HCJS NEWSLETTER NO. 891



CALENDAR









THE WEEK AHEAD
Monday 20th - 4th Week of Term
PGL Tregoyd Trip returns
Health & Safety Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room
Staff Academic Focus Meeting

3.30pm 4pm 4.15pm Staff Academic Focus Meeting **Tuesday 21st**

U8 & U9 Rugby Festival v Christ College Brecon (h) 2.30pm

New Staff Evensong & Drinks Reception, Cathedral 5.30pm Wednesday 22nd

U10 & U11 Rugby v Christ College Brecon (a) 2.30pm PTA AGM, St David's Hall 7pm

Thursday 23rd (No clubs today) Clubs as normal today

Harvest Festival Rehearsal, Cathedral 9-11am Harvest Festival Service, Cathedral 2.30pm Harvest Festival Service. Ouiet Garden 8.45am

School Fete, Quiet Garden 3.30pm - 3.15pm

Friday 24th - PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning, St David's Hall 8.45-10.15am Saturday 25th - Senior School Open Morning (1) 9.45am-12.30pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 27th (Britten Day) - 5th Week of Term **Y3** Parent Consultations 3.45-6.15pm

Tuesday 28th Cathedral Safeguarding Meeting 10.45am HCJS U9 Rugby Festival (h) 2.30pm

U8 Rugby v The Downs (a) 2.45pm Wednesday 29th

U10 AB&C & U11 A Rugby v King's Gloucester (h) (a) 2.30pm Colts A,B&C Hockey v King's Gloucester (a) 2.45pm Headmaster's Consultation Meeting, Briscoe Room 4pm

Thursday 30th Reception 'Stay & Play' for Nursery Children & Parents, The Moat pm

October

Friday 1st (No clubs today) - Matthews Day Y3-6 House Cross Country & Tug of War, Wyeside 2.15pm Govenors General Purposes Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room 4pm

Saturday 2nd

Colts A Despontin Hockey Tournament, Monmouth 10am - 2.15pm New Dean of Hereford's Installation, Cathedral 3.30pm

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

Cross country club had great fun on Tuesday running around Castle Green. Everybody seemed to have lots of energy and Miss Toolan and Mrs Debenham had to work hard to keep up!

All Clubs information available on <u>Firefly</u>.



FROM THE HEAD

The resumption of inter-school sport's fixtures this week has brought a sense of normality back to the ebb and flow of the school week. Last weekend I was fortunate to have watched both our U11 boys' rugby team and the U11 girls' hockey team



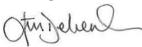
at their respective early season tournaments. The pupils involved represented the school with great pride. Both sides had some success, but long after the results are forgotten, lessons such as teamwork, self-confidence, respect and learning to win and lose with humility, will remain. This theme was continued on Tuesday and Wednesday with fixtures against The Downs, Malvern St James and Moor Park.

It was also wonderful to welcome some parents to events in school during the past week, with our Reception 'Letters, Sounds and Counting' Workshop on Saturday morning and our New Parents Welcome Evening on Tuesday. Both events were well attended and my thanks to the staff and PTA Reps who led and assisted at these events.

Yesterday Miss Jeynes and I met with the new School Council. It was extremely refreshing and stimulating to hear the children's considered ideas for school improvement from their perspective. Amongst so many exciting ideas, a personal favourite was a request for a 'velcro darts' club - watch this space!

Today, we waved off our Y6 children, along with Dr Barber, Mrs Barber, Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Gummerson who are spending a long weekend at the activity centre at PGL Tregoyd. This is always a highlight of the Y6 calendar and we look forward to hearing all about it on their return on Monday evening.

May I conclude by wishing you a happy and relaxing weekend.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

William Billingham, Jemima Letts, Francesca Conlon, Eliza Makaruk and Azariah Odada!

MERITS

Jessica Jennings, Arthur Chapman, Molly Podmore, Ethan Aye-Maung and William Morgan.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

(Reception - Year 6)

In assemblies this week Mr Debenham has been talking to the pupils about our ambitions and considering how the way that we think can limit us or hold us back in what we want to do.

The children were asked to consider Emma Radacanu's stunning US Open victory to demonstrate what can be achieved when you don't set limits to your aspirations.

Mr Debenham also read the story of Jesus healing the paralysed man (Mark 2:1-12) to illustrate how the paralysed man's friends refused to be held back, or limited, in their intent to help their friend.

RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have been learning about repeating patterns in a variety of ways. Our favourite though, was making delicious fruit kebabs!



We also loved our play session on the adventure playground in the Frog Garden.









NURSERY

This week in Nursery our focus has been on the story 'Owl Babies'.

We have been busy making our own owl baby nests and creating some wonderful cotton wool owls.

We have also been exploring and hunting for different woodland animals and trying to identify them by their footprints.









YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about Roald Dahl to celebrate 'Roald Dahl' day on Monday.

Using Lego they built the BFG, a giant peach, the Enormous Crocodile, a chocolate factory, a chocolate bar, a glass elevator, and a bottle of George's Marvellous Medicine - to name a few! They designed a new chocolate bar and then watched and wrote about the moment that Charlie Bucket found the last golden ticket.

Do you have a favourite Roald Dahl Story?









YEAR 2

Last week Year 2 were busy creating lots of writing connected to the story 'Handa's Surprise'. They retold the story in detail, wrote a character study for Handa, sequenced the story using pictures and matched up the fruit to the animals! They enjoyed acting out the story using masks and props and they had great fun stealing the fruit from Handa's basket! Super literacy skills and teamwork were demonstrated as they replicated watercolour paintings of Handa's surprise fruit baskets.







WHIZZ! POP! BANG!

This week Year 2 have been identifying and learning about Onomatopoeia words (words which sound like the noise they make). They have been singing along to an onomatopoeia alphabet, making word posters, thinking about the best words to use in sentences and the best words for animal noises too. The children also performed the words out loud, making all the correct noises.



THE ART OF BEING A TEACHER

It is with great pride we announce that three pieces of artwork created by HCJS' own Drama teacher, Mrs Walker, were chosen to go on display at the Grayson Perry exhibition in the Hereford Museum and Art gallery from 9th October until 18th December, 2021.



The beautiful pieces are of Herefordshire butterflies, some indoor plants and Herefordshire bees. Two of the designs have been painted into a Hereford Cathedral window shape.

Mrs Walker began painting during lockdown and shared her first creation with her form class.

The response she received from her pupils and their parents was so enthusiastic that it encouraged her to

continue with her hobby and produce two more pieces.



The most recent one was completed over the summer holidays, and features the solitary bee and bumble bee species of Herefordshire designed onto some honeycomb.

Once the portfolio was complete, the submission was entered and subsequently chosen to be exhibited in the new Grayson Perry Exhibit in the Hereford Museum and Art Gallery on Broad Street, (in the library building). We are extremely proud of Mrs Walker's extra-curricular achievements and will be looking forward to attending the exhibition in October!

FROM THE GAMES DEPARTMENT

Lots of sporting fixtures have taken place this week and it has been lovely to be able to host and travel to other schools to play fixtures. It has been a while.

Last weekend, the U11 boys went to The Elms for a pre-season rugby tournament, playing lots of games, whilst on Sunday, our girls went to Cheltenham College to play in their hockey festival.

On Tuesday, an U9 rugby squad went to The Downs and came away with three victories against the hosts, The Elms and Moor Park.

On Wednesday, all of our year 5&6 girls went to Malvern St James to play hockey with lots of positive performances from everyone. Likewise, the U11A and U10A rugby teams played Moor Park, gaining confidence as well as having future targets to work on.

Next week, some of the U8 and U9 boys will play rugby against Brecon whilst on Wednesday it will be the turn of the U10s and U11s. This is a new fixture for us so we are looking forward to playing against some new faces and at new venues.

Rugby Results:

Moor Park U11A 15 - 25 HCJS U11A

HCJS U10A 50 - 30 Moor Park U10A

Hockey Results:

Malvern St James U11A 0 - 3 HCJS U11A

Malvern St James U11B 0 – 3 HCJS U11B

Malvern St James U11C 3 – 0 HCJS U11C

All games and match information available on <u>Firefly</u>.



FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Senior School Open Morning - Saturday 25 September - 9.45am - 12.30pm Reception 'Stay & Play' Afternoon - Thursday 30 September, The Moat. ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

Letters to Parents
Games & Match Information

School Calendar Boys Team Lists

Girls Team Lists





