HCJS NEWSLETTER NO. 870











TIMES

CALENDAR

Saturday 14th Virtual Senior School & Sixth Form Open Morning 11am

Monday 16th 4B Parents' Evening (via Zoom) 5-7pm

Wednesday 18th 4W Parents' Evening (via Zoom) 5-7pm

Thursday 19th Reception Parents' Consultations (via Zoom) 9am-3.15pm

Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm

Monday 23rd LAMDA Examinations (rescheduled for January)

Senior School Year 6 Interviews All day
Tuesday 24th 6G Parents' Evening (via Zoom) 5-7pm
Senior School Year 6 Interviews All day

Wednesday 25th Senior School Year 6 Interviews All day 2-5.30pm

Senior School Year 6 Interviews All day
Thursday 26th 6J Parents' Evening (via Zoom) 5-7pm

FROM THE HEAD

This week's highlight for me and for many of my colleagues has been Wednesday's HCJS Act of Remembrance. I have written more about this below. Assemblies this week have focused upon the presidential election (Mr Brown on Monday), and on the concept of service. We will be continuing with our theme of service next week.

As parents in Reception and Years 1,4&6 will know, we will soon be holding this year's parent consultations and parents' evenings for these year groups on Zoom. I do hope these conversations will prove useful.





HCJS ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All the children from Reception to Year 6 and members of staff too attended our Act of Remembrance on Wednesday. Our Year 6 House Captains and our cornet player too did us proud, leading the ceremony. I should like to commend all the children for the way in which they conducted themselves. Our Act of Remembrance can be seen by clicking on the photo above. I do hope that you will agree that it was indeed a fitting tribute to those who have served and continue to serve.



STAFF NEWS

As many parents will know, we welcomed Mr Browning back to HCJS this week. He is taking over from Mrs Deakins, as she works from home for some weeks before beginning her maternity leave.





We also welcome Mrs
Beverley Davies as a new
Nursery Teaching Assistant
on Monday 23rd November.
Mrs Davies joins us from
Dolly Mixtures Pre-School,
where she is currently a
Room Leader.

NURSERY

We made poppies in Nursery this week before taking a walk to the Cathedral to count how many we could see.



On Wednesday, we made and decorated diva lamps using salt dough to celebrate Diwali – the festival of light. During our snack times we have tried different types of food from around the world such as samosas and pakoras.

We had a wonderful morning at Queenswood Country Park last week, completing the Gruffalo trail, exploring the woodland and taking part in some of the nature challenges.

YEAR 1

Last week, Year 1 wrote some wonderful acrostic poems on the theme of 'Fireworks'.

This week we have begun a new topic based on the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. On Wednesday, we received a letter from Mayor Trembull of Cliffside Town asking us to investigate the cave containing the bear. We divided into teams - one group had to design a badge and think of a team motto, one designed the cave explorers' clothes and the last group had to come up with a plan for what to do if we came across the bear. Unfortunately, Mayor Trembull's letter had lots of mistakes in it. So we then decided to correct his letter, adding full stops and capital letters in the correct place.

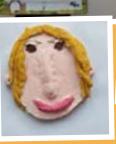
We can't wait to see where our topic takes us next week!



ART & DT

Year 1 have enjoyed making clay self-portraits and DT marble maps and Year 2 have created Mondrian printed t-shirts.















YEAR 2 PAINT CLUB

Last year, the Year 2 Paint club created a wonderful under the sea picture which is now up on the wall of Pre-Prep. With it's lovely vibrant colours it has certainly brightened up the corridor. Well done to all those involved!



CLUBSPORT

Following the latest government announcement Clubsport stores will be closing until the end of lockdown (2nd December).

In the meantime, the web ordering platform will remain operational and all parents will still be able to get School uniform delivered as and when they require it.

The office will be manned part time in Kington so any other enquiries can go to simon@clubsport.co.uk



Happy birthday this week to... Anna Lines, Natalie Legge and Seb Bucata.

SENIOR & SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN MORNING: SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

The Senior School is holding a Virtual Open Morning at which all parents and pupils are very welcome. To access the live Q&A at 11am on Saturday 14 November, please click <u>here</u>.

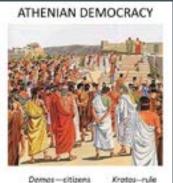
You can also browse online content, see a virtual tour of the Senior School & Sixth Form and hear about the school's exceptional academic, pastoral and extra-curricular provision here.



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Years 3-6): Mr Brown spoke to us all about the recent presidential election. He explained how each of the 50 states have a different number of electoral college votes, depending on their relative populations, and how Joe Biden came to win the election.





He spoke about the importance of disagreeing with respect, rather than demonising those who disagree with us, of being a humble winner and of the value of democracy.



Wednesday (Reception - Year 6): Mr Wright told the story of the helpful shopkeeper and the unlikely buyer – "we are here to service and be kind". What would Jesus do?