

Hamdon Hoot

News from Norton



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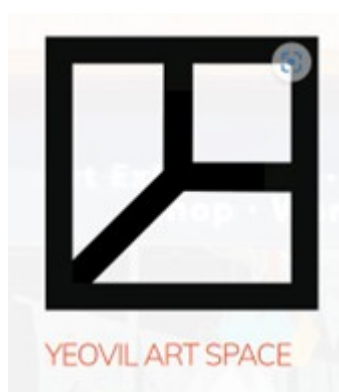
Welcome to the first edition of the Hamdon Hoot for this academic year. The articles are all written by the students of Norton School; they love to share what they have been doing in school.

Yeovil Art Space



Norton and West Chinnock went to Yeovil Art Space one Wednesday morning. We learned about different religions and their different art styles; it was great fun and educational. Together we decided that it was thrilling and inspirational. Lleyton said, "Art is very fun and can be interpreted in different ways."

By Minna, Lleyton and Elsie



This term we have been learning about the 5 British Values: democracy, rule of law, tolerance, respect and individual liberty. We use our hand to help us to remember them.

Democracy

Democracy is the first British Value; the thumb is used as a representation for democracy. It is a system of voting for the government where you can vote for prime ministers. Within school we vote for our committee representatives and can make suggestions in our class ideas box. Democracy is also a symbol of equality and thinking for yourself.

Rule of law

Rule of law is the second British value; it is your pointy finger. It means that you should follow the law. The rule of law is upheld by the police and the courts.

Tolerance

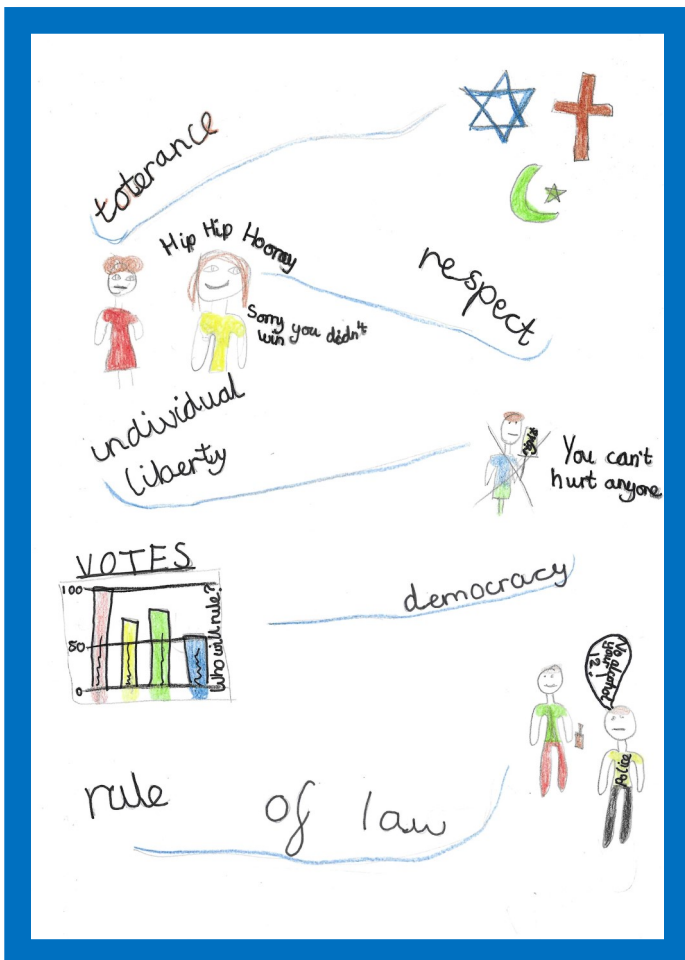
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Respect

Respect is your ring finger; it means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.

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Individual liberty

Individual liberty is your little finger; it is the right to believe, act and express yourself freely. Be your true self.

By Olivia, Minna, Jake
Picture by Ella

Personal Development and Responsibilities in School

Sports Captains

As Sports Captains, we have special jobs. We have four different houses: Gawlers- green, Pease- red, Balham -blue and Ham-yellow, which are named after local hills in Somerset.

We use houses for sports day, special events and PE. On PE days, we get equipment for certain classes, depending on our house. When we are split into groups for special events, we are normally grouped into houses. For sports day we will lead the teams (according to houses). Soon you will know what houses you are in!

Gawlers: Evie and Huw; Pease: Ella and River; Balham: Edward and Dexter; Ham: Jake and Harrison

Sports captains will lead our school VICTORIOUS!

By Ella, Evie, Dexter and River



Eco committee

In the eco-committee, we do monthly litter picks, talk about ways to make the school more eco-friendly and Mrs Hallet leads it. The children in the eco-committee are: Elina, Alfie, Archie, Innes, William, Scott, Riley, Minna, Tabitha and Xander, Mya and Miriam. We take out a food waste bin at break and we have recently got a wormery that we put all of our food waste in and the way it works is the worms turn the food waste into compost.

We are also making posters to say that we should turn off lights more often, they will go up on the lights. To save electricity, money and it will also help to fight climate change.

by Minna, Innes and William



Wellbeing Team

This is a new role in the school this year. The Wellbeing team is made up of pupils across the school: Amber, Ben, Charlie B, Olivia, Glennie, Jasper, Ella P and Beatrice.

Most importantly, we are role models to demonstrate how to play and interact with each other. We make sure that everyone has a friend to play with and should anyone get hurt, we will ensure that they are looked after and get an adult to help. We take pride in what we do as a team and find ways to improve wellbeing across the school.

By Amber and Charlie

Picture by Olivia



Forest School in Class 2 by Miriam, Beatrice and Poppy

On a Thursday afternoon, Class 2 went out with Mrs Hallett to do Forest School. Every session we had to find the teddies, we were not very good at finding them when they were hiding in the hedge! We drilled holes in conkers and Mrs Kenward showed us how to play safely—he was really good. We learned the story of the Root Children, we make people out of willow by using a saw and we dressed them with beautiful, autumn leaves as they were going to a Autumn Party.



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Our favourite session was when we made delicious smores and built dens. We built dens using big tarps, rope, pegs, special stretchy bands (like a big hair bobble). We had to be very careful when the fire was burning, so we sat nicely on our log stump seats, so we were at a safe distance from the fire. If we needed to move, we would walk around the circle. We all sang London's Burning together and got very sticky from eating the wonderful smores.



PSHE Yeovil Town - Year 3

Last half-term, Lewis and Louis from Yeovil Town Football Club came in to teach us PSHE. Our topic is resilience (not giving up) and we all wrote poems about not giving up. We timed ourselves to put a bib on, it was really tricky and a couple of people were really quick; Loki really enjoyed it. We wrote to another person in another country to ask what sports they took part in.

We have used what we learned to help us: Vinny was playing a game and lost, so he tried again instead of quitting. Loki was playing football and didn't give up when he was getting tackled. Brooklyn was horse riding, doing rise and trot, which she found difficult but she kept going.

By Vinny, Brooklyn & Loki





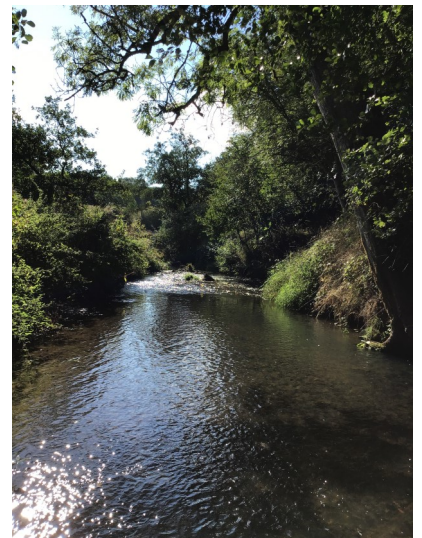
Class 3 Trip to Magdalen Farm

Class 3 visited Magdalen Farm, near Winsham, on the Wednesday 21st September 2022. We went to help our learning in Geography and Science, we were going to the River Axe. The first thing we did was have a safety talk with Rhian. She said to not run onto the road we came in because it is the only road in and out and in. She also said to not run away from the rest of the class or group and, if we do, stand still and shout for help. After a safety talk, we went to go and get some equipment for our work on the River Axe.

On the way down, we went to look at three dams made with trees and logs to find out how they work then we were split into four groups to do acting the river. When we were acting our groups had to be part of the river my group was acting the meander and Leo's group acted flooding. Next, we went and stood on the bank of the river and were told to wait there until Rhian said to go in. When we went in we could go and explore up to the old tree and three stumps. Then everyone was given a piece of paper that told us to go to a part of the river me and my partner went to the mouth, the annoying part was that we could not go to the real mouth because that was very far away. Then we were told to measure the river by width, depth and speed my team used a tape measure for width. For depth we used a measure stick and for speed we used a tape measure and a rubber duck.

After that, we when to go and have lunch and dry our wet stuff we were wearing.

By Jasper



Sports Round-up

Football Tournament

There was a football tournament in October and 15 teams were taking part; we came 5th in the whole thing.

Our first game was an easier one, then it got more difficult but we pushed through and drew. Our 3rd game we lost but we were quite close to winning but we gave away two penalties. The last game we had was a tough one but again we pushed even harder.

There was lots of different teams and they all played well.

by Huw and Riley



Hockey

At Norton, year six have been learning hockey for our PE lessons as well as playing a hockey tournament at Westfield School. We think that playing hockey is essential if we ever would like to become professionals at the game.

It is very important that every child gets the opportunity of learning and participating in this amazing game.

Therefore, we have introduced an after-school hockey club for years 3 to 6; we would like to thank Amber our hockey coach for amazing lessons.

by Ben and Edward



Cross Country

At Norton, we love cross-country! Years 2 to 6 do cross-country. All the schools around Yeovil area are invited to run; years 2 to 6 take part. Cross-country is after school on a Wednesday, only six times a year. It makes us feel tired, happy and healthy.

It is in different places in Yeovil like Bucklers Mead, Yeovil Rugby Club and Nine Springs. The girls year 2-3 girls came in first place. We had some fantastic performers doing the cross-country runners like, Ruby in year 4, Eddie in year 3, Amber in year 6 and Glennie in year 4. In the team results, the girls year 2-3 girls came in first place.

by Tabitha and Harrison



Respect

You must respect different people and their race, skin colour, religion or age. Respect, how you want other people to respect you.



Picture by Tabitha

Editors note:

I would like to thank all the pupils who have given their time to write articles and draw pictures for this edition of the Hamdon Hoot; they are all fabulous.

Look out for our next edition at Easter!

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