HCJS NEWSLETTER NO.916











TIMES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 23rd - (5th Week of Term)

Y4 Trip to Old House Hereford am
Y6 Maths Taster, Library 10.40-11.45am
Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm
Instrumental Concert, St David's Hall 6.30pm

Tuesday 24th

Red, White & Blue Home Clothes Day

House Point Assembly and Meetings 8.45-9.30am
Jubilee Picnic, Quiet Garden 11.45am-1pm

Wednesday 25th

Y5-6 London Trip departs 7.45am

Thursday 26th

No clubs today

Y1 Full Reports published today

Half Term begins 3.35pm

Friday 27th

Staff INSET Day all day
Governors General Purposes Committee Meeting
4pm
Y5-6 London Trip returns
9pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Y3-6 'Play in Class' Week

JUNE

Monday 6th - (7th Week of Term) Y1-6 Junior School Assessment Week

PTA Bag2School Week
Pupils return 8.30am
Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm

Tuesday 7th

U9 A&B Boys Cricket v The Downs (h) 2.30pm
U9 A&B Girls Cricket v The Downs (h) 2.30pm

Wednesday 8th

U11 A,B,C&D Boys Cricket v RGS The Grange (h)
U11 A,B&C Girls Cricket v RGS The Grange (a)
2.30pm
2.30pm

Thursday 9th

School Council Meeting, 6J 3.40pm Governors Finance Committee Meeting 4pm

Friday 10th

Herefordshire Schools' U11 Cricket County Hardball

Tournament, Wyeside pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO ...

Donna H, Hattie W, Theo F, Daisy C and Seraphina W.



FROM THE HEAD

They say that there are never two days alike in teaching and this week has been no exception. On Monday Year 2 delivered an excellent assembly on growing things, in which all of Pre-Prep could get involved in an interactive, up and moving, question and answer session in the hall. And we saw for ourselves the dwarf and giant sunflowers, peas and beans that have germinated and are thriving down in the Moat. Mrs H will get planting this weekend to join in the fun.

An unexpected knock on my office door brought an offering of toasted marshmallows from Reception's camping experience (most tasty, thank you) and shortly afterwards the sound of giggling in the corridor brought me out to meet Year 3 girls as they searched for their self-portraits on my special board outside my office. Year 3 and above have been delivering to me their drawn 'selfies' and there's many a budding Rembrandt in HCJS.

The school photo was a very slick operation. Tempest Photography said that it was almost 'too easy', as the whole school once again demonstrated impeccable behaviour, smiled for the camera and click, we were done. Then my dog turned up and created mayhem... but that's another story.

And what else? On Wednesday the sun shone and I enjoyed seeing some cricket matches down at Wyeside. Christian Aid visited the school that morning to talk about their vital charity work. Any donations are gratefully received; there's further information here in the Junior Times. This week we've also welcomed a governor visit to check our standards of curriculum, teaching and learning ahead of Education Committee and finally, the week ends with a busy Open Morning, followed by the PTA Summer Fete.

Sounds exhausting recounted in four paragraphs doesn't it? Next week, there's just as much packed in. Please help your children dig out the red, white and blue clothing for Tuesday (and pray for sunshine for our special whole school picnic).

I wish all pupils, parents and staff a restful weekend.







ICE POP SALE

The Ice Pop Sale on Tuesday raised a magnificient sum of £107. The money raised will be donated to the DEC Fund for Ukraine. Thank you to all those that donated.

MERITS

Seb G, Molly P, Sophie P, Edward M, Joe F and Gauranga R.

CHRISTIAN AID

If you would like to donate to Christian Aid you can find more information via the link here.



RECEPTION

Carry on Camping....

Reception this week have enjoyed going on their travels. They have enjoyed being imaginative in our camping role play area and have travelled to lots of different parts of the world experiencing a safari and the jungle. We even tried s'mores as part of their experience. Yum!





YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

Year 2 performed their assembly about plants on Monday. They have been growing four different types of plants and have been learning all about plants in Science. The Year 2 pupils spoke clearly and confidently to the Year 1 and Reception pupils, who listened well and took part in the Year 2 plants interactive quiz! Year 2 sang a song with actions and finished by showing the audience their favourite plants which they are growing.



WORDS OF THE WEEK

This week's Words of the Week are:

Year 3 - Natural

Year 4 - Sentence

Year 5 - Programme

Year 6 - Rhythm

NURSERY

Following on from the children's interests, we have been learning all about dinosaurs through lots of fun and imaginative play. Using our dinosaur themed investigation tray we have looked at several types of dinosaurs, footprints and fossils. Listen out as you walk by



as you might just hear a dinosaur roar!

YEAR 1

On Friday 13th May, Year 1 went on their class trip to Raglan Castle. We had a wonderful morning exploring the castle, drawing the gatehouse, looking in the dungeon and even climbing the tower. We particularly enjoyed digitally rebuilding the castle and using cannons to knock it down again. When we got back to school we had a castle banquet complete with bread plates. Everyone had a fantastic day!











ORCHESTRAL DAY

Some of our talented musicians headed off to Lucton on Monday to take part in an Orchestral Day run by the English Symphony Orchestra. They formed a huge orchestra, rehearsing with other musicians from across the county, and even performed in a concert at the end of the day. It was amazing to hear the progress that was made between 10am when they first saw the music and 3pm when they performed the pieces. Well done to all those who took part.



YEAR 4 COOKERY CLUB

Year 4 have loved making pizza this week. So far they have made iced sponge cakes, chocolate chip cookies and pizza.



YEAR 6 ART

Year 6 have used ICT to investigate and design their keyrings before constructing them in acrylic using hand tools.



SUMMER MUSIC COURSE

Hereford Cathedral School's Music School is once again offering a Summer Music Course from Monday 15 August to Thursday 18 August, from 9.15am - 4pm.

Instrumentalists of all levels between the ages of 8 and 16 are welcome. We hope to cater for: concert bands, orchestra, chamber music and choirs.

Cost: £180. Further details and an application form from the HCS Music Administrator, Amy Turtle on 01432 363531 or a.turtle@herefordcs.com. Closing date: Monday 6 June.



YEAR 5

Legends All Around Hereford

Year 5 have been exploring legends in their English lessons and have been particularly fascinated by the legend of King Ethelbert, as well as the story of the Mordiford Dragon. Max B and Aiden O'C even went in search of some local legendary evidence!





YEAR 2

Year 2 visited Weston's Cider Mill Heritage Centre in Much Marcle, to look at the journey of an apple. The children had a private tour of the mill. an apple juice tasting session, as well as a tractor and trailer ride through the orchards and surrounding farmland. The pupils enjoyed their picnic and then finished off the day in the adventure play park and with an iced lolly. The children were perfectly behaved and had a thoroughly enjoyable day out with their friends.





YEAR 6 ICT

Year 6 have been completing Web designs using HTML code with myself and Miss Stanley this term. One of the projects was to add a recipe to a web page for a cake of their choice. Some pupils then went home and made these cakes - but nothing was left for their teachers.



Pupils have also been using Microsoft Teams and OneNote in preparation for Y7 at HCS. They have been sharing their work in the

OneNote collaboration space and uploading their designs and code to the OneNote classes - all of which fits in with the Digital Strategy at HCS. Well done to all in Y6 ICT.





GAMES DEPARTMENT

This week, all available pupils in Year 3 & 4 were able to be involved in cricket matches v King's St Alban's. For some this was their first experience of a match. It was great to see everyone learning and developing the skills we have been working on in Games whilst gaining valuable match experience. On Wednesday, four teams played The Elms and there were lots of positives to take out from all of the matches. Well done to George D (25*) and Gauranga (24) who put on a partnership of 57 for the Colts A team.

CUPS AND TROPHIES: PLEASE RETURN

Please could all cups awarded at Speech Day last year and all Sports Day cups be returned to the School Office by half term. If you have yet to have your child's name engraved, please ensure this is done before you return the cup, trophy or award. Thank you.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 25 May, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm

ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS Letters to Parents

Games & Match Information

School Calendar Boys' Team Lists

Girls' Team Lists





