



### Value of the term: Growth

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done everyone, we have made it to the end of January and the lighter mornings and afternoons are warmly welcomed. Also very welcome is the new cladding which is rapidly growing up the school building. I have to say I am very much looking forward to the 'big reveal' which should be by the end of February.

As ever, Howe Dell has had a very productive fortnight. We have thought about who we need to help us 'grow' and have created our 'team growth' hand. We were joined by Lea Valley Karate Academy who led an assembly focussing on growing new skills and how participating in physical activities enables us to mentally grow.



To enable our planet to grow, the Waste Aware team led an assembly and a workshop with Year 4.



The visits continued as we welcomed students from Stanborough School. The students performed a range of musical genres followed by a question and answer session with Year 5. The staff were incredibly impressed by the questions and musical knowledge of our children.

Year 5 will be heading off to Stanborough School to experience learning in a Secondary environment later this Academic year.



Mr Sritharan from Onslow St Audrey's has been working with our PALs to enhance their play leadership skills. I know that our PALs are really benefiting from these sessions and have already begun to apply these skills during their lunchtime sessions.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the Year 3.2 class assembly. I'm sure you were very impressed with the coverage of learning since September and the progress they have made. I know that the class thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with you.

Year 6 parents joined us for 'Live Learning'. This too was well attended and I hope we have fine tuned your Maths skills and knowledge. One of our Parent Governors was in attendance and his feedback was incredibly positive.

Some of you may have noticed police vehicles in our car park. That is because Year 5 are participating in the 'mini police programme'. Joining us, to see the programme in action was Annie Brewster JP the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire.



The end of the month means that we hear from the 'Authors of the Month' in our Celebration Assembly.

Our authors have really excelled themselves and it was lovely to listen to children delivering their writing with passion and confidence.

Speaking of passion and confidence I am very excited to announce that 'Howe Dell's Got Talent' returns this year. The Arts and Culture leaders are really looking forward to being immersed in a plethora of talents. If you have a talent to share and you are in Year 3 to Year 6 then we look forward to seeing you at the auditions in February. A separate letter will be circulated with all the essential details. The final will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 from 6pm so please 'save the date'.

Next week is our 'Art Festival' where we shall be 'Celebrating belonging through Art'. Schools across the country who use the CUSP Art Curriculum will be coming together to develop their art techniques and share the outcomes. We shall be holding an 'open house' Art Gallery on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 2.45pm; I look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind Regards,

Tracy Prickett

#### YEAR 4 HEATMAPS

Year 4 have been working hard to turn their TTRS heatmaps green. This means they can answer all multiplication and division questions up to 12 x 12 in under 4 seconds! This is the result of lots of hard work and practise so it's an incredible achievement. Knowing these facts will not only help with the Multiplication Tables Check in June but also throughout their time in school and beyond. Children who have 'gone green' get a certificate in Celebration Assemblies to recognise their fantastic, hard work!

Well done to the following children who have 'gone green':

4.1: Tamuda, Marvelous, Olawale, Adam, Kayden, Jayden, Noah, Zain, Renee, Jake, Mukhil, Elena, Medhansh, Isaac, Ava, Evelyn

4.2: Micah, Tanvi, Freddie, Dominic, Raghava, Erina, Victor, Brodie, Amari, Tanaka, Megan, Kiristi, Dahlia, Kaylee

#### 5 STARS

Congratulations to our kitchen team for retaining their 5-star food hygiene rating in their recent visit from the environmental health office.



## GLUE STICKS

Teachers were extremely excited this week to receive delivery of some new glue sticks courtesy of the PSA, whose fundraising efforts meant that each student in school received a Pritt stick to use in the classroom. A big thank you to the PSA as these were greatly needed and appreciated.



## PSA NEWS

### Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

The PSA will be holding a Krispy Kreme 'end of half term' sale on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm. Original Ring Glazed Doughnuts will be on sale on the day for £1.00 each, both cash and card payments accepted.

You can also pre-order quantities of 6, 8 & 10 doughnuts or take advantage of our pre-order deal - a box of 12 for £11.00! at [www.pta-events.co.uk/howedellpsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/howedellpsa)


The deadline for pre-orders is 5pm, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### YES Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Back by popular demand, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February the PSA are holding a YES day! For a £1 donation per child, Howe Dell School are saying 'YES' to a whole list of things, including football kits, colourful hair, nail varnish and temporary tattoos.

Please bring in your £1 donations in cash the morning of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Members of the PSA will be available to collect your donations as you arrive at school.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES



04/02/2025	3.1 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
06/02/2025	Year 2 Maths Live Learning – Parents Invited	9.15am – 10.00am
07/02/2025	SEND Coffee Morning – Supporting Parents 'Open House' Art Gallery - Parents Invited to View Artwork in Classrooms	9.00am – 10.30am 2.45pm – 3.15pm
W/C 10/02/2025	Nursery Stay & Plays	11.00am – 11.30am 2.30pm – 3.00pm
10/02/2025	Year 1 & 2 Parent Coffee Morning	8.45am – 9.45am
11/02/2025	Internet Safety Day 5.2 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
13/02/2025	Year 1 Maths Live Learning – Parents Invited	9.15am – 10.00am
14/02/2025	PSA Yes Day PSA Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale	3.15pm
	<b>17/02/2025 – 21/02/2025 – Half Term</b>	
24/02/2025	<b>INSET day</b>	



# Signs of the Week



Foggy



Windy



## LINKS AND ATTACHMENTS

*(Can be found under Newsletter Attachments on our school website)*

<https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/newsletter-attachments/>



- Understanding Anxiety in Children - a Free 2 Week Course
- Hertfordshire Bee You – Understanding my Autism & Anxiety
- Hertfordshire Bee You - For Ages 5-10 Years
- Hertfordshire Bee You - For Ages 11-16 Years
- Camping at Church Farm
- Super Skills Free Taster Session for Girls

## **REMINDERS**



### **FEBRUARY PLAYScheme**

Bookings are open for our February half-term Playscheme which runs from Monday 17th to Friday 21st February from 8am-6pm. Booking forms can be found on our website or paper copies can be collected from the school office. <https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/playschemes/>

### **NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2025/26**

If your child is born between **01/09/2021** and **31/08/2022** they will be due to start Nursery in September 2025. The school Nursery offers 15 hours and 30 hours funded. Applications can be found on our website under <https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/admissions/> or paper copies are available from the school office. Applications close on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **EARLY YEARS READING**

Every Tuesday morning (8.40am – 8.55am) Reception and Nursery classes would love parents/carers to join them in a shared reading session. For afternoon Nursery the session is 12.20pm – 12.40pm.

### **BIKES & SCOOTERS**

For everyone's safety please ensure bikes and scooters are not being ridden on the school premises. Once on-site children should be dismounting and wheeling their bikes and scooters to the designated storage areas. Please ensure your child is wearing a helmet as this protects their heads should they fall off their bikes/scooters.

### **LUNCH ORDERS**

Please remember to order your child's lunch through school grid. If lunch has not been ordered, you will need to bring in a packed lunch which must not contain hot food.

### **UNIFORM AND CLOTHING**

Please ensure children's clothing and uniform is named. PE tops are available to order, please come to the school office to collect an order form. Orders will be completed on a weekly basis. All children should have a pair of plimsolls kept in school for indoor use. Earrings should be studs.

### **PARKING**

Please ensure you are being considerate when parking and are not stopping on double yellow lines or by the front barrier. Spaces in our car park are very limited. We have no capacity for parents to use the school car park at drop off or pick up times.

### MERITS

Well done to the following children for achieving their merit certificate this week:

River	2.2	Olawale	4.1
Advika	2.2	Rere	6.1
Ollie	3.2	Blake	6.1
Sia-Rose	3.2	Irenka	6.1
Adriel	3.2	Nicole	6.1
Hafsa	4.1	Zack	6.1



### AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Well done to the following children for being selected as Author of the month:

Nursery	Noor
R.1	April
R.2	Fabian
1.1	Eve
1.2	Razela
2.1	Freya
2.2	Kevin
3.1	Dityashri
3.2	Ella
4.1	Noah
4.2	Freddie
5.1	Maddison
5.2	Oscar
6.1	Ellie
6.2	Joseph



<b>ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>WINNERS</b> <b>Year 5.2</b>
Reception 1	94.4%
Reception 2	94.1%
Year 1 Class 1	94.7%
Year 1 Class 2	96.0%
Year 2 Class 1	96.8%
Year 2 Class 2	95.9%
Year 3 Class 1	95.7%
Year 3 Class 2	95.3%
Year 4 Class 1	96.3%
Year 4 Class 2	97.9%
Year 5 Class 1	96.3%
Year 5 Class 2	<b>98.0%</b>
Year 6 Class 1	95.0%
Year 6 Class 2	97.7%
<b>Weekly Attendance</b>	96.0%