HCJS NEWSLETTER NO. 895











TIMES

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18th - 8th Week of Term

5B Print Workshop, HCS Art Department am
5L Print Workshop, HCS Art Department pm
Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm
Instrumental Music Concert, St David's Hall 6.15pm

Tuesday 19th

PTA Reps Meeting, Library 9am U8/9 Hockey v Malvern St James (h) 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th

(No clubs today)

Y4,5&6 Progress Grades published

Pre-Prep & Nursery Percussion Workshop, St David's Hall

RGS U10 A Hockey Tournament (a)

U11 Rugby v RGS The Grange (a)

U10 A,B&C Rugby v RGS The Grange (h)

Colts A&B Hockey v RGS The Grange (Bridge St., Leominster)

Half Term begins

all day

2pm

2.30pm

2.30pm

3.35pm

PTA AGM, St David's Hall

Thursday 21st

Staff INSET all day Herefordshire County Primary Schools' Football Tournament, Wyeside

11am–4pm

7pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

NOVEMBER

Monday 1st - 10th Week of Term

Pupils return 8.40am
Y6 Focus Meeting for Staff 4.15pm

Wednesday 3rd

U11 A & U10 A,B&C Rugby v Monmouth Boys (h)

Colts A,B&C Hockey v Monmouth Girls (a)

2.30pm
2.30pm

Thursday 4th

Y6 Parents' Evening, Zimmerman Main Hall 5.30-8pm

Friday 5th

PTA Firework Display, Wyeside 6.15pm

Saturday 6th

Senior School Open Morning (2) 9.45am-12.30pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

William AL Morgan and Ava-Rose Sockett

MERITS:

Ethan Aye-Maung, Finlay Webb, Rafe Lines and Amelia Nicolson



FROM THE HEAD

Last night the Year 5 and 6 choir delighted the assembled audience at Weobley parish church with their first live performance for almost two years. Singing as part of a 'Three Choirs' concert, their enthusiasm and energy were an inspiration to the



appreciative audience and their moving rendition of 'Child of Peace' and the entertaining version of 'Drunken Sailor' were fantastic.

The pandemic has had a huge impact on live performance, and in a school such as ours, in which we place such high value on performance, its absence has been felt particularly keenly. Providing our pupils with opportunities to perform, be it acting on stage, singing in a choir, reading in the cathedral or presenting a class assembly in front of your peers, are all opportunities combining to build and develop self-confidence, promote self-motivation and advance social interaction and teamwork.

It is also important that the pupils can see what they might aspire to in the future and where their talents might take them. Listening to and singing with the Senior School's Chamber Choir and Cantabile Choir last night provided just such an opportunity. This is something quite unique to 3-18 schools, which we shouldn't take for granted.

The opportunities for our pupils to perform come thick and fast in the second half of term with Words and Music for Remembrance, Pre-Prep nativity plays and our Nursery Concert, to name but a few. More immediately, I am also very much looking forward to the Year 3 Drama presentation this evening in St David's Hall.

Whatever you are doing this weekend have an enjoyable and restful weekend.





(Pre-Prep and Years 3 & 4)

Mr Debenham talked to the Pre-Prep children about the value of teamwork. The children identified teams that they are part of and after some discussion it was agreed that their class, the Pre-Prep and their families were also teams that they were all part of. Using a story based on 'Jesus Calling the Four Fishermen' (Matthew 4:18-22) to illustrate examples of teamwork, Mr Debenham then used the acronym Together Everyone Achieves More to conclude the assembly and to set the children a challenge to use teamwork throughout the week.

(Years 3-6)

4B entertained us this week with their class assembly on the subject of 'Healthy Eating'. As well as guiding us through the different food groups, healthy food to eat, what to eat in moderation and the importance of exercise, we were also treated to some break dancing, an introduction to Mrs Nerg and a group Zumba class! Well done 4B!





This week's Words of the Week are:

Year 3 - Breath Year 4 - Century Year 5 - Awkward Year 6 - Conscience

NURSERY

Nursery this week have been busy exploring 'Woodland Wonders' to link with our trip to Queenswood Country Park. The children have made their own Gruffalo masks which may help us find the Gruffalo in the woods! We have also enjoyed exploring our



mini woodland, using binoculars to spot woodland animals and creatures around Nursery.

RECEPTION

Reception have had a wonderful week measuring objects from around the classroom, finding out whether the items were longer than or shorter than their shoe. We have learned about different houses from around the world and even made them out of model magic. We have also continued to learn about Autumn.



THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL

The Year 5&6 Choir gathered at Weobley Church on Thursday evening to sing alongside the Senior School Chamber Choir and Cantabile Girls' Choir in the Three Choirs Concert. It has been a very long time since the children have been able to sing in a concert so Miss Toolan was slightly nervous to see how they would perform! The choir didn't disappoint however and the audience thoroughly enjoyed hearing their beautiful rendition 'Child of Peace' and rather cheeky version of 'The Drunken Sailor'! They even joined together with the Senior School choirs to perform 'The Lord Bless Us and Keep Us' to finish the concert in style. A big thank you to parents for their support in attending the concert, which raised an impressive £980 for Weobley church.



YEAR 5

The Ten Sayings

In Year 5 the children have been learning about the Torah, which is the Jewish Holy Book. Within the Torah are many laws including the laws Christians call the Ten Commandments (The Ten Sayings). This week they have written them in their own words.

Saying 1 - You should only worship one God. (Jemima)

Saying 2 - Don't make or worship any idols. (Oliver)

Saying 3 - Don't say God's name in a bad way. (Molly)

Saying 4 - Remember to rest one day a week. (Oscar)

Saying 5 - Respect your elders and parents who love and care for you. (Emily)

Saying 6 - Do not kill anyone on purpose. (Richie)

Saying 7 - Don't cheat on anyone. (Hunter)

Saying 8 - Don't take anything that is not yours. (Yvan)

Saying 9 - Do not accuse people of things they have not done or lie. (Layla)

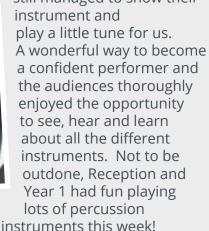
Saying 10 - Don't get jealous. (Harry B)

PLAY IN CLASS WEEK

What wonderful performances we have had from our fine musicians this week as they brought in their instruments for 'Play in Class Week'! We have heard children playing the recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, piano, guitar, ukulele, cello and violin. Some of our performers have been learning for a long time but some had only had five or six lessons and

> still managed to show their instrument and play a little tune for us. the audiences thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see, hear and learn about all the different instruments. Not to be outdone, Reception and Year 1 had fun playing lots of percussion













FROM THE GAMES DEPARTMENT

On Monday our hockey players travelled to Cheltenham to take part in the IAPS Regionals. They won all three group games defeating Monmouth, King's Hawford and The Manor (Abingdon) but unfortunately they were beaten by a golden goal in the cup quarter final by Clifton College. Our U8s and U9s enjoyed some good wins over The Downs whilst on Wednesday, our Colts A,B and C were also involved in matches against The Downs.

Our Year 4 boys enjoyed another rugby festival at Moor Park whilst on Wednesday, our U10s and U11s entertained The Downs.

Next week remains busy. On Tuesday, all girls in year 3 & 4 will play at home against Malvern St James, whilst on Wednesday, aside from an U10 hockey tournament, all other pupils will play against RGS The Grange.

On Thursday, football takes centre stage. Even though we are out of season, we are hosting the County Primary Schools Tournament where

> 28 schools will take part.



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



FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 20th October, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm. Junior School & Nursery Open Morning - Friday 19th November from 9.45-11.00am ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

Letters to Parents Games & Match Information

School Calendar **Boys Team Lists**

Girls Team Lists





