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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been celebrating **Pen/Pencil Power Week!** The children have been focusing on developing their handwriting skills and discovering how small improvements can make a big difference.

On Monday, the children wrote some sentences to show their usual handwriting. Mrs Slough then led an assembly where the children looked at and discussed examples of handwriting. They explored what makes handwriting easy to read, including keeping letters a consistent size and making sure they sit neatly on the line.

Throughout the week, the children have had opportunities to practise their handwriting during Writing lessons, ready for our handwriting competition. To celebrate their progress, the children rewrote the same sentences they had written on Monday, giving them the chance to show just how much they could improve!

We have a range of awards to celebrate the children's achievements, effort and perseverance:

🏅 **Handwriting Hero** – Outstanding handwriting overall

🌟 **Most Improved** – The biggest improvement from their usual handwriting

✨ **Presentation Perfectionist** – Excellent spacing, letter sizing and overall presentation

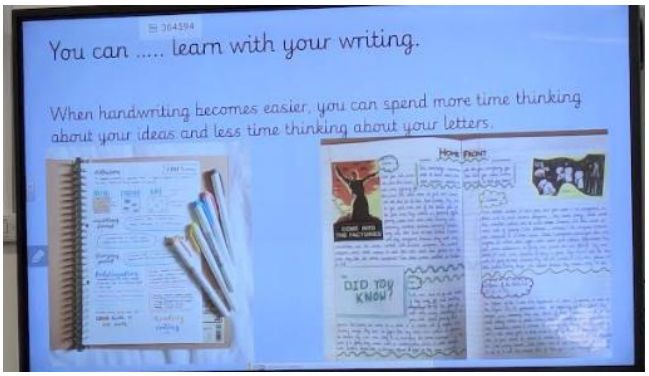
🖊️ **Letter Formation Champion** – Consistently accurate letter formation

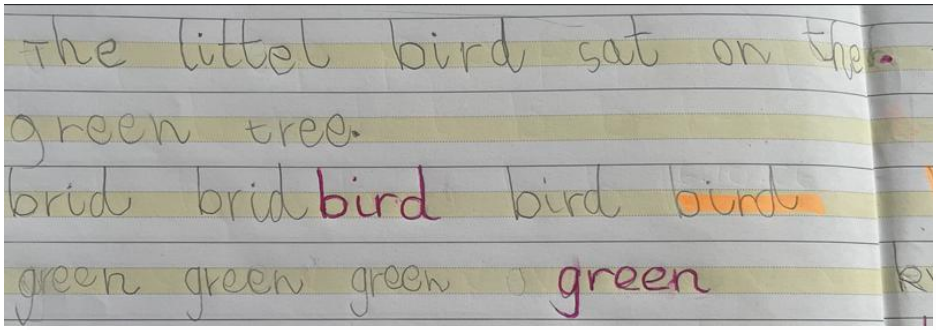
📏 **Line Leader** – Excellent control of letters sitting neatly on the line

💪 **Pen/Pencil Power Award** – Fantastic effort and perseverance

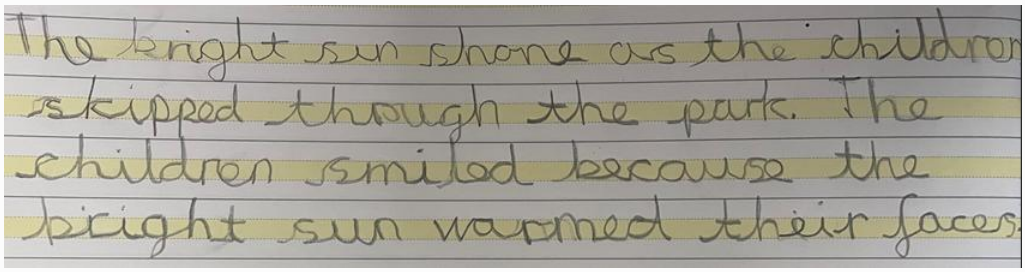
We are incredibly proud of the children for embracing the challenge and working hard to develop their handwriting. We hope they will continue to use their handwriting superpowers in all their writing, helping them to write clearly, confidently and fluently!

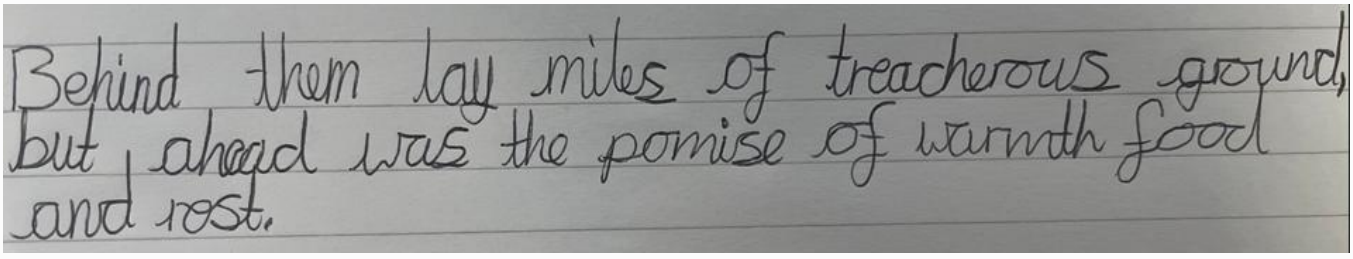

Writing is your superpower!

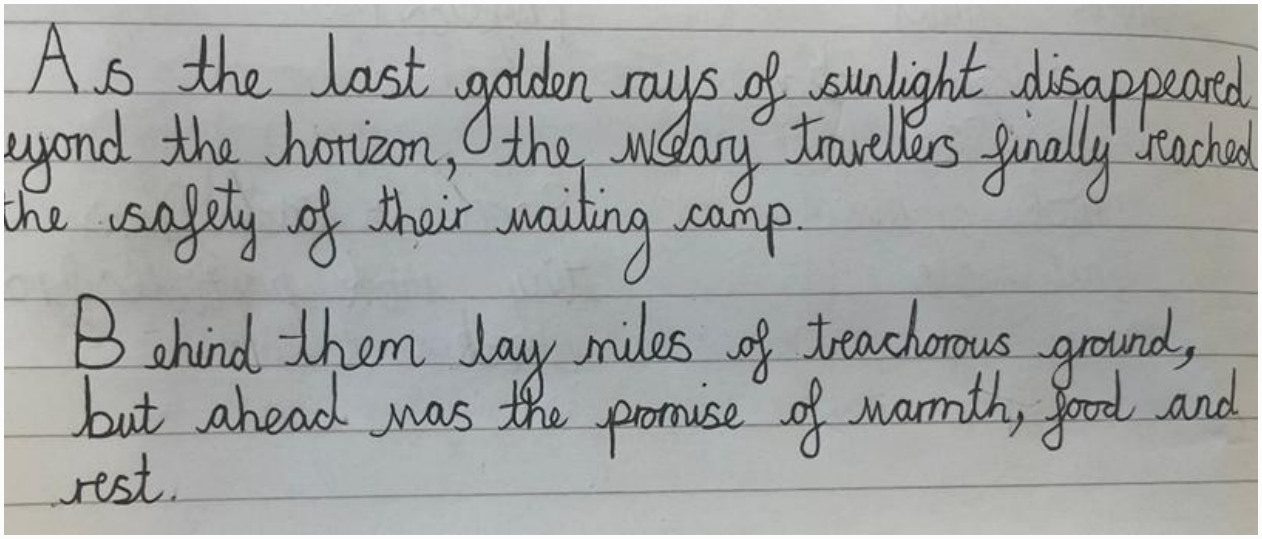

You can ..... learn with your writing.
When handwriting becomes easier, you can spend more time thinking about your ideas and less time thinking about your letters.
DID YOU KNOW?


The littel bird sat on the
green tree.
brid brid bird bird bird
green green green green


On Friday you are going to rewrite the sentences that you wrote this morning in your classes and there will be prizes for:
Handwriting Hero
Most Improved
Presentation Perfectionist
Letter Formation Champion
Line Leader
Pen/Pencil Power Award
HANDWRITING HERO


The bright sun shone as the children
skipped through the park. The
children smiled because the
bright sun warmed their faces.


Behind them lay miles of treacherous ground,
but ahead was the pomise of warmth food
and rest.


As the last golden rays of sunlight disappeared
eyond the horizon, the weary travellers finally reached
the safety of their waiting camp.
Behind them lay miles of treacherous ground,
but ahead was the promise of warmth, food and
rest.

Woodside Industrial

We were fortunate to be contacted by Tony at Planet Turf, Woodside Industrial estate and they have offered our school opportunities throughout the school year to increase biodiversity across the estate. They have thousands of bulbs to plant to achieve their vision of creating a community garden. We will be taking children across this academic year to assist and our first group went on possibly the wettest day of the week! The downpour didn't stop us and was instantly forgotten by the time we walked to the garden which was decorated for Halloween with hidden treats throughout the planting space! Thanks you Tony and the team - we will be making regular trips for sure!











ABM Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who attended the ABM Coffee Morning. I hope you found the meeting informative and appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our school dinners.

School Council

Today, our School Council also had the opportunity to meet with ABM and ask questions about the school dinners. It was a great opportunity for the children to share their thoughts and find out more.

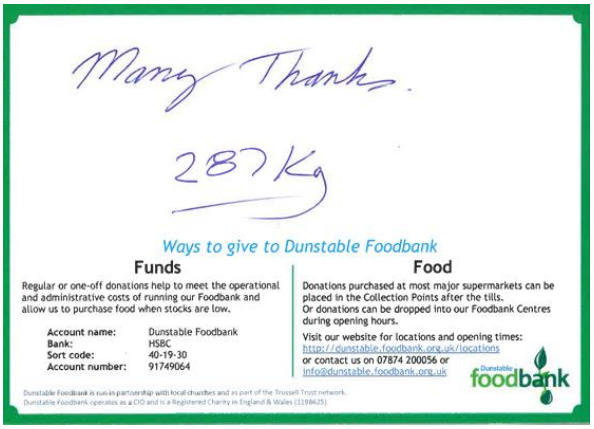
Harvest Donations

A massive thank you to everyone for the amazing harvest gifts sent on this week. Your generosity is much appreciated and your kindness will make a huge difference to the poorest in our local community.

We hope you enjoyed the year group videos of your children performing- they were all excellent and our visitor was blown away by the high standard she enjoyed.

Thank you again, enjoy the coming week with your beautiful families





A whopping **287 kg** was donated.

Star of the Week

This week, teachers have chosen the following children for demonstrating being **ready to learn and sitting quietly.**

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Ashworth	Miriam	Alexa	Miruna	Haniya	Miki	Moise

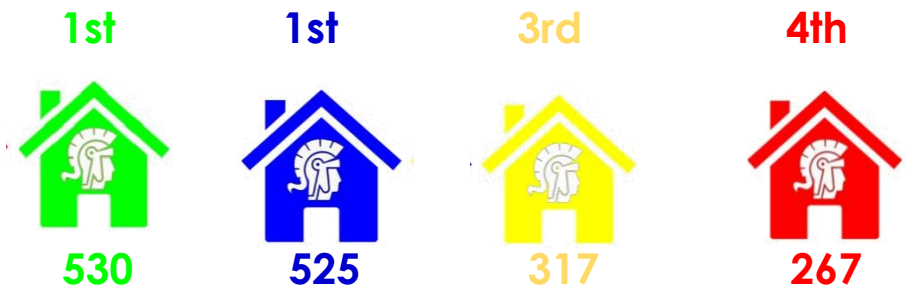
Sunbear	Elephant	Giraffe	Leopard	Butterfly	Tiger	Dolphin	Principal
Filip	Olly	Dolly	Alfie	Zia	Aaminah	Laura	Drew Dolphin

House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick	45
St. Andrew	40
St. David	21
St. George	12

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Rhino class with 99.7%

Penguin class with 97.9%

Elephant class with 97.7%

The whole school average attendance this week is **94.3%**

Have a great half-term. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Griffin

Star of the Week KS1



Star of the Week KS1



Dates for your Diary			
Half term 26th – 30th October			
Sat 31st October	**FINAL** day for applications for children transferring to secondary school	**Yr 6**	
Mon 2nd Nov	First day of the new term Children return to school	All	
Mon 2nd Nov	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Yr 3	Details and payment sent via ParentMail
Thur 12th Nov	Early Year Open Morning For children starting school in 2027		Applies to children born between 1/9/2022 and 31/8/2023
Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day Anti-Bullying Week	All	Detaills to follow
Fri 27th Nov	FOHA - Mufti Day for the Whole School	All	
Fri 27th Nov	FOHA Winter Disco Yr R, 1&2 3.15pm – 4.15pm Yr 3,4,5&6 4.30pm – 5.45pm	All	Full details attached and forwarded via ParenMail
Tues 1st Dec	Shuttleworth Museum	Yr 6	Details and payments sent via ParentMail
Wed 2nd Dec	Portraits of the Past – Greek day	Yr 5	Details and payments sent via ParentMail
Fri 4th Dec	FOHA Christmas Cake Sale	All	Detials to follow
Mon 14th Dec	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at The gove Theatre	Yr1-6	Details and payments sent via ParentMail
Fri 18th Dec	School closes at 1.30pm	All	
Christmas Break 21st Dec – 1st January			
Mon 4th Jan	Teacher Training day School Closed	All	

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.

Safeguarding

We want all children and families at Hadrian Academy to have happy, safe lives. The following are useful links about where to seek help and support if you are worried about your own, or another child/young person's safety:

Reporting a concern:

Escalating your concerns further:

NSPCC - Keeping children safe

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

CAMHS

WINTER Disco

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026

YEARS R, 1 & 2

3.15PM - 4.15PM

£4.50
Biscuits included

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

4.30PM - 5.45PM

£4.00
Ticket only,
bring cash for tuck shop

Free drinks are available for the children during the disco

Click here

Click/ scan the QR code to purchase your child's ticket

transaction fee applies

Please only send your child in with the amount of money you're happy for them to spend in the tuck shop.







WINTER Disco Q&A

The whole school has a mufti day on the day of the disco - Friday 27th November.

Can I volunteer at a disco?
Yes! When booking your child's disco ticket, you'll find an option to sign up as a volunteer on PTA Events. If you can't find it, please email **Foha@hadrianacademy.co.uk** and let us know which disco you'd like to volunteer at. Thank you for your support!

When do tickets go on sale?
Tickets are on sale from Friday 23rd October until Wednesday 25th November.

First Disco

Do I need to collect my child for the 3:15 pm disco?
No. If your child is attending the first disco, there is no need to collect them beforehand. Their class teacher will take them directly to the disco.

Will my child be able to change before the disco?
No. They will already be in their own clothes.

Where do I collect my child from after the disco?
Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should be collected from their usual classroom, as normal.

Second Disco

Where do I drop off and collect my child?
Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be dropped off and collected via the main school entrance.

My child attends an after-school club. Do I need to collect them before the disco?
No. If your child attends an after-school club and is also attending the disco, they will be taken directly to the disco, so there is no need to collect them beforehand. However, you may wish to collect their belongings before the disco begins.

My child attends football club. What arrangements will be made for changing?
A member of staff will take your child to a classroom where they will be able to get changed before the disco.

Half term fun at Dunstable Library

An update from Central Bedfordshire Council Libraries



Events and Activities for Children

There's lots to do to keep the kids entertained at Dunstable Library this October half term. Just drop in for free crafts, available from 10am to 3pm (while stocks last) unless stipulated below:

Make a Haunted House Halloween card: Monday 26th October

Decorate a Creepy book using clay and papier mache

Monday 26th October and Wednesday 28th October 11.30am – 12.30pm
Booking essential Strictly age 8 years and over
This is a two-part event – must be able to book for both sessions

Decorate a Halloween Wreath: Tuesday 27th October

Gooey slime making: Tuesday 27th October 11.30 – 12.15pm
Drop in at any point to make some gooey slime

Spooky door hanger: Wednesday 28th October

Spooky velvet colouring: Thursday 29th October

Monster mask: Friday 30th October

Spooky cartoon afternoon: Friday 30th October 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Juice and biscuits provided

Plus **Witchy scavenger hunt** running from 24th Oct – 1st November