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Achieving Excellence Together

24th January 2025

Dear Parents,

This week, we have been revisiting the school value, 'resilient' and discussing how we can adopt a resilient attitude and approach to our learning. During Mr Roxburgh and Mrs Sparrow's assembly, children discussed how they could overcome difficult situations by showing resilience.

On Monday, Annesha, Theo, Emerli and Elise from year 6, led a whole-school assembly talking about World Religion Day. They shared facts and key information about Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam and then created a quiz to see how much everyone could remember.



Readopoly Winners

This afternoon, we announced the Readopoly winners from the last half term. The winners were:

Macaw Luciana	Koala Theo	Penguin Adam J	Turtle Shay	Sunbear Finley	Honeybee Emma
Elephant Charlie	Giraffe Eli	Butterfly Leo L	Leopard Jessica	Tiger Zayn	Dolphin Grace

Well done to all of you who achieved your targets last half term!

Value of the Week

This week, the teachers have chosen the following pupils for showing a resilient attitude to their learning:

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Malgosia	Florin	Courtney	Marley	Vinnie	Youcef	Ehsaan
Sienna	Molly	Elijah	Lukas	Callum	Adam	Rae
Sunbear	Elephant	Giraffe	Leopard	Butterfly	Tiger	Dolphin
Yahshua	Jensen	Saira	Jenson	Isabelle	Thandeka	Amelia
Lily	Kerr	Alice	Miya	Tommy-Lee	Nevaeh	Nathaneal

Parents Evening

Parents Evening starts next week for Honeybee class and in the week commencing 10th February for all the other classes. Please do remember to book a session with your child's teacher. If you are unable to book a session, contact the school office who will be able to help you.

Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Dolphin class with 100%

Macaw class with 98.8%

Koala class with 98.3%

The whole school average attendance this week is **94.9%**.

Mr Griffin

Principal

Celebration Assembly



Mental Health Support

Central Bedfordshire Mental Health Support Teams Mental health services and resources for Children and Young People (CYP) collated by the MHSTs across Central Bedfordshire.

[Parent / Carer Padlet](#)

[Children and Young People Padlet](#)



Dates for your Diary

Mon 27 th Jan Tues 28 th Jan	Parents Evening – Honey bee 3.30pm – 6pm	Yr 3	Bookings open Mon 13 th Jan 4.30pm
Mon 3 rd Feb	Choir to sing at Young Voices	Full	
Mon 10 th Feb Tues 11 th Feb	Parents Evening – Sunbear 3.30pm – 6pm	Yr 3	Bookings open Mon 20 th Jan 4.30pm
Tues 11 th Feb Wed 12 th Feb	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm		Bookings open Mon 20 th Jan 4.30pm
Fri 14 th Feb	SEND Coffee morning – Jo Dormer (SEND Advisor)	All	
Fri 14 th Feb	FOHA Valentines Cake Sale	All	Under the shelter on the playground
24 th Mar – 4 th Apr	Sustrans Wheel and Walk to School	All	Details to follow
Wed 2 nd April	LAMDA Exams	Full	
Fri 23 rd May	Whole Class Photo - Tempest	All	
Mon 9 th Jun – Fri 13 th Jun	Action4Youth - Caldecotte	Yr 6	All payments to be made via ParentMail

Diary dates can also be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

GIFT AMNESTY

To all parents, staff and friends!

Can you help us raise funds for school this year?

Please send any unwanted gifts you may have that we could use as prizes for future events. Things such as gift sets, bottles, smellies etc! Any donations can be brought to the school office. Thank you in advance!



Please note all items must be new, unopened and have a long date.

PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may be eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of certain welfare benefits. If you think you may be eligible, contact Central Beds by phoning **0300 300 8306**. More details can be found at <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Did you know

We will receive
extra funding for
every eligible pupil
who is registered!

If your child has a packed
lunch or if your child is in
EYFS or Key Stage 1
you can still apply

Benefits of Pupil Premium for your child:

- Free daily school meal. This can save you **over £200 per child per academic year**
- 50% off school trips/residentials
- 20% off school uniform Logo items
- Discount is available to the Cool Kids before and after school Club
- Free daily carton of milk
- Discount on LAMDA



**Hadrian
Academy**

Further details of Pupil Premium/FSM at
Hadrian Academy can be found on
our [school website](#)

Central Bedfordshire Council currently offers any child eligible for Free School Meals a supermarket voucher to help support during school holidays. [Click here](#) for more details.

Holiday activities and food (HAF)
programme Central Bedfordshire

For more details [click here](#)

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At Hadrian Academy, we recognise that all pupils regardless of their background should have equal access to a curriculum which will enable them to reach their full potential. The pupil premium is a Government initiative that targets extra money to pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that many of these pupils underachieve, compared to their peers.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

The qualifying benefits for free school meals are:

- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

The Government uses pupils entitled to Free School meals as an indicator for deprivation, this year Hadrian Academy will receive £1,480 per pupil, based on the number of pupils eligible for Free School meals.

At Hadrian we use the extra funding in a variety of ways to improve the quality of our children's education and to employ strategies that will support these pupils to increase their attainment, overcome any barriers to learning. This could include improving attendance, supporting emotional well-being, narrowing attainment gaps or providing enhancement opportunities to the curriculum, additional training for staff or employing additional staff to help us meet all of our children's needs.

Therefore, we ask that any PARENTS / GUARDIANS who think that they may be eligible, please apply by calling **0300 300 8306**. Further details can be found on their website

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