

The Hardwick Times

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Interviews

Mrs Stankowska

How long have you been working here? I have been working here for 8 years.

What is your favourite subject to teach? My favourite subject to teach is Maths.

What do you enjoy about working at Hardwick? I like the staff.

What is your favourite topic? My favourite topic is Banbury.

Do you have a pet ? I have a pet guinea pig.

What is your favourite food? My favourite food is tuna and sweetcorn pasta.

Do you have any siblings? I have two sisters and they're younger than me.

What do you like reading? I like reading crime books.

Do you have any hobbies? My hobby is making things and craft activities.

What is your favourite Disney film? My favourite Disney film is Beauty and the Beast.



Miss Brain

How long have you been working in the school? I have been working here for 2 years.

What is your favourite subject to teach? My favourite subject to teach is English.

What do you really enjoy about working at Hardwick? I like everything about the school.

What is your favourite topic? My favourite topic is Queen Victoria.

Do you have a pet? I have a rabbit and a fish.

What is your favourite food? My favourite food is a roast dinner.

Do you have any siblings? I have a brother and a sister.

What do you like reading? I like reading newspapers.

Do you have any hobbies? My hobby is spending time with my family.



Mrs Radburn

How long have you been working at Hardwick? I have been working here for 16 years.

What's your favourite subject to teach? My favourite subject to teach is ICT.

What do you enjoy about working at Hardwick? I enjoy working with the children at Hardwick.

What is your favourite topic? My favourite topic is Egyptians.

Do you have a pet? I have no pets.

What is your favourite food? My favourite food is a roast dinner.

Do you have any siblings? I have two sisters and a brother.

What do you like reading? I like reading mystery books but I enjoy any type of books really.

Do you have any hobbies? No, not really!



School Council

This year at School Council, we have been very busy thinking of and planning new ideas for the whole school. School council meet every Monday for fifteen minutes. School Council is run by Miss Wood.

Weekly playtime timetable

We have made a new timetable for lunchtime equipment so that we have a variety of sports on offer. School council decided which sports would be played on each day. On Monday, we play capture the flag. On Tuesday, we play football. On Wednesdays, we play rounders. On Thursday, we play cricket. On Friday, we play football. Because of School Council, there is now a balance of different sports at lunchtime and all the children are having lots of fun!

Lunchtime

In School Council, we have been talking about changing the dinner menu. We were thinking about adding

some different meals and changing the meals that are not as popular. We sent out a questionnaire to find out people's opinions. We asked pupils which desserts and meals they would like to be included. The menu has been adapted as a consequence and we are lucky to have a large variety of meal choices available.

Topics

School Council have sent out many questionnaires this year but one specifically related to year group topics. It included questions asking pupils' opinions of different topics. We included questions, such as: which topics do you dislike and which topics did you enjoy? In School Council, we collected all the results and discussed the findings. In summary, topics based on books seemed to be popular. In addition, History and Science-based topics seemed to be well-liked across all year groups.



News

Mathletics

We are now using Mathletics as part of our Mathematics curriculum. Mathletics is an online site where children can explore Maths in a wide variety of calculations from addition and subtraction to area and volume. In addition to this, it is very fun and teachers can assign work based on the pupil's learning. When you complete a task, you earn points, which get you certificates, and credits: credits can be used to purchase items in the shop for your avatar. Children can also compete against each other on Live Mathletics.

Mayday

Mayday was on Thursday 24th May. Parents were invited to join us for our annual festival of Maypole dancing. The event finished with the crowning of the May King and Queen, Leo and Olivia. This year, some of the residents from Green Pastures care home were in attendance. The annual maypole dancing was performed by Year 6 and accompanied by Year 4. After the May King and Queen were crowned, the rest of the school sung our Mayday song. Before Mayday, all classes completed an Art lesson linked to the Royal wedding. Year 5 made a collage

of the American flag, while Year 4 made a collage of the British flag. Years 1 and 2 made and decorated crowns. Year 3 made flowers from tissue paper.

Special lunches

Throughout these two terms, we have had many special lunches. On one occasion, because of the royal wedding, we enjoyed a special lunch to celebrate. It consisted of a roast dinner with a cookie for dessert. Also, on the same day, Year 1 were allowed to bring their parents/guardians to lunch. It started at 12:15pm and finished at 12:45pm.

Sports day

On Sports day, pupils took part in the Round Robin and after, participated in the competitive races. For lunch, pupils enjoyed a picnic lunch with their families. While pupils were competing, parents were able to spectate the races and cheer all pupils on. In the Round Robin activities, School council voted to remove the egg and spoon race and replace it with dribbling a football. Different classes participated in different novelty races. Sports races were organised in superstar teams so it was fair and the four teams could compete for the

trophy: they are all equal in numbers. After Sports day, parents were invited to the classrooms to do activities with the children. Each class had different activities to do. Year 1 did Art work, Year 2 did Maths, Year 3 did a collage linked to their topic, Year 4 did Art and Science activities linked to this term's learning, Year 5 drew with watercolours and Year 6 did orienteering.

Writer's afternoon tea

The children selected for Writer's afternoon tea were: Autumn, in FSU; Lily, in Year one; Maks, in Year 2; Harry, in Year 3; Grace, in Year 4; Ryan, in Year 5; and Hafsah, in Year 6. They made: egg and cress sandwiches, tuna and cucumber sandwiches, and a Victoria sponge cake. They spent the morning cooking with Mrs Hawkin. Ryan Taylor stated, " I really enjoyed it! The food was delicious!"

Reading raffle

The winners of the Reading raffle were:

Olivia and Jack	FSU
Jaylen and Mia	Year 1
Jace and Konnor	Year 2
Emilia and Owen	Year 3
Robert and Beckie	Year 4
Bartosz and Lily	Year 5
Borys and Olivia	Year 6

Clubs

This year, all pupils were offered a large variety of clubs. The clubs on offer were:

- martial arts
- rugby
- gymnastics
- sewing
- outdoor learning
- book club
- art
- cycling
- Change4Life
- Spanish
- football

All of these clubs were organised by Miss Wood. At the end of this term, Club assembly took place to celebrate all pupils, who participated in the different clubs, and choose one pupil from each club to receive the trophy; the trophies were awarded to the pupils who have worked the hardest, been enthusiastic and dedicated to the club. Luckily, all pupils received a certificate for their participation and commitment.

Trips

Earlier this term, Year 4 went on a Murder mystery Trail, which was successful because they found the murderer, and along the way, explored

Banbury. Year 6 went on a bowling trip, which they all enjoyed, because they had tried very hard to pass their SATs and were allowed to choose a special treat! Year 6 really enjoyed it and were all entertained. In addition, Year 1 travelled to the Sealife centre and found out lots of new facts about the animals who live there. They went in two groups and one of the groups was even lucky enough to have their lunch outside on the grass because the

weather was so lovely. They saw lots of new creatures, such as: sharks, turtles, octopuses, jellyfish and penguins. In addition, they watched a 4D cinema show. As well as all of this, they also experienced what it would be like if they were underwater by walking through an underwater tunnel, which gave them an amazing view of all of the animals.

Sport

Sports day

Sports day was on Friday 6th July 2018. There were lots of different games, activities and races, for example: the bean bag race, relay races (Years 5 and 6 pupils had to pass a baton), egg and spoon race, and the fancy dress race. Every year group participated and parents were invited to spectate the exciting event! In the morning, pupils did Round robins: it was lots of fun and we all had a good time. At the end of the sporting event, Miss Wood announced which superstar team had won the trophy: yellow, blue, red or green. Red team won the event! The PTA organised a Tombola on the playground, for which pupils had brought in prizes. There were several exciting prizes on offer including lots of toys. The PTA also offered ice creams and refreshments to keep everyone cool on a very hot day! Because of the heat, pupils were sat under gazebos to protect them from the sun; in addition, most pupils had brought in caps, sun cream and water to keep them safe in the sun.

Gymnastics finals

On 1st May 2018, Year 4 took part in a Gymnastics finals in Oxfordshire. They went on the minibus with Miss Wood and Mrs Wearing, their Class Governor. Emily, Sapphire, Lily-Mae, Sophie and Grace, all in Year 4, competed in the event. All pupils did really well and tried their very best. At Hardwick, we have been working hard to

improve our Gymnastics skills in all classes; many classes have performed Gymnastics in their class assemblies. Outside of school, some pupils participate in Gymnastics clubs and Hardwick has been very lucky to have Wade Gymnastics offering us after-school clubs this year.

Football Friday

Football Friday was on Friday 22nd June 2018. Miss Wood chose to do Football Friday because all pupils have really enjoyed celebrating the excitement of the World Cup. In the morning, we practised skills; however, in the afternoon, Years 2 and 3 played games whilst Years 4, 5 and 6 also competed in their own tournament. Everyone worked together in their country teams and had lots of fun. After the knockout rounds, some teams reached the quarter-finals and then, the semi-finals. Poland was the winning team because they worked well together as a team and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

Year 6 cricket

At the start of term 6, Year 6 went to a cricket tournament from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. They all had lots of fun and Miss Mills was proud of their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Year 6 competed against other local primary schools in Banbury. Hardwick pupils came third so well done Year 6!

Breakfast club

Here are some quick facts about Breakfast club:

Breakfast foods on the menu

pancakes

baked beans on toast

muffins with honey, syrup, jam or butter

a selection of fruit: melon, apples, raisins, grapes, bananas, strawberries and dates, which are like raisins but sweeter!

porridge

croissants

sausage sandwiches

toast

yoghurt

cereal (Cornflakes, Rice Krispies or Weetabix)

Games that we play

Duck duck goose

Stuck in the mud

hockey

dodgeball

volleyball

Shark attack

Capture the flag

kwik cricket

hula hooping

skipping

badminton

gymnastics

benchball

Activities using ICT

Just dance

Skip to the beat

Mr Pemble, a PE Teacher, comes to Breakfast club on Fridays to play games with us such as, volleyball and dodgeball. Before pupils start the game, Mr Pemble makes us roll on our stomachs and go onto our backs in order to warm up. He makes sure that we demonstrate good sportsmanship during the game and that everyone understands the rules of the game before the game begins. All year groups can play these games because the older children help the younger pupils. Breakfast club is great because pupils receive a delicious breakfast and are active, which means their brains are growing!

Andrea is our school cook so she cooks our hot



meals for breakfast too!

Year Group Topics

Year 6

In term 6, Year 6 have been learning about the Greatest Showman and they were writing character descriptions of the different characters in Literacy. They also wrote postcards in the role of different characters. In Maths, they have been learning about the bar model and worked through reasoning problems. Year 6 have been on a few trips, which were a cricket festival, bowling and a trip to spiceball park. Also, throughout the term, in Art, they have been making hand puppets. Furthermore, they designed vintage circus posters, which linked with their Greatest Showman topic.

Year 5

In Term 5, Year 5 have learned about World War Two, which has proven to be a very interesting topic for the class. In Literacy, they read Friend or foe by Michael Morpurgo; they used this text to write diaries, letters and newspaper reports. In Maths, Year 5 have been working on their problem solving and written methods. They have also enjoyed Music lessons, provided by Oxfordshire County Council, on the samba drums. On Friday 29th June,

Year 5 completed Young Leaders training in preparation for next year. In Art, Year 5 drew poppies using different mediums and sketched World War II battlefields. In PE, they did rounders and athletics.

Year 4

In Term 5, Year 4 were learning about water. Last term, they learned about Banbury. In Art, they painted pictures in the style of Claude Monet, who is a famous impressionist, and focused on perspective. Year 4 have been on a trip to Banbury Museum to learn more about Banbury: they even went on a canal boat! While exploring Banbury, they went on a murder mystery hunt and had lots of fun. In Literacy, they wrote a newspaper article linked to the murder. Somewhere between all of this excitement, they found some time for cooking and made Banbury cakes.

Year 3

In terms 5 and 6, Year 3 have learned about the Rainforest. Year 3 have been to the Living Rainforest near Newbury; they were so excited to go and saw all the animals and wildlife that they had been learning about. In

Art, Year 3 have constructed crocodiles with levers linked to the rainforest. Also linked with their topic, they have created and performed some rainforest-inspired music. In addition, due to the mass destruction of the rainforest, they have learnt all about the importance of recycling.

Year 2

Year 2 have been using number rods and doing lots of Maths investigations with the special equipment. They have also been learning about animals and food chains. In Art, they drew silhouettes of African animals. In addition, they wrote information pages about South Africa using the facts that they had learned. In Music, they learned how to play a musical instrument called the Xylophone.

Year 1

In terms 5 and 6, Year 1's topic was Under the sea. They wrote stories and created sentences about the Sea life

centre: they all really enjoyed their trip! In Art, they made collages inspired by the sea. Linked to their topic, they composed and played music that reminded them of the sea. They read Tiddler by Julia Donaldson in Literacy.

Foundation stage

This term, Foundation stage have been learning their number bonds to ten and twenty. In Literacy, they have been writing about St. George's day and discovered lots of new facts. In P.E, they practised their ball skills and they have been attending Forest school. In Art, they have been making camouflage paintings with animals in. They have also painted flowers. This term, FSU have been swimming at Spiceball Leisure Centre and some pupils have learned how to swim on their own. In Maths, they made shape pictures of 2D shapes. In addition, they learned about pirates and even made pirate ship models!

Jokes and Games

Q: What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?

A: Swimming trunks!

Q: Do fish go on vacation?

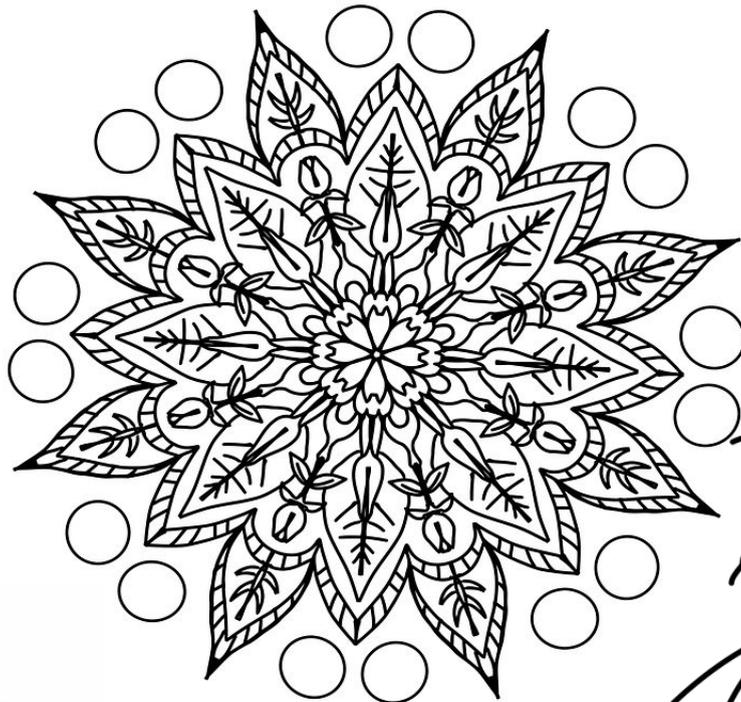
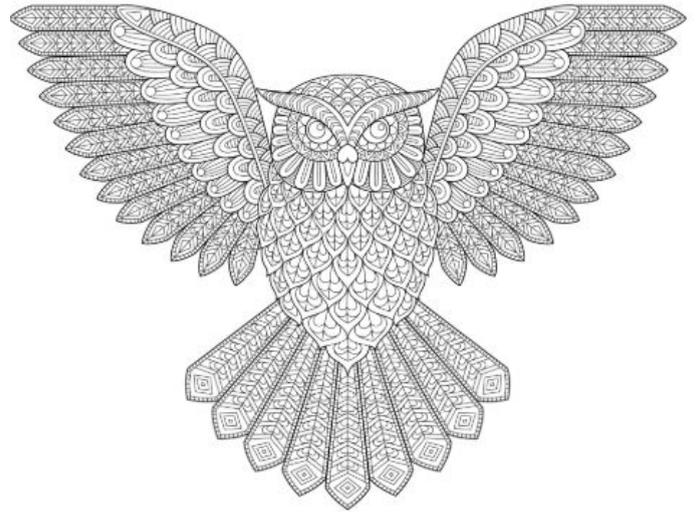
A: No because they're always in school!

Q: Why don't oysters share their pearls?

A: Because they're shellfish!

Q: Why did the dolphin cross the beach?

A: To get to the other tide!



Summer Search

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Holiday

Friends

Sunbathing

Outdoors

Picnic

Beach

Sandals

Summer

Fun

Sun

Relax

Warm