



Hopelands Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2011 (2)

Hello Everyone

After a short, but busy, half-term we are now ready to enjoy all the festivities (and mince pies).

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

May 2012 be a happy year for all of us.

Mrs Bradburn

Christmas Eve Service at St Cyr's Church Stonehouse, at 2pm. All will be welcome.

Well done to everyone who dressed in their pyjamas for Children in Need. EVERYONE (even Mrs McQuillan) wore their bedtime attire to school, scoffed some delicious cakes and generally made a fool of themselves (especially Mr Coles who sportingly wore a tiara for the day) we raised £154

"...It's the Guitar Man..."

James Marling will be offering guitar lessons on Thursday afternoons with effect from next term. Lessons can be arranged privately with James on 07866 893217. Demand is high but there are a few places left.

Please remember to have all school uniform labelled when you come back to school next term. It makes life an awful lot easier.

After-School Care

From next term onwards, After-School Care will run from 3.45pm until 5.30pm; not to 6pm as we had hoped to offer. The low take-up has meant that the extra half hour cannot be economically viable.

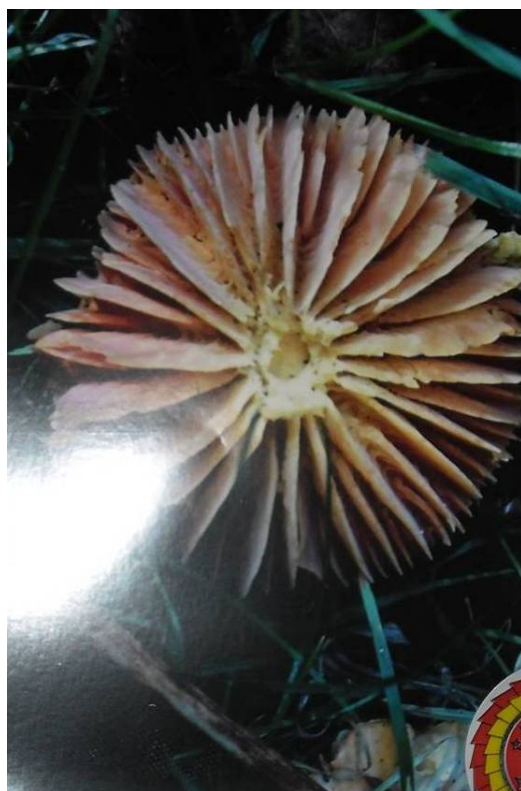
PHABULOUS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We had a fantastic response to our photographic competition this term. So many excellent submissions came in: we had a very difficult time judging the competition. The photos were all displayed on notice boards in the Sophie Hall.

Here are the winning entries from each age group:



Alyssa Pearce, Fox Cubs



Anna McDowell, IIB



George Barber, IVB

On Tuesday 29th November, 19 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Young Voices concert at the LG arena at the NEC in Birmingham. This is a concert that we, and 5000 other children, had been busy learning the songs for since half term. It was an amazing evening that the children will not forget for a long time, if ever!

YOUNG VOICES

The atmosphere was electric as they sang and danced with energy and enthusiasm both for the 3 hour rehearsal and for the evening concert in front of thousands of people, including many of our own parents. Guest singers and dancers performed on the stage to make it a truly magical evening. Both Mrs O'Dell and Mrs Preece, who came along to help, we're incredibly proud of them all.



Molly, Olivia and Cara



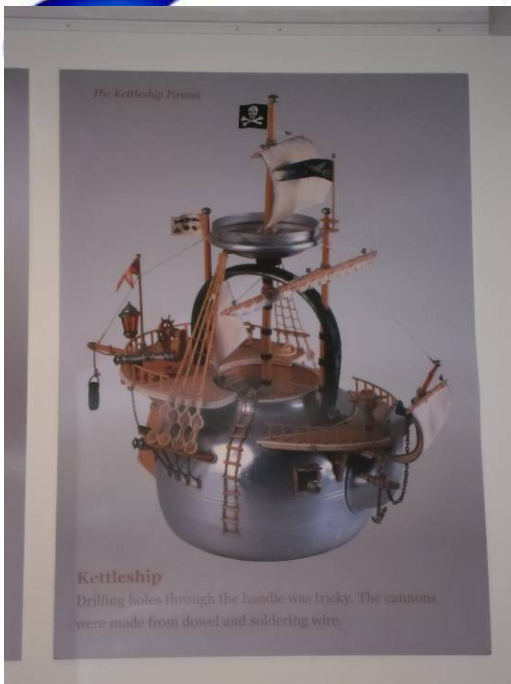
The team just before the event at the LG Arena in Birmingham



Art and Design Combine

Stroud's Museum in the Park played host for a special private viewing of Rodney Peppe's Automated Toys Exhibition this autumn.

After ooh-ing and aah-ing (and trying desperately not to touch the things we shouldn't) the children were entertained and amused by the obliging museum staff. We were then encouraged to make our own Peppé-inspired moving toys. The results were wonderfully funny and creative. A fab time all round...



George and Chloe enjoyed making their models

SPORTS NEWS

FANTASTIC FOOTBALL

The Football Tournament that took place on Wednesday 9th November provided us with an absolutely amazing and entertaining afternoon. And our day was capped by Daniel Silverstone being voted by the referees as having made the greatest save of the afternoon !!

Hopelands, despite being the team with the youngest average age – we only had 3 children from Year 6 as opposed to the other schools that all had 7 – showed great maturity. Their team-play exhibited an excellent understanding of both positioning and skill.

Five matches were played, after which Hopelands qualified for the semi-finals. This was an exceptional achievement for which we should all be very proud. The tournament concluded with a penalty shoot-out with one boy and one girl from each school taking part in the elimination competition. Lucy Holmes was our champion, winning the Girls Penalty Competition Trophy. George Barber came a brilliant second, missing out on the boy's trophy by only one shot.

Once again, Hopelands have proved themselves to be an outstanding school full of talented young players in every sport.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
January	4 th	School Starts
	17 th	Swimming starts – Years 5 and 6
	23 rd – 27 th	China Week
February	13 th – 17 th	Half-term
March	15 th	AGM
	26 th	Easter Holidays Start

Further information can be found at www.hopelands.org.uk/Calendar.html