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FROM THE HEAD

It has been a challenging week for all of us on many fronts. I hope that you have found my various letters useful. Please be assured of our ongoing and genuine care for your children and for their continuing education and progress.

As we all get our heads around the practicalities of using Firefly, could I ask you please to make good use of the Parents Help and FAQ's page which we have created here: <https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/cwright-1/ask-a-question--faqs-for-parents-and-children>

You may find your question already answered on the page. If not, please ask and submit your question. We will then be able to find an answer and share this with others as seems appropriate. My hope is that this will prove useful to us all.

Meanwhile, in school, we are gearing ourselves up for a week of online learning next week. As I have said, we will be in touch with you for your feedback and we will look to develop our online provision further should the school remained close for part of next term. You may be interested to hear that the Head is getting to grips with podcasting his assemblies and teachers too are looking at all sorts of ways in which we can enhance the children's learning online.

As I wrote in my recent letter, I should like to thank all the Junior School staff, for the care, kindness and support that they continue to offer our children, and for the work that has already gone into planning for the future in these extraordinary circumstances. Of course, we will be in touch with you over the next few weeks as the situation develops.

I'm sure the children will really miss each other and we will miss them too. All of us at the Junior School wish you well during this uncertain time.

Chris Wright

NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL NURSE

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Isobel Warner will be joining us from the beginning of next term as our new School Nurse, working alongside Mrs Chave. Mrs Warner brings a broad nursing experience to us: she works currently as a Nurse at the Royal National College for the Blind, and has previously worked at St Michael's Hospice and at Hereford County Hospital. We are very much looking forward to her joining the team!

PRE-PREP INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES

Some of our instrumentalists in Year 2 entertained us on Tuesday with pieces that they have been practising on their instruments. We had lots of performances on the piano and violin, some from pupils who had only just started their instrument. Everyone played brilliantly and gave an excellent bow!



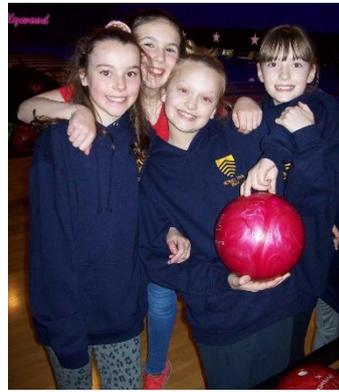
YEAR 2

Year 2 have continued working with their scientific experiments, regarding irreversible and reversible changes. Their task was to observe and record the changes which took place during popcorn making. One investigation was to record how it tasted!



YEAR 6 NETBALL TOUR

The Year 6 girls had a fantastic Netball tour last weekend to Somerset gaining some valuable experience and camaraderie from the trip. On the Friday evening, the netball squads alongside All Hallows A team took part in an enjoyable masterclass from Kim Commane, the team Bath captain and Australian shooter. They also took part in a Q&A session with the Superleague player. We then travelled to the Holiday Inn Express in Bath and enjoyed a team meal at Frankie and Benny's and a competitive bowling match. The following morning after a good breakfast we had a bit of down time and had a walk into Bath and then travelled to All Hallows to play in a triangular against All Hallows and Millfield. The As were beaten by All Hallows 10-5 in a well fought match and lost to a very experienced and physical Millfield side 22-4. The Bs however really raised their game beating All Hallows 7-3 and drawing with Millfield 2-2. We were very well hosted by All Hallows and after cooked teas the touring party travelled to the Severn Stars game v Wasps. This was a thrilling game and great to see our local side the Severn Stars defeat the Wasps 59-54 in the last quarter turning the match around with a 9 goal run that proved crucial in their first win. A last minute call also meant eight of the girls were given the opportunity to be the match ball girls, sitting pitch side. It was a busy but thoroughly enjoyable and memorable netballing weekend.



YEAR 4 TO LAMBING LIVE

Year 4 had a very enjoyable visit to Kentchurch Estate last Friday for 'Lambing Live'. They were lucky enough to see lambs being born, learn about the types of animal food and explore the woods.



SPEECH & DRAMA WINNERS!

Over 1300 people took part in the new Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival this year with a large proportion of those competing in the speech and drama classes, acting, performing poetry and reading. HCJS had it's most successful year with, 13 Golds, 9 Silvers and 12 Bronzes, with many children receiving outstanding marks (over 90). Esther (6J), George (6T) and Honor (6J) performed at the Gala concert at the Courtyard to a packed audience and George Martin was presented with the Speech and Drama trophy.

Gold

George Martin
Hunter Martin x 2
Freya Webb
Eloise Whitehouse and Oliver Heaton
Marianna Antosik and Sophie Haverty
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Iona Allan
Molly Goodwin
Yvan Andrade and Freddie Turtle

Silver

Marianna Antosik and Sophie Haverty
Fearn Middleton
Annie Macklin
Florence Moseley and Florence Brown
Maggie Walker
Avitej Singh and Hunter Martin

Bronze

Isobel North and Edith Pugh
Harry Reid and Edward Maxted
Maggie Walker
Oliver Heaton
Robyn Hussey x 2
Florence Moseley
Phoebe Middleton
Avitej Singh
Aiden O'Connor



George and his winning trophy

GAMES DEPARTMENT

With coronavirus causing disruption, it is important that we all try to remain active. There are lots of things you can still do at home and outside in your garden. Be inventive and please do send any videos/photos to s.turpin@herefordcs.com. One thing that I recommend is following the PE sessions with Joe Wicks, The Body Coach, at 9am Monday to Friday. Just follow 'The Body Coach TV' on YouTube starting on Monday. It will be a great way to start your day.

I will also be posting PE videos and challenges on Firefly for you to have a go at as well as some updates on Twitter (@HCJSSport)

In the meantime, stay healthy, stay safe and stay active.
Best wishes, Mr Turpin

Joe Wicks is standing in a classroom, wearing a green t-shirt and dark shorts. He is gesturing with his hands as if speaking. The background shows a classroom with various educational posters and a whiteboard. Overlaid on the image are several blue banners with white text: 'P.E. WITH JOE', 'Monday - Friday', '9am Live on YouTube', 'The Body Coach TV', and '#PEwithJOE'. At the bottom left, there is a small copyright notice: '© Joe Wicks / Instagram'.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception – Year 6): Mr Debenham talked about the ways in which we can help in school and at home. Who is asking for help at the moment? He and the children went through all the ways the government is asking for our help at the moment in order to help limit the spread of the coronavirus. We also discussed those people who might find the next few weeks particularly difficult and how we can help them.

Tuesday (Reception – Year 2): We talked with Mr Wright about being thankful. What would our pets thank us for if they could? What is it that we can be grateful for? If we were leaving a message on God's answerphone, what would we be saying thank you to him for? The children were very forthcoming with ideas and also with actions we might take in return. For example, if we were to say thank you for our happiness, we might perhaps ensure other people were happy in return. Mr Wright then told us the Parable of the Talents and we learnt how God would want us to be using all the things that he has given us.

Wednesday (Year 2 – Year 6): 4W kept everyone's spirits high with their assembly on happiness. They read a story suggesting that we all imagine everyone in life walks round with an imaginary bucket, which can be filled or emptied by things that we do or say to each other. It made us all be mindful of the care that we need to take before speaking and acting to ensure that we are 'bucket filling' rather than 'bucket dipping.' Year 4&5 sang 'She Believed' from the recent Snow Queen show and 4W wrote a special prayer which is very relevant for here and now:

Dear God, Please keep our elderly people as safe and as well as possible. Please help us to remain calm and positive so that we can help others in our communities.

The school and staff walked in to 'Always Look On the Bright Side of Life' which also cheered us up - we must try to focus on all of the kind acts which will be happening over the coming months ahead and do our best to join in and help those who need our support.

Friday (Year 3 – Year 6): Mr Wright and Mr Debenham spoke with the children about the coronavirus. We talked about the government's decision to close schools and the reasoning behind this.

MERITS

B Jones, H Lowe, A Madge (x2), I Allan, E Allmark, S Vernon, S Lort-Phillips, P Blackburn (x2), A Jelf, H Whitaker (x2), A Macklin, F Brown, S O'Leary, M Morgan-Jones, A Walker, H Finning, E-M Simcock (x2), S Haverty, E Whitehouse, A Smout, N Legge, F Inott, F Rogers, A Priday, S Vernon, G Simcock, T Whitaker, H Buchanan, A O'Connor, E Andrade, R Wang, M Baillie, A Lowe, M Goodwin, S Breeze, F Turtle.

AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES

- We congratulated all those who took part in this year's Chess Challenge, especially the 13 children who have qualified for the Megafinals. George Martin was awarded the trophy for the overall winner.
- Certificates for those who took part in NHS Art competition:
 - William Morgan
 - Tallulah Powell
 - R Pattison
 - Jessica Austin
 - Florence Brown
 - Annie Macklin
 - Anna Lines

- Karate red and white belts – Matilda Coleman and Harry Coleman.
- Medal for 3rd place in County Cross County Championships (U9): Fearn Middleton
- Cheerleading awards – Maggie Walker
- We congratulated all those who had taken part in poetry, public speaking and acting classes in the Herefordshire Festival, especially those children who won our 13 golds, 9 silver and 12 bronze awards and the many children who received an 'outstanding' grade. George M was awarded the Speech & Drama Cup and Honor W the Young Performer of the Year Award.

FROM THE PTA

We apologise for the cancellation of the PTA Easter events next week but obviously this is a situation outside of our control. All tickets purchased for the Easter Disco will be refunded in due course.

The PTA hopes everyone keeps safe and well over the next coming weeks, and we look forward to exciting events when we return.

Happy birthday this week to...Emilia O'Connor, Tom Jackson, Benjamin Prosser & Henry Billig.

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<https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/login/login.aspx?prelogin=https%3a%2f%2fherefordcs.fireflycloud.net%2f>

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