



HEMPNALL NEWSLETTER

SUNFLOWER FEDERATION



This week we have been delighted to have some lovely weather and Kestrels and Falcons have really had fun outside using some of the new equipment that has been bought by the Friends. They have also started their junk modelling ready for the exhibition in the final week of term. Year 3 and 4 had a lovely day at Norwich Cathedral with Brooke, and I have enjoyed reading the letters that the year 3s have been writing to the staff at the cathedral. We have started to learn a new song from Snoopy the Musical, so you may start to hear the children singing or humming at home! I would really appreciate some volunteers one night after work, armed with wheelbarrows to move the soil to the new EYFS area if possible, if you are interested please get in touch with the office.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday!

Mrs Lewis - Head of School

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SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK

This week in PE, KS1 have continued their unit of athletics. Our focus in lessons this week has been to learn how to compete in long-distance races. A special mention goes to Jesse in Falcon class for demonstrating determination and perseverance when facing difficult challenges when running long distances.

KS2 have also continued their unit of athletics. This week we have been focusing on improving pacing and stride techniques when competing in long-distance races. A special mention goes to Sophie in Buzzards class for implementing their knowledge of pacing techniques and showing self-belief and resilience when completing their races!

In other news, on Thursday some Year 1-2 pupils from Brooke and Hempnall attended a cricket festival at Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club. The pupils had a brilliant time in some glorious weather, learning all about the main three skills used in cricket (batting, bowling, fielding) and hopefully sparking a real interest in the sport!

Still enough time to sort out a team and enter into our Quiz and Chip night. Historically has always been a great event.



SCHOOL MESSAGE

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No school on Monday-
May Bank Holiday 6th
May 2024

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CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Kestrels

Chloe - for self improving her phonics and trying her best consistently

Thomas - for showing resilience with his morning routine

Poppy - for self-improving her writing and trying her best each lesson

Harry C - for co-operating well with others and communicating his feelings, sharing resources and working well in groups

Falcons

Mia - For being an amazing effective participator in our whole class reading. She is always keen to have a go and be better than last time. Super Mia!

Layla - For being independent when planning and writing her diary recount. She used her resources as a thinking aid and concentrated on writing amazing sentences. Well done Layla!

Marsh Harrier

Hector - for fantastic maths work and attitude towards learning. Participating in lessons and giving his ideas.

Maya for improved presentation and participation. Helping others both in class and outside

Buzzards

Lara, Olivia, Aurora and Molly. - for the determination and resilience they have shown in their Maths work recently. This has then reflected in the fantastic progress they are making.

Jess - has demonstrated a wonderful determination, focus and positive attitude in all her work since returning after Easter, with beautiful presentation throughout. Well done!

Red Kites

Paige - amazing maths all week and fastest times table champion in the class!

Arthur - also amazing maths this week. Super neat and accurate with all of his symmetry, reflection and translation work

Marnie - amazing WWII poster! Marnie always shows great imagination in all her work but this really was thinking outside the box!

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CRICKET FESTIVAL



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BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK

Happy 10th Birthday to Ada Yr
5 (1st May)

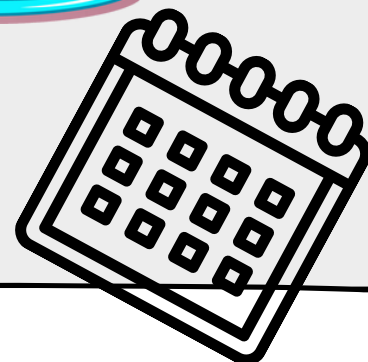
Happy 5th Birthday to Finley
YR (3rd May)



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UP COMING EVENTS

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06/05/24 Bank Holiday

W/C 13/05/24 SATS Week KS2

10/05/24 - Year 5-6 Football Fixture Hempnall vs Brooke 3:40-4:30pm
at Hempnall

17/05/24 Year 3-4 Football Fixture Hempnall vs Brooke 3:40-4:30pm at
Hempnall

20/05/24 Tri Golf Yrs 2-4

20/05/24 Yr 6 Trip to London

23/05/24 Class Photos

W/C 27/05/24 HALF TERM

06/06/24 Dyslexia Parent Cafe- Hempnall 9am

11/06/24 Buzzard & Red Kites- Flixton Aviation museum

14/06/24 Kestrel & Falcons to Framlingham Castle

08/07/24 Year 6 Crusial Crew

08/07/24 SPORTS DAY PM

12/07/24 Worries & Anxiety café- Hempnall 9am (for all parents)

Fine Motor Skills

Using Hands For Play & School

Bilateral coordination is the ability to use the two sides of the body together smoothly. When we use our two sides to perform different tasks, one side usually takes the lead and the other side has a supportive role.

For example, when writing we use the pen in one hand whilst stabilising the paper with the other hand, or holding a jar with one hand whilst undoing it with the other. Development of bilateral coordination helps to establish hand dominance and the use of each hand in a different role.

Activities to try at home:

- Building/construction games. For example screwing nuts and bolts, lego or duplo
- Jigsaw puzzles. Start with insert puzzles and progress to smaller pieces
- Threading. Use beads, pasta, buttons or straws cut to length. Start with a thick cord and progress to a thin string
- Musical instruments such as cymbals, drums and shaking instruments
- Messy play games such as water play, finger painting or playdough.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/occupational-therapy-for-parents-carers/learning-playing-exploring/skills-building/fine-motor-skills/>



MEET THE TEAM

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Who are you?

Mirjam Scholte, but also known as Maria

What is your role in the Sunflower
Federation?

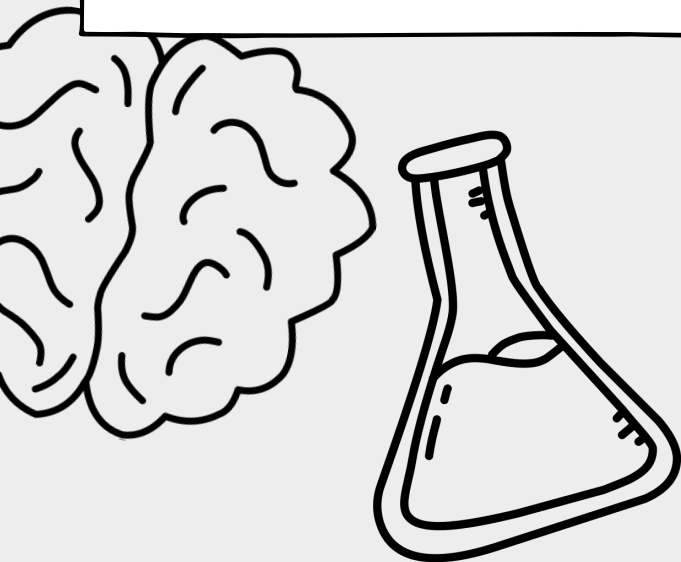
Teaching Assistant at Brooke Primary
School

How long have you worked in one of our
schools?

3 Weeks



Maria Scholte



What is the thing you most enjoy
about your job?

I enjoy seeing the children learn
something they didn't know before
and the joy it gives them.

What do you enjoy doing when not at
work?

I love reading, going to the cinema and
visiting the seaside.

What is your favourite flower?

My favourite flower is the rose.

Have you got a joke to tell us?

What do you call a gorilla with no ears?

Anything you like, he cant hear you!!



PUPIL VOICE

10.

We have started 4 projects, that the children have been able to pick from no matter what house they are in. Our 4 projects are a Mini Science Fair, Mini Olympics, Art contest and Fashion show. We will ask parents to buy tickets for the event they want to come to to see their child. These will be about 1 pound each, these events will take place at the end of this half term or at the beginning of next half term. Look out for dates! We are fundraising for a large built in sandpit with a lid that will go on the front field, it costs £580.

From Abigail, Captain of Kenny.



**Start
for Life**

**Make a difference for
families in Norfolk**

When

**4-week training course
starting Wednesday
5th of June 10:00-14:00**

Where

**St Elizabeth's Church
Hall, Cadge Road,
Norwich, NR5 8DG**

**We are looking for
compassionate, non-
judgmental and caring
individuals to join our
community of over 100
volunteers to share their
parenting experiences and
knowledge with families in
Norfolk.**

Volunteering with Home-Start Norfolk is a fulfilling experience. Make a significant impact on young children and their parents in your community. By generously dedicating a few hours of your precious time each week, you can make a lasting impact on the lives of children

The benefits of volunteering can last a lifetime—not only for the families you are helping but for yourself as well.

To find out more about volunteering visit

**www.homestartnorfolk.org/volunteer or call 01603
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**TOPCROFT
TOUCANS**



Topcroft CC Junior Training
 Under 11/13s - 6-7pm
 Under 15/17s - 7-8pm
**Monday evenings from
 22/4/24**
 Email - Topcroft.cc@outlook.com

IT'S CRICKET SEASON



COME AND PLAY!

**TOPCROFT CC JUNIORS ARE LOOKING FOR
 NEW PLAYERS - AGE GROUPS FROM
 UNDER 11 TO UNDER 17**

**INTERESTED? CONTACT US AT
TOPCROFTCC@OUTLOOK.COM**

EVERYONE WELCOME



FAMILY PRAISE

4-4.45pm

Sunday 5th May

Hempnall Church

Community service

Songs Story Games



All warmly welcome!