

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 17th

St Patrick's Day

Reception Vision Screening , Westhope Cottage

9.30am

Thursday 18th

Y1 Hearing Tests, Westhope Cottage

9am

Friday 19th

Red Nose Day in aid of Comic Relief

Governors' Full Board Committee Meeting

3pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 22nd

ABRSM Music Examinations

all day

Y3&4 Roman Workshop, St David's Hall

all day

Easter Bonnet Parade Filming, Quiet Garden

9.15-10.30am

Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Review & Targets)

4.15pm

Tuesday 23rd

Calendar Planning Meeting, Briscoe Room

5.15pm

Friday 26th

Y2,4&6 Full Reports published

Pre-Prep & Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade film available to parents

am

Pre-Prep Easter Egg Hunt

pm

Term Ends

3.30/3.45pm

FROM THE HEAD

How wonderful it has been to welcome everyone back to school this week. It has been super to see and hear the children about the site and to have the school in action here at school, as opposed to via the World Wide Web!

I hope that our COVID measures have not weighed too heavily on the children or parents, certainly the children seem happy to be back! Parents can access copies of COVID related letters and Government Guidance [HERE](#).

We welcomed 9 new children to HCJS on Monday, and parents in the relevant year groups (Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) will have received an updated contact sheet.

If your child is in the same class as any of our new joiners, and especially if they are a nominated buddy, please do talk to them about the important role they have to play.

A warning for all that Red Nose Day is next Friday - a week today. The School Council have asked that we all wear pyjamas - so, be it (as if the children haven't worn their pyjamas often enough recently!)



Chris Wright.

NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about Spring and the changes we will be seeing in the next few months. The children have helped to clear the Nursery garden and plant some beautiful flowers. We have also been busy making some wonderful teapot Mother's Day cards for our wonderful mummies.

A note to Nursery parents: Now that all the children have returned to school, Quay Street can get extremely busy at drop-off and pick-up times. Please do take extra care when walking to and from the Nursery.



RECEPTION

Reception came back on Monday full of smiles and have enjoyed a variety of activities this week. We even went on a top secret mission to the post box!



SCIENCE

As part of their topic on plants due to start in the Summer term, Year 3 have been planting two different varieties of potatoes to monitor their growth. Hopefully they will get a good harvest later in the year.



Year 5 have been investigating which types of solute can be dissolved into solvent water, as part of their topic on changing materials. This has included looking at the drinks industry that dissolve carbon dioxide into drinks to make them fizzy. Year 5 discovered that 'mentos' act as a catalyst when dropped into coke, causing the dissolved carbon dioxide to come back out of solution with spectacular results!



FROM THE GAMES DEPARTMENT

Football Card

It was the last week of the football card last week and a bumper edition of 20 games. With yet more unpredictable results, the competition was as close as ever with 7 entrants getting over 10. Well done to Henry H (10), Oliver L-P, Sophie L-P, Oliver D, Mr Debenham and Mr Turpin who scored 11. However, taking the spoils this week was Jessica J with the top score of 12!

In the overall standings, Jessica J extended her lead at the top, crowning her the inaugural football card champion with a grand total of 56. Huge congratulations Jessica! The top ten were:

- 1st Jessica J 56
- 2nd Oliver L-P 53
- 3rd Sophie L-P 50
- 4th Mr Turpin 50
- 5th Florence M 49
- 6th Oliver D 49
- 7th Auzzie L 47
- 8th Monty B-G 47
- 9th Mr Debenham 45
- 10th George D 44

Thank you so much to everybody who has taken part during lockdown. Mr Turpin has really appreciated all of your involvement.

House Zig Zag Rounders

On Wednesday, Year 5 & 6 took part in House Zig Zag rounders at a damp and windy Wyeseid. In the Y5 competition, there was a three way tie with Britten, Matthews and Woodall all on 4 points after their three games. Due to a superior 'rounders difference', Britten were the winners with Matthews 2nd and Woodall 3rd. In the Y6 competition, Oakeley were the winners followed by Matthews in second, closely followed by Woodall. Britten, the Y5 winners came 4th. Once all of the points and rounders had been added up, it came to an extraordinary conclusion. Oakeley finished 4th with Britten 3rd. Matthews and Woodall were tied on points and also had the same 'rounders' difference!! So it went to number of rounders scored and by virtue of scoring one more rounder, Woodall became the first ever HCJS Zig Zag Rounders champions!

Well done to everybody who took part and made this one of the closest House competitions for a long time.

HCJS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Hereford Cathedral Junior School now has its very own YouTube channel, featuring all the highlights from life at HCJS. Click [HERE](#) to subscribe and keep up to date with all our latest videos!



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception - Year 6): In a pre-recorded assembly available to parents [HERE](#), Mr Wright welcomed everyone back, and gave a special welcome to our new pupils. We also discussed the important safety measures that we must all follow.

Wednesday (Reception - Year 6): In our live assembly, Mr Wright again welcomed us all back to school, and warmly welcomed our 9 new children and our new teacher, Mrs Cumming too. Announcements included the winners of our photography competition, the results of the recent HCJS Reading Challenge and the identities of our World Book Day masked readers!

MERITS THIS WEEK

Tallulah Powell, Florence Moseley, Monty Bayles-Gungabissoon, Oliver Cooke (x2), Nina Gleadhill, Henry Jehan, Teddy Morgan-Jones, Poppy Crawford, Richie Wang (x2), Finlay Webb, Toby Whitaker, Max Baillie (x2), Freddie Turtle (x2), Beatrix Morgan-Jones, Amelia Nicolson, Sophie Lort-Phillips, Flora Rogers, Luca Lewis (x2), Beatrice Kinch (x2), Charlie Fowler (x2), Hunter Martin, Avitej Singh (x2), Harry Buchanan, Theo Hartley, Molly Goodwin, James Nolan, Jemima Letts, Oliver Lort-Phillips, Margot Turner, Summer Breeze (x2), Guy Turner, Milly Morgan-Jones, Hannah Whitaker, Edward Maxted, Natalie Legge, Toby Hartley (x2), Oscar Prosser, Hector Jefferson.

HCJS WORLD BOOK DAY

Book Day News

So much has happened since we met a week ago on Zoom to celebrate World Book Day but today, we are pleased to share some key information about the day. Did you know, for example, that 86% of our parents (who completed the Reading Survey) enjoy reading for pleasure and that 33% of them list crime fiction as their genre of choice.

Reading Competition Results

Did you also know that our pupils collectively read for more than 102,000 minutes during the month of February? The House that contained the most prolific readers was Oakeley House with an average of 644 minutes per person and Year 6 were the year group winners with an average of 1377 minutes per person. Special mention to Year 1 pupils too who managed a phenomenal average of 1079 minutes each!

Book Day Art Competition

Some wonderfully original pieces were shared and well done everyone who took part.

Overall winners were:

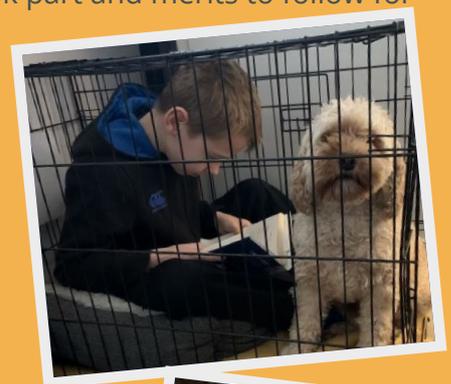
- Year 1 - Eva Mae P for her Amelia Jane clay figure
 - Year 2 - Eliza M for her Hermione caricature
 - Year 3 - Seth A for his nature sculpture of Zombierella
 - Year 4 - Max B for his screaming mandrake figure
 - Year 5 - (Joint) Guy C for his Famous Five oil painting and Jamie P for his Hagrid fabric collage
 - Year 6 - Teddy M-J for his Fantastic Mr Fox pencil drawing
- All entries can be viewed [HERE](#).



Photo Share Challenge

We challenged the children to also read in an 'unusual' way, as it has been an unusual year, and we were stunned by their creativity. House points to all those who took part and merits to follow for our overall winners, who are as follows:

- Reception - Emilia O'C for her Space den reading zone
 - Year 1 - Lottie M for her telescope read
 - Year 2 - Willow J for literally being on a 'Shetland in a Shed'
 - Year 3 - Archie T for his caged reading with deadpan companion
 - Year 4 - Beatrix M-J for her symmetrical hay bales
 - Year 5 - Verity B for her 'Cousin It' read
 - Year 6 - Hannah W for her distance tree read
- Entries can be viewed [HERE](#) for Reception-Y2 and [HERE](#) for Y3-6.



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Well done to everyone who took part in the recent Headmaster's challenge and entered the photography competition. All the entries can be seen [HERE](#).

Many congratulations to all those who entered, as well as to our winners, who were announced during this week's Wednesday assembly, which you can view [HERE](#).



KIDS READ MORE WHEN WE TURN ON THE SUBTITLES!

Children often watch television between 4pm and 6pm. Turning on the subtitles while children are watching TV can greatly improve their reading skills.



This brilliantly simple, free, small change to children's existing TV viewing habits can drastically improve their reading skills!

For more information follow the link [HERE](#) as Stephen Fry explains the benefits of turning on the subtitles in more detail.

A quick and simple way to make TV time, reading time!

#TurnOnTheSubtitles

FRIDAY 19th MARCH



IS RED NOSE DAY!



Home Clothes Day for everyone (Nursery –Y6).

School Council have chosen the theme of:

THE GREAT HCJS SLEEPOVER



Wear your pyjamas to school for a suggested £2 donation on the day.



Small print: Teddies welcome, onesies allowed, please wear trainers rather than slippers, Y5&6 Games and 3D & 4W PE will go ahead as planned—please ensure you are able to run around safely in your pyjamas/onesies, strictly no sleeping during lessons!