

Achieving Excellence Together

14th March 2025

Dear Parents,

We have had a very exciting week at Hadrian Academy celebrating British Science Week. Mrs Harwood, our Science Lead has written all about it:



This week marks the end of Science Week! Year 3 have been investigating the properties of three rock types, assessing the density, durability and permeability! Year 5 have visited the National Space Centre in Leicester. They had an amazing day and enjoyed the hands-on activities that are available there. At the very top of the museum there is an entire floor dedicated to the 1960/70s space race era! Definitely worth a visit as a family day out! <https://www.spacecentre.co.uk/>

Across Years 2, 3 and 4 we were joined today by Keiran from West End In Schools. We completed workshops about climate change, using dance, drama and games. Thank you Keiran! West End In Schools was funded by the Science and Arts departments in school.

Mrs Blackie, one of Hadrian's parents, is an insurance investigator and came in to talk with Years 5 & 6 with all of the equipment to make her job possible. We wanted to showcase our parents, careers in STEM environments and use of technology to assist in the workplace. Thank you so much for coming in!





Next week a selection of children will be joining Miss Smith and I on a special trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The zoo is passionate about biodiversity and supporting wildlife and have invited the school to plant trees in their new forest! Photos on Class Dojo soon!

What an amazing week! But Science does not end in March! Next half term, the children in Reception and Year 5 the will be learning about life cycles and will be joined by butterflies and ladybirds! The butterfly nets are ready and a new home has been ordered for the ladybirds to move into!

Year 1 will also be the next year group to work on our school wide science goals - Wild Challenges with RSPB. We are striving to include as many STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) opportunities as possible for all of our children - if you would know of an opportunity or would like to come in regarding a science themed event/assembly please contact Mrs Harwood: nichola.harwood@hadrianacademy.co.uk

Thank you and well done all!
Mrs Harwood

This week, **Year 5** continued their discovery of the wonders of space by visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester. After an exciting visit to the UK's largest planetarium to watch a solar system show, they climbed the rocket tower and explored what it would be like to be an astronaut launched into space. The galleries were crammed full of interactive activities, and Year 5 immersed themselves in exploring more about the universe, planets and the life of an astronaut.



FOHA

School Disco



Just a reminder that the School Disco is after school next Wednesday 19th March.

Year 1,2 and 3 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Years 4,5 and 6 5.45pm to 7pm

The Early Years disco will be taking place during school on Tuesday afternoon. Check your Class Dojo for details.

Due to the school disco the **Cool Kids Club** after school club will be held in year 5 Butterfly class. Parents collecting their child from the Cool Kids after school club will therefore need to follow the picket fence around the year 1 classrooms to the pathway that runs up the grass slope and leads to Butterfly class.

Thank you to all those parents who have registered with ASDA's 'Cashpots for Schools' and selected Hadrian Academy for your chosen rewards. So far you have collected **£169.82** towards playground improvements.

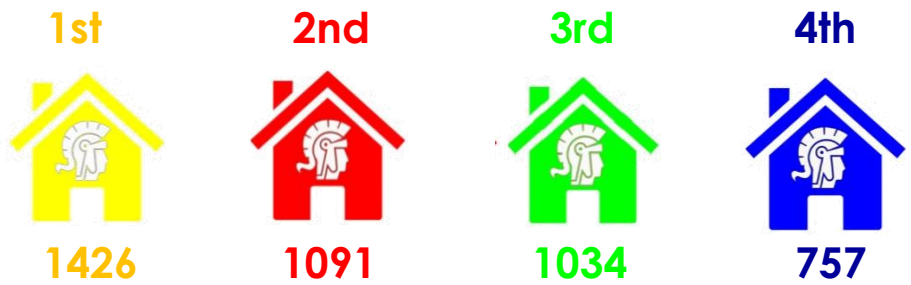


The **FOHA** are running an Eid colouring competition in which all children have the chance to take part. The colouring sheets will be handed out in class on Monday. Simply enjoy colouring it in and return your completed entry to your class teacher by Monday, 31st March. The winners will be announced in our final celebration assembly of the term on Friday, 4th April.

This week, the staff at Hadrian have chosen the following students for demonstrating kindness:

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Alicja	Halil	Elijah	Bailee	Adam	Viktoria	Francis
Sofia	Ezra	Jack	Luciana	Minahil	Oakley	Summer
Sunbear	Elephant	Giraffe	Leopard	Butterfly	Tiger	Dolphin
Tara	Darcey	Aaminah	Ivy	Isabelle	Aaru	Klay
Momore	Bianca	Christabel	Aamir	Maya	Leo	Amelia

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Sunbear class with 99.6%

Dolphin class with 98.4%

Tiger class with 98.2%

The whole school average attendance this week is **96.4%**.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Griffin
Principal

Safeguarding

Please contact Mr Griffin, Mrs Auker, Mr Roxburgh, Mrs Sparrow or Mrs Norris should you have any safeguarding concerns.

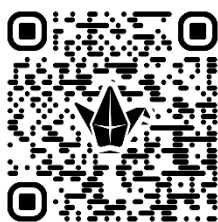
Click onto [this link](#) for further details on our school website.

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 17 th Mar	Stockwood Park - Class Linking Project D	Leopard	Details sent via ParentMail
Tues 18 th Mar	EYFS Disco	Year R	Details to follow via Class Dojo
Wed 19 th Mar	FOHA School Discos – Save the date details to follow shortly	Yr 1,2&3 Yr 4,5&6	4.30pm – 5.30pm 5.45pm – 7pm
24 th Mar – 4 th Apr	Sustrans Wheel and Walk to School	All	Details below
Thur 27 th Mar	FOHA – Wrapping Mother's Day Gifts Final payments 24 th March	All	Full details can be found on the attached flyer
Mon 31 st Mar	Final day for entries to the Eid Colouring Competition	All	Full details can be found on the attached flyer
Mon 31 st Mar – Wed 2 nd April	Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition	All	Bring Eggs and Bonnets into reception from Monday 31 st March
Wed 2 nd April	LAMDA Exams	Full	
Thurs 3 rd April	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Yr 3	Details and payment via ParentMail
Fri 4 th April	FOHA – Break the Rules Day	All	Details to follow
Fri 4 th April	Eid Colouring Competition Winners Easter Egg and Bonnet Winners		Announced in assembly
Easter Break 7th – 18th April 2025			
Mon 21 st April	Easter Monday – School Closed	All	
Fri 23 rd May	Whole Class Photo - Tempest	All	Fri 23 rd May
Mon 9 th Jun – Fri 13 th Jun	Action4Youth - Caldecotte	Yr 6	All payments to be made via ParentMail

Lost Property

IF IT MOVES, LABEL IT!

It helps if all property is **clearly named**! Anything that is named is returned directly to the children. Lost property is stored in the reception area. Children and parents are welcome to search for lost items at the beginning and the end of the day.

Children should be encouraged to look after their belongings and we will positively encourage this attitude in school.

At the end of each half term any items remaining are recycled or thrown away.



IT'S DISCO TIME!

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

Years 1-3 4:30pm-5:30pm £4.50	CASH ACCEPTED NO CHANGE GIVEN	Years 4-6 5:45pm-7:00pm £3.50
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PLEASE PUT THE CORRECT CHANGE IN A NAMED ENVELOPE, WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS.



Scan the QR code for
your child's year group.
Additional 30p transaction
applies if you pay by card.



**YEARS 1-3 INCLUDES MONIES TO A SNACK STALL.
NO MONEY IS REQUIRED ON THE NIGHT.**

**YEARS 4-6 BRING CASH FOR THE TUCK SHOP.
PLEASE ONLY SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
YOU'RE HAPPY FOR THEM TO SPEND AT THE TUCK-SHOP.**



Friends of Hadrian Academy

EID

Colouring competition

Class teachers will give out the colouring sheets.

Once your child has completed their colouring sheet, it needs to be handed back to your class teacher by **31st March 2025.**

Please add name and class name.

Any artwork given back after this date will **not** be entered in the competition.



FOHA MOTHERS DAY GIFT SHOP

A CHANCE FOR THE CHILDREN TO TREAT
SOMEONE SPECIAL IN THEIR LIFE. BE THAT
THEIR MUM, STEP MUM, NAN, OR OTHER
FEMALE RELEVANT / CARERS.

£4.00 Per Gift

Please send the money in an envelope with
your child's full name, class and who the gift
is for. Cash to be given to your class teacher.
Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on
this page and pay directly. Please use your
child's full name as a reference.

30P TRANSACTION
FEE APPLIES

If you require more
than one gift please add
payment as tip



PAYMENTS DUE BY MONDAY 24TH MARCH.
PAYMENTS AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Easter Egg & Bonnet Competition



All entries to be in school from Monday
31st March to Wednesday 2nd April

Winners will be announced on
Friday 4th April during our
Celebration Assembly



Happy Easter!

All prizes donated by the AHA



JSA Easter Holiday Camp Week 1



Open to All!

Children from any school are welcome to join the fun.



What's in Store?

Your kids will enjoy a variety of sports and activities designed to boost teamwork, communication, and confidence. For those who prefer non-sporting activities, we've got LEGO challenges, creative drawing and colouring competitions, talent shows and so much more!

You can book using the link below!



<https://junior-sporting-academy.classforkids.io/camp/2>



Got Questions?

Feel free to reach out—we're happy to help!



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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](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

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](#)

PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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 <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

