded, rolled again, cut, boiled, strained and ate their delicious pasta!

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for the generous donations which we collected at our Harvest Festival. The Lords Larder, a local food bank, were very grateful.

May I thank all involved at Huntley school for their kind thoughts and effort in raising these donations for our food bank.

Yesterday we provided a week's food for 31 clients in food poverty. These clients were from Newent and the surrounding area.

Once again please accept our thanks for your kind donation.

Kindest regards and blessings.

I am sure you will agree, the year sixes did a great job leading the service where we all found out more about the origins and importance of Harvest festival. It was also lovely to have so many families in church with us.



Worship with Rev Bloom

It was lovely to welcome Rev Lara in to school to lead a worship about the story of the prodigal son. This story links to our value of compassion.

We enjoyed taking part and acting out the story.

Personal Development:

Certificates: These children have been awarded certificates over the past few weeks.



Head teacher award- Luna – for showing our value of respect with always showing politeness and lovely manners.

Georgia and Erwin – For showing our values of perseverance and courage during swimming lessons and making amazing progress.

Class Stream- Ollie G, Eddie, Pearl, Cody, Lily, Jasmine and Luan.

Class River- Harlow, Rafael, Monty, Isabella, Guy, Henry and Jude

Class Estuary- Brody, Matilda, Arlo, Angus, Milo, Teddy and Alfie

Class Ocean – Elsa Tamlyn, Daisy, Imogen and Violet

Writers of the week- Ida, Sophie, Quinn, Georgia

Science certificates- Raffy and Eirwen

Handwriter of the week- Monty and Jacob

Times Table Rockstar- Teo and Charlotte



Numbots

Glass- Felix

Steel – Finley T

Rust- Emilia, Albert, Finian, Luan

Iron- Finley C ,

99 Club passes

Alfie x 2, Theo x 2, Brody, Eli, Luna, Sophie and Ted.

Isabella x 2, Guy, Alexander x2, Holly x2, Finley x 2, Zack, Quinn, Jessica and Arlie



Other awards

Congratulations to Lily and Finley who won this term's reading raffle in Class Stream. They both got to choose books as prizes.



Swimming success Well done to Teo who has been doing very well with his swimming. He has achieved his stage 10 award and is beginning competitive club swimming.



Foster Family Champion

Emilia also shared her very special certificate she received during 'Children of foster carers' week.

Football and netball matches

School matches are underway in the High Five Netball and Football leagues. Good luck to all our players!



Young Minds Matter assemblies

Both KS1 and KS2 had an assembly delivered by the young minds matter (YMM) team. We are a YMM school which means they offer us wellbeing advice and support for the children. If you ever have concerns or would like some advice about areas of mental and emotional well-being, please contact Mrs Curtis and we can carry out a YMM referral together

The assemblies focussed on emotions and in particular those big emotions, how they might feel and how they might affect behaviour. We talked about using our happy breathing to help calm ourselves down.

Guinea Pig training

The children in year six have been in intensive training learning how to care for the guinea pigs Snickers and Jellybean They have been learning how to pick up, put down and pass them to each other safely.

The children take responsibility for the guinea pigs during their time in year six. They need to make sure they have food and water, that the cage is kept clean and that the pigs have plenty of cuddles! The children have the opportunity to take Snickers and Jellybean home at the weekends.

At their last check up with the vet, he said they were healthy, well looked after boys!



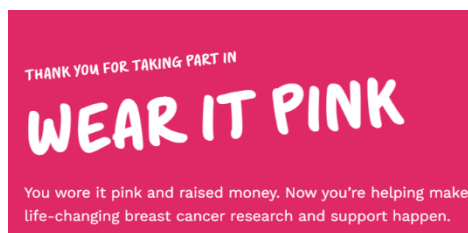
Wear it pink Day

A huge thankyou to all of you who donated towards our 'Wear it Pink' day in support of Breast Cancer research.

The school council did a great job writing and delivering an assembly for the school to explain why they had chosen to hold a 'Wear it Pink' day and then running the cake sale after school. The year six school council members also used our new kitchen to bake cupcakes for the cake sale.



An amazing £294.76 was raised on the day!!



Other News:



PQSM Primary Science Quality Mark

We are incredibly proud to report that we have achieved our Gilt Primary Science Quality Mark. We are one of only 320 school in the UK to have been awarded this level. A huge thank you to Mrs Andrews for putting together an incredibly extensive portfolio and evidence files which took a lot of time and effort.

Here are some of the feedback comments

'The importance of quality teaching and learning at Huntley is at the forefront of the subject leadership and can be seen throughout the submission. All Aspects of Leadership are being utilised to ensure that the teaching and learning across the school is strong, and that it enables all children to see themselves as scientists.'

'All staff at Huntley should be incredibly proud of their achievements not just across the PSQM process, but over the past few years. Children are thriving across the school, from embedded CLIVE challenges, to all children taking part in science assemblies. Staff know their children, and tailor lessons to ensure all children learn and feel successful. Careful planning takes place to ensure that children learn science content and skills at the right time in their journey, whilst instilling confidence in the children to ask questions and the tools to answer them. '

'Moving forwards, it will be important to share your successes wider than your community, consider writing for ASE Primary Science about your CLIVE challenges or community engagement'

'PTFA Power Hour'



A massive thank you to all of you who helped out at the 'Power Hour' after the Harvest festival. The playground looked so much tidier afterwards. It was all hands on deck! Weeding, collecting leaves, clearing the beds and sweeping up.

The PFTA are hoping to make the 'Power Hour' a regular event to help maintain our school grounds and we are very appreciative of any help.



Thank you – leaf clearing!

It is an endless job at this time of year with the leaves dropping. The playground would be unusable if it was not for the volunteers who give up their time to clear the leaves.

Mr Bevan and Mr Milsome have spent many an hour at the weekends/ after school clearing the leaves and we are very grateful for this!