HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 8 Summer Term, 16th June 2023

Dear Parents,

Sports Day went with a bang on Tuesday despite the extremely hot weather. Congratulations to Badgers – they have been out in the wilderness for the last 10 years, so perhaps it was serendipitous that this was their year – Mrs Wrightson is Head of Badgers and it is her 20th year in school so she was delighted, and it was also a bit of a coincidence that the last time they won was the year I arrived and they have won again the year I leave!

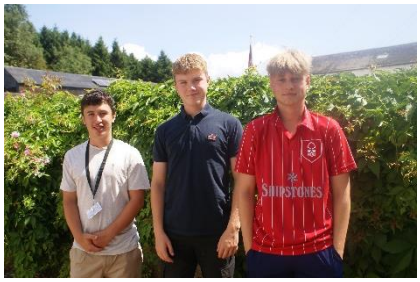
The camaraderie was clear to see by all the children and I can imagine for those of you who could attend, you must have been very proud of your children. Special mention must be made to our Victor and Victrix Ludorum winners – for the U9's Lucy W (Yr 4) and Henry H (Yr 3) and for the U11's Sam H and joint winners Iona R (Yr 6) and Anna F (Yr 5). It was also lovely to see baby Elsie attend her first outing to Hunter Hall along with mum Miss Graham. Hopefully you have seen our photos posted on social media but if not enjoy a few in this newsletter.

Next week it will be all about The Lion King – as I mentioned last week tickets are available for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances – please click on the link below: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/42923.

Miss Elliott has asked me to mention that children DO NOT need to bring in their bikes for Outdoor Education on Monday as there will be a dress rehearsal for the play on Monday afternoon.

This morning we said goodbye to our 3 young men who have been with us for work experience: Jack and Andrei (who are both Old Hunters), and Thomas whom we have made an honouree Hunter 😊

The children reamed off a whole load of things the boys had helped them with whilst they have been with us this week and have all very much enjoyed their company. Next week we have another Old Hunter – Paisley joining us too.



Sedbergh School representatives joined us this week to meet with parents who are now beginning to consider senior schools for their children. Ampleforth have also announced their next open day for September which you can find at the end of this newsletter.

Today our early years group are celebrating Father's Day with a 'Fathers in the Forest Afternoon!' For all fathers out there enjoy your special day on Sunday.

Please read the week ahead carefully – several after school activities are affected due to the performances as these will naturally involve a lot of staff. Don't forget your 'Important Summer Dates' missive too to help you plan your diaries.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy yet more of this beautiful sunshine.

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre-School News

What a very busy week in pre-school.

Our week began by practising our races for sport's day and talking about keeping within the white lines. We had a lovely chat about how even if we don't win, everyone will be super impressed with our running skills. When it came to the actual day itself the children were fabulous, and we was so proud of each and every one of them. They all tried their best during the races, cheered for their friends and had big smiles on their faces throughout the afternoon. Once we had completed our races, we headed back inside to cool down with an ice lolly and a dip in the paddling pool.

We were lucky to have a very special visitor on Tuesday - baby Elsie and Miss Graham came to visit us. We were so pleased to see them both and even had cuddles with baby Elsie.

The rest of the week, we had had great fun learning about dinosaurs. First of all, we talked about what a dinosaur is, where they lived and what they ate. We explored different types of dinosaurs, talking about their names- some of them were a little trickier than others! The children also learnt the words 'herbivore' and 'carnivore', discussing what they mean and then sorting the dinosaurs into their correct groups. We have also explored dinosaur eggs; helping to hatch baby dinosaurs by using special tools.

The children have also created their own fossils using salt dough. We are looking forward to painting them next week.

As well as all our dinosaur activities, we have created our very own ice cream shop, splashed in the paddling pool and started to prepare for the end of term - creating some very special items.

To end our week, we had our Father's Day forest fun session, thank you to everyone who came along to it and joined us to create some fabulous clay creatures. We then enjoyed a drink and snack inside before heading home with our Father's Day cards.

Well done pre-school!

Mrs Parker and Miss Lane

A small reminder - pre-school and reception are going on our trip to Keswick wildlife park next week, please see the portal for the letter which gives you more information.

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Dear Parent **Two Day Summer Holiday Course**
Ullswater & Eden Junior Tennis Club

Next to the sports hall at Ullswater community college

With the end of term now approaching the following two day summer coaching courses are being offered to members and non members.
The idea of a two day (six hour) course is to provide an enjoyable but intensive session that will give those who have been having coaching an opportunity to consolidate it and for those just starting a chance to accelerate more quickly.

The course will be divided into;

1) Novice/Low Intermediate – those who are just starting to play tennis. (age 9&under RED / ORANGE BALL)
2) Intermediate/Performance – those with some experience (School/club teams) (age 10&above GREEN / FULL BALL)

A.	Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th	July	Novices/Low Inter	2pm to 5pm
B.	Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd	August	Novices/Low Inter	2pm to 5pm
C.	Thursday 27th & Friday 28th	July	Inter/Performance	2pm to 5pm
D.	Thursday 24th & Friday 25th	August	Inter/Performance	2pm to 5pm

The cost of the six hour two day course is £30- (Reduction of £2 for club members) which covers coaching, supply of good quality balls and use of rackets if required.
If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the above course please complete the attached slip and return to me by Monday the 17th of July. Conformation of a place will be notified to you, as places will be limited.

Yours Sincerely - Rob Ivinson

Bacs Details
Acc number – 00277798
Sort code – 11-06-07
Reference – name / summer camp

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Summer Course

Name……Tele……Age….....
Address…….
I would like my son/daughter to take part in the above course and enclose the fee of £30 (£28 to club members)
Cheques to Rob Ivinson please, bacs details above
Course A. B. C. D (please Circle)
Signed……..Parent/Guardian Date…….

Here is a link to our website which provides you with more information about our Open Morning: [Open Mornings | Ampleforth College]