

Message from the Co-Heads

We've had a delightful week with the children! In R.E., they've been immersed in learning about the captivating story behind Chinese New Year, engaging in group art activities to celebrate this vibrant festival. Additionally, our parent/carer coffee event was a lovely opportunity for connection and conversation. We're proud of the hard work and enthusiasm the children have shown. Thank you for your continued support in creating enriching experiences for our students!

Mrs Greenwald and Mrs Smith

School

Day

Mon-Thurs

8.30am—3pm

Friday

8.30am-2.30pm

The gate will close at
8.45am.

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Hedgewood School Newsletter

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This Week



It's been a fantastic week, and we're looking forward to another great one ahead! Next week, we have a line-up of engaging activities planned. On Safer Internet Day, we'll focus on teaching children how to navigate the online world safely. Additionally, get ready for our colourful Chinese New Year parade on Friday! Children will showcase their creativity through dragon artwork while dressed in their own clothes. It's sure to be a week filled with fun and meaningful learning experiences!

National Storytelling Week

We're thrilled to share that our recent Storytelling Week was a resounding success, with a plethora of reading activities happening throughout the school. Particularly exciting was Thursday's highlight, where our students had the privilege of enjoying an engaging live storytelling session with author Swapna Hadow online. The children were captivated and thoroughly enjoyed this enriching experience.



Children's Mental Health Week



We're delighted to announce the upcoming Children's Mental Health Week, filled with engaging events and activities aimed at supporting our students' well-being. Next week, we're focusing on empowering our children to practice using their voices and engage with reading materials, as reading has been proven to positively impact language development.

To promote this, we're hosting an exciting read-a-thon! Encouraging children to read as much as they can, whether it's to each other, independently, or during our early learning sessions where they'll be read to, is a fantastic way to foster a love for reading while nurturing their mental health. See below for a breakdown of the week:

Monday: Introduction to the theme **My Voice Matters**

Tuesday: **Safer Internet Day**

Wednesday: **Gruffalo Dance Workshop 1**

Thursday: **Gruffalo Dance Workshop 2**



Donations



We're excited to announce the launch of a new gaming club at our school, with a distinct focus on teaching online safety to our young learners. To make this initiative a success, we're seeking donations of Nintendo Switch games suitable for children aged 7 and below, in their original box and ideally with a multiplayer feature. If you have any physical copies of age-appropriate games that your family no longer needs, we would be immensely grateful for your contributions. Please consider donating these games to support our new gaming club and its mission. You can drop them off with Ayo or Jo at the gate during morning drop-offs or simply place them in your child's bag and inform their class teacher.

Class of the Week

Turtle Class!

For showcasing their resilience,
team-working skills and positivity!

Upcoming Dates

Children's Mental Health Week—5th to 9th February 2024
Chinese New Year—February 10th 2024 (Year of the Dragon)