



# **EXCITING** *Announcement!*

In November 2023, we consulted with yourselves to change our education on offer at Hamilton Academy. The proposal was to change schooling on site from Nursery to Year 2 (age 3-7) to an all through primary school providing education from Nursery to Year 6 (age 3-11). This means that there would be provision on site at Hamilton Academy for children to stay within the same setting until they transition to high school.

As part of the bid to the DfE, we had to propose how this change would take shape. We requested that from September 2025 we incorporated a year 3 at Hamilton Academy, then each academic year the provision will grow by one year so by the time we get to September 2028, Hamilton Academy will be a complete primary school providing education on site from Nursery to Year 6.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that the Department for Education (DfE) accepted our proposal and we are able to begin to plan our exciting new venture. We couldn't be happier!

Our current year 1 cohort will be the first year group to benefit from this and be able to stay with us until their transition to high school.

Thank you for your overwhelming support as we went through this Significant Change process, your positive comments and desire to extend the provision were overwhelming and we are sure that when the DfE read your feedback from the questionnaire, they had no choice but to say YES!

*"Now, think of the happiest things. It's the same as having wings." –  
Peter Pan, Peter Pan.*

# Spring Term 2, 2024



HAPPY EASTER

What a busy half term we have had! Although it has been shorter than normal, we have certainly packed it full of learning, play, fun and most of all MAGIC!

We went 'Football Crazy' in our first week back after half term. Pottermus arrived with his friends from Stoke City Football Club and we smashed goal after goal into the back of his net. We all did so well. Thank you for supporting your children with their sponsors, we managed to raise £1,049.50, 50% of which comes straight back to school fund. This will be used to replace the LED disco lights in the hall to ensure our much loved disco events can continue to be enjoyed by all.

The whole Hamilton family looked absolutely fantastic in their World Book Day costumes. The children enjoyed the secret readers and sharing their favourite stories with their friends. The children were very active on the Comic Relief sports day. They enjoyed coming together for sporting activities to promote team work and show off their many sporting talents.

Other events this half term included; British Science week, Mother's Day celebrations, Easter Bonnet parades, and a lovely whole school outing to the local church, where year 1 presented a wonderful assembly. Well done year 1!

The half term finished with a spectacular performance at the Victoria Hall from our dancers. They blew the socks off the audience. I certainly think they had the biggest cheer of the night!

Finally, I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break with your families and friends. We look forward to welcoming you all back to Hamilton on Monday 8th April for a fun filled Summer Term.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Glaister

Academy Principal

*Principal's End of  
Term Message*

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On Wednesday, 21st February, the children were given the opportunity to take part in a sponsored penalty shoot-out with Stoke City Football Club. All the money raised will be split between Hamilton Academy and the Stoke City Community Trust to help improve the lives of our younger generation.



Nursery 'kicked off' the penalty shoot out in great style!



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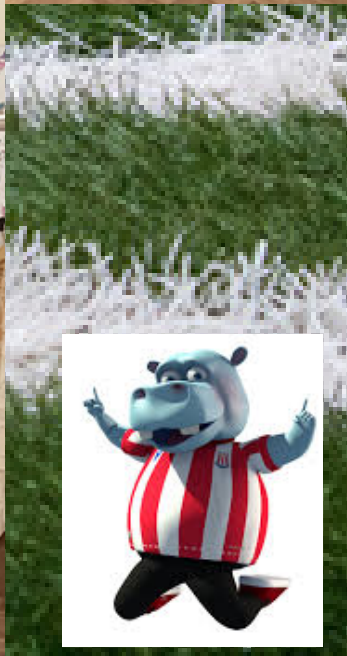
The Dalmatians Children had so much fun! Some top goal scoring from the children that day and high-fives all round!





The Dinosaurs had a fabulous time and were on top football form!  
Pottermus had to work very hard to keep the ball out of the net!







**The Incredibles had a super morning with Stoke City! Many goals were scored against Pottermus!**



# Fenton Manor Sporting Event

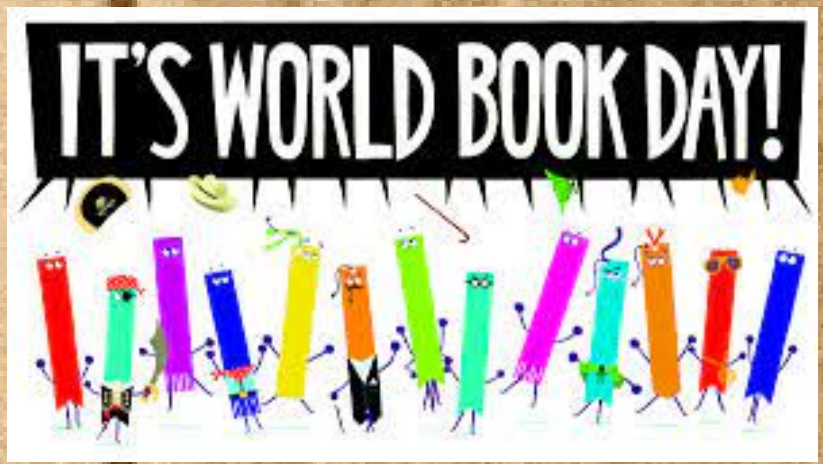


On Thursday, 22nd February, some of our children represented Hamilton Academy in a multi-skills event at Fenton Manor. They worked as a team to complete various sporting activities such as throwing bean bags into hoops, running races, throwing and catching and much more. The children loved the experience of working with other schools and making friends with other children through sport.





**Thursday 7th  
March**



On Thursday, 7th March, the children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character alongside their favourite book, for World Book Day. They had opportunities to share their stories with their peers, and completed many exciting World Book Day activities.



The children had a fantastic day! We loved seeing their costumes. They enjoyed sharing their favourite books from home too.





During science week, the children planted potatoes to help develop our forest school area . We talked about what we need to do to help the potatoes grow.

Linking in with the science week theme 'Time', the children discussed how long the potatoes take to grow and how they will change.

During our weekly forest school sessions, the children will be able to observe the potatoes growing and changing.

The children also talked about the seasons and the season of spring and looked for signs of new life and springtime appearing.



# Nursery News & Events

## TOPIC LAUNCH



We had a very special visit from the 'Farm on Wheels' to launch our half term topic 'what would you see on the farm?' The children were incredibly excited and well behaved! They got to see and stroke lots of animals including 'Skippity' the calf, some lambs, chickens, bunnies and even a rat! Following on from this, children learned names of farm animals and their young, where certain foods come, from such as milk and vegetables and what tractors are used for on the farm.



# Special Ladies Day

## Nursery Special Ladies Assembly

To celebrate Mother's Day and the special ladies in our lives, nursery held a 'special ladies tea party'. The children proudly sang 'happy mother's day to you' with huge smiles on their faces and enjoyed some tasty treats with their special lady. It was lovely to see so many special ladies to celebrate.





# Reception News & Events

## Dalmatian's Topic Launch

5,4,3,2,1...blast off! The Dalmatian children were launched into their new topic this term with lots of 'out of this world' activities, including a space station role-play area. The children had their own alien picnic tea and tasted gloopy jelly, just like the aliens in our focus story, 'Alien Tea on Planet Zum Zee'.



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Twinkle Little  
Star, How I  
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The children made their own telescopes to use in forest school and compared similarities and differences in the world around them. The children also learned some fun facts such as 'a star is a huge fiery ball' and asked questions such as 'why can't we see stars in the day time?'



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# Year 1 Topic Launch.

Dinosaurs children had a very exciting morning launching their new topic 'Why are iPads more fun than my grandparents' old toys?' They immersed themselves in the exploration of different toys - can your child remember which toys they saw? They discussed what similarities and differences they could see between the different items and whether they are from the past or present.

WHY ARE IPADS  
MORE FUN THAN  
MY  
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OLD TOYS?



## Why are iPads more fun than my grandparent's old toys?

What is a family tree?

A family tree is a type of chart or diagram representing generations of families and how they are linked.

How have toys changed?

The invention of talking toys, video consoles and tables brought technology to the forefront of the toy industry.

How has education changed?

Over time the law has changed. Current law ensures more children have the opportunity to go to school until they are 18.

How has shopping changed?

In the past many people visited shops. However, nowadays people have the option to also shop online.

What do you know about cars in the 1960s?

Nowadays most houses have electricity, compared to in the past when only rich people had electricity. This means more electrical appliances are used.



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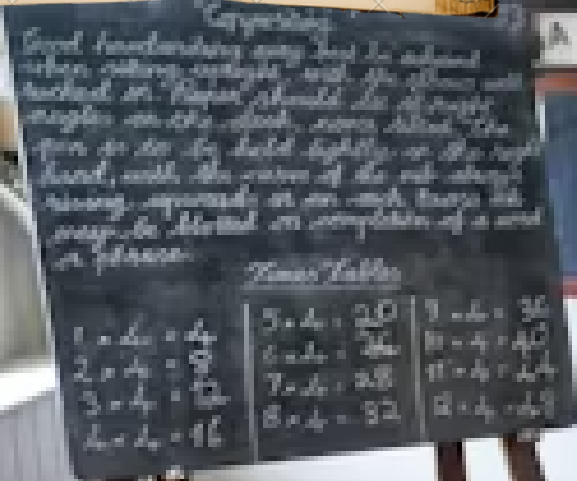




# Year 2 News & Events



## Year 2 History Launch.



The children had lots of fun experiencing a Victorian school day this half term. We focused on changes that have been made over time.

It's safe to say that the children prefer school life today, compared to Victorian school life!



*Friday 15th March*

On the 15th March 2024 each class took part in 30 minutes of continuous exercise through a circuit session for Sports Relief.



This was self-led through stations of different physical activities

The children attended school in red/sports clothes to raise money for Comic Relief.





*Friday 15th March*

All children gained an understanding of what Comic Relief is and why as a school it is really important for us to support this charity.



The children enjoyed the challenge as well as competing against their friends.

# Easter Events

In the last week of the Spring term, the Dalmatian class had a special surprise visit from a certain fluffy friend. He left us many yummy treats! The children were so egg-cited and thoroughly enjoyed the Easter egg hunt.



# Easter Service

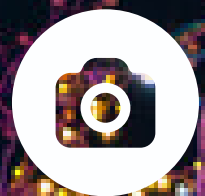
Year 1 led our Easter celebrations this year with a special assembly held at St Matthews Church. The children had wonderful clear voices when depicting the Easter story. It was wonderful to welcome our parents and carers into church.

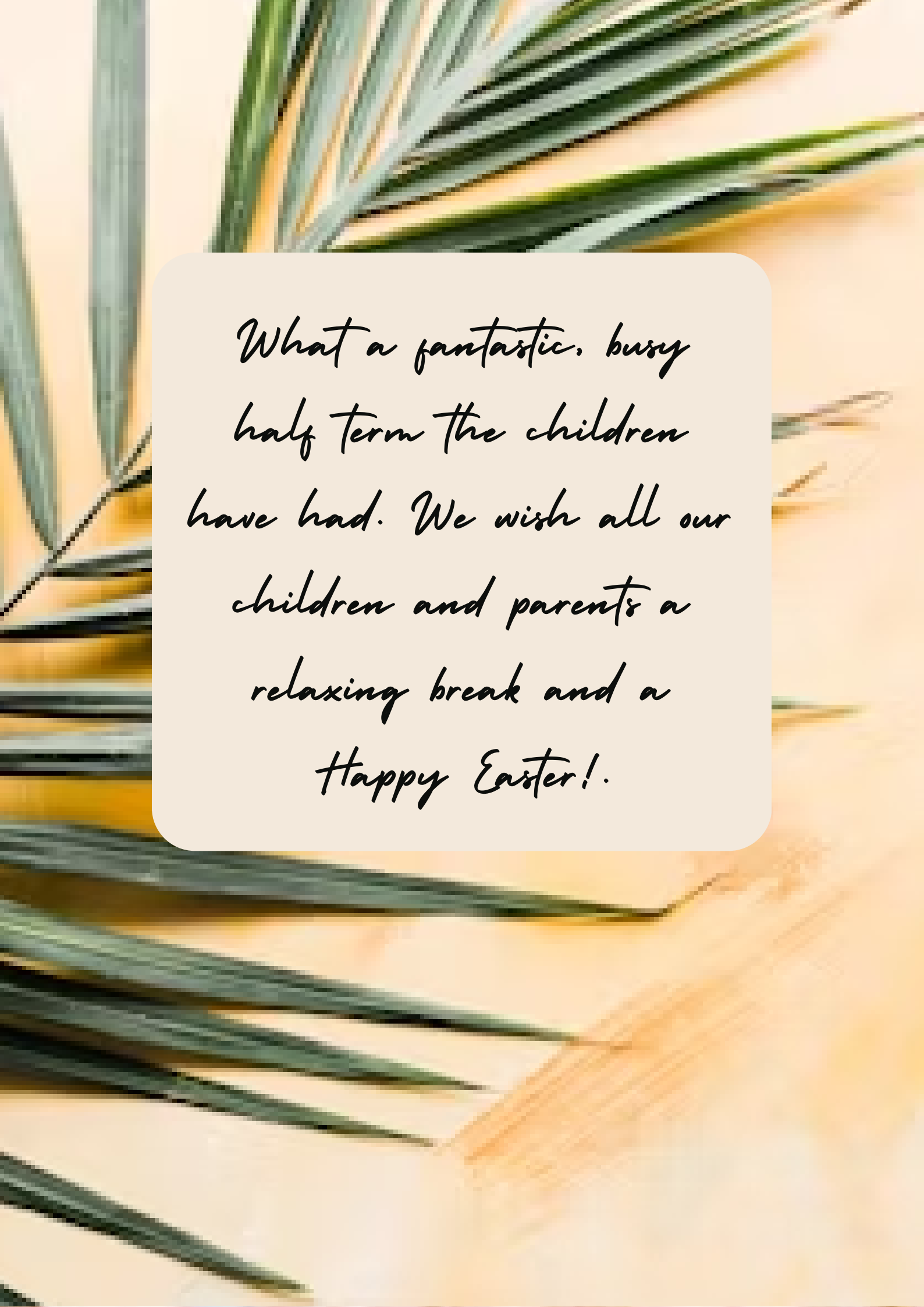




# DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

On Thursday 21st March, key stage one children took part in 'Dance Extravaganza' at the Victoria Hall. The children learned a dance routine in the style of 'street dance'. The theme this year was 'Lights, Camera, Action'. The children loved performing their dance on the stage in their costumes at the Victoria Hall. They made everyone at Hamilton and their families really proud!





What a fantastic, busy  
half term the children  
have had. We wish all our  
children and parents a  
relaxing break and a  
Happy Easter!