HCJS NEWSLETTER NO. 865











TIMES

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 26th Senior School Virtual Open Morning

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st Wear Your Wellies to School Day (see back page)

Governors Education Committee 4pm

Wednesday 7th Year 3 Parent Consultations 2-5pm

FROM THE HEAD

Assemblies this week have focused upon Harvest. Years 3-6 have explored the produce from my garden and have with luck, understood how one reaps whatever one sows in life as well as in one's garden (Galatians 6:7).

On Wednesday, with Reception to Year 6 and in our first live Zoom assembly(!), we learnt about the work of <u>Action Against Hunger</u>, for whom we are raising money next week.





YEAR 6 TRIP TO PGL

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day of activities at PGL Liddington, near Swindon, last weekend. An early start had us arriving in time to explore some of the centre before participating in a range of different activities. These included a giant swing (which was accompanied by much screaming!), a sensory trail through the woods which had to be completed blindfolded, a very energetic round of orienteering and finally an extremely competitive go at seeing who could stand on the highest tower of plastic crates. The weather was fantastic and Year 6 enjoyed a tasty picnic in the sun and

plenty of opportunity to have fun looking around the other activities on offer. As we were the only school on site social distancing was easy to maintain! A big thank you to the members of staff who kindly gave up their Saturday to accompany the children, and of course take part in the activities themselves!

Earlier this week, Mr Wright emailed parents of children who attended the PGL trip with a link to many more photos from the day. If you have any problems accessing the photos, please let Mr Wright know.





YEARS 1&2 ART

Year 1 have enjoyed their recent Art project on portraits. They have looked at the portraits of Da Vinci and Matisse and created their own.

Year 2 have been looking at the book 'Handa's Surprise' and have completed watercolour fruit and woven baskets.











CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are currently completing designs for charity Christmas cards in class and completed designs will be sent home shortly. Please can parents order any Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs and wrapping paper online, and ensure that their child brings their design back into school. **The deadline for orders and designs to be returned to school is 9th October.**



NURSERY

We have been exploring the story of Handa's Surprise in Nursery. We tasted the different fruit within the story before creating our own basket full of our favourite fruit. Strawberries and bananas seemed to be the most popular!





ISC CORONAVIRUS PARENT SURVEY 2020

Parents will have received an email on 22nd September, inviting you to participate in the Independent School Council (ISC) Coronavirus Parent Survey 2020. I would encourage as many families as possible please to complete the survey to help provide us with a clear picture of how our pupils and parents found the remote learning experience. The survey is related to the previous term (Summer Term 2020). Please do not complete this survey for a child who started at the school in this (Autumn) term.

Please be assured that all responses are treated in strictest confidence and ISC will only use your answers to perform aggregate analysis for our school and the sector as a whole. No one at HCJS will be able to see individual responses from parents.

The Junior School survey can be accessed here (the Senior School survey can be accessed via a separate link within the email):

https://dataportal.isc.co.uk/ParentSurvey/Welcome.aspx?SurveyID=586957

ISC School ID: 54041

PENCIL CRAYONS

As the children are unable to share stationery equipment, we would request that children please bring in coloured pencils to school. Thank you.

CHROME BOOKS

Please could any parents who have borrowed Chrome Book computers from the school return them to school as soon as possible. Chrome Books may be passed to a member of staff on the school gate. Thank you.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Years 3&4): 'You reap whatever you sow'. In Monday's Year 3&4 assembly, Mr Wright talked about Harvest. We talked about gardening, and about sowing seeds and enjoying the results. The children identified various items from Mr Wright's agricultural achievements, some of which were more admirable than others! We went on to discuss how one reap what one sows, and we linked this to our interactions in school.



Wednesday (Reception - Year 6): Mr Wright hosted a live assembly via Zoom. We focused upon the work of the charity Action Against Hunger and we watched a YouTube film.

Friday (Years 5&6): Assembly was delivered via Zoom. 'You reap whatever you sow'. Each form identified different vegetables from Mr Wright's garden and went on to generate this important quotation and to discuss the meaning behind it.



Lively.

Merits this week to...

Harry Crawford, Max Baillie, Beatrix Morgan-Jones, Richie Wang, Toby Whitaker, James Nolan, Ethan Aye-Maung, Solilia Peppercorn, Milly Morgan-Jones, Hannah Whitaker (x3), Sophie Lort-Phillips, Guy Coleman, Henry Hayes, Darcey Sherief, Sophie Austin, Juliette Wood, Archie Turtle, Freddie Inott, Toby Hartley, Alex Stevens, Aidan Priday, Gracie Holloway, Flora Rogers, Annie Walker and Scarlett Coleman.

Awarded in assembly...

Max Baillie: Certificate for Virtual Scout Camp.



WEAR YOUR



to School



Thursday 1st October

Please bring minimum donation of £2 on the day in aid of our Harvest charity:

