

# HCJS

AT HOME

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## FROM THE HEAD

Thank you to parents and children for the way in which you have embraced the changes we have made to our remote learning provision. I should also like to thank the teaching staff too, who were informed about the change which was to take place from Monday of this week on Friday of last week. This is not the way that I would like change to be introduced, but needs must, and I am grateful to the teaching staff for their lightning response.

In developing our new format, we have taken on board the views of parents and staff, as well as taken soundings from Senior School colleagues and Governors, and we have strived to find a balance between:

- the amount of screen time,
- the amount of direct teacher input and supervision relative to the amount of set tasks for the children (and 'supervising' parents) to tackle,
- the overall quantity and quality of schooling that we provide,
- and the balance within our provision of curriculum learning and more community-based activities, such as assemblies and form time.

Thank you to those of you who have got in touch with me with feedback; clearly our more structured routine and the increased provision of live lessons are being well received - and thank you especially to those of you who have contacted me to commend the work of the teaching staff. Through our combined efforts, I am sure that we will serve our children admirably during this time.

*Chris Wright*

### PTA AGM:

Our annual PTA AGM and Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th January at 7pm via Zoom. A letter will shortly be sent to parents and members of staff with further details.

## CAN WE HELP?

Inevitably, remote learning throws up technical challenges. If something seems cumbersome or is not working as you think it should, please get in touch and we will see what we can do to help. Generally, we have been able to find solutions. We have posted solutions to questions asked so far on our Parents FAQ page, which is [HERE](#) and which parents may find useful.

## MANAGING THE DEMANDS OF ONLINE LEARNING

Clearly online learning places demands, pressures and stresses upon the children (and no doubt adults too). Within our timetable are some activities which need not be completed at a specific time: assembly, Headmaster's Challenge and any non-live lessons.

In addition, there are some lessons in Years 3-6 which you may choose for your children not to attend: Class Reader, Current Affairs and Genral Knowledge. Furthermore, we absolutely understand that some days go swimmingly, and some do not - if it seems sensible to you to absent your child from a given lesson during a day in order to have a break (get some fresh air for example), then parents should feel free to do this - though of course, we would rather children were not absented from core curriculum lessons (which may also mean the child has to catch up) and we would appreciate parents sending a brief email to the teacher concerned to let them know. Please do contact Mr Wright if you would like any further guidance.

## IN OUR LESSONS THIS WEEK...

### RECEPTION:

The children have been enjoying creating some winter themed art. Here is Emilia's ice candle holder!



### NURSERY (AT SCHOOL!):

This week in Nursery we had a visit from Poppy the cow. The children were able to milk Poppy by following the instructions as well as help muck her out, lay out fresh straw and feed her. Later in the week we went for a duck hunt. The children found ducks on the pond and we learnt all about what they eat, drink and how they swim.

YEAR 4 MODIGLIANA STYLE SELF-PORTRAITS



YEAR 3 AFRICAN PRINTED PATTERNS



MERITS THIS WEEK

Rafe Lines, Eli Allmark, Emilia Buck, Scarlett Coleman, Poppy Crawford, Sophie Davies, Aidan Jelf, Natalie Legge, Sophie Lort-Phillips, Edward Maxted, Guy Turner, Sam Vernon, Oliver Daw, Ben Evans, Toby Hartley, Flora Rogers, Alex Stevens, Hannah Whitaker, George Matli (x2), Florence Brown, Annie Macklin, Rupert Pattison (x2), Anna Lines, George Debenham, Tallulah Powell, Freya Webb, Max Baillie, Theo Hartley, Richie Wang, Jemima Letts, Jessica Wolverson, Oliver Cooke, Harry Buchanan, Hunter Martin, Aiden O'Connor.

Well done too to Emilia Buck who achieved her Cub Scout's Silver Award!

FROM THE GAMES DEPARTMENT

LAND'S END TO JOHN O'GROATS

CHALLENGE: After two weeks, the challenge has been beaten but the competition goes on. In total, pupils have covered 1358 miles with some amazing individual efforts. Thank you to everybody who has submitted distances and pictures.

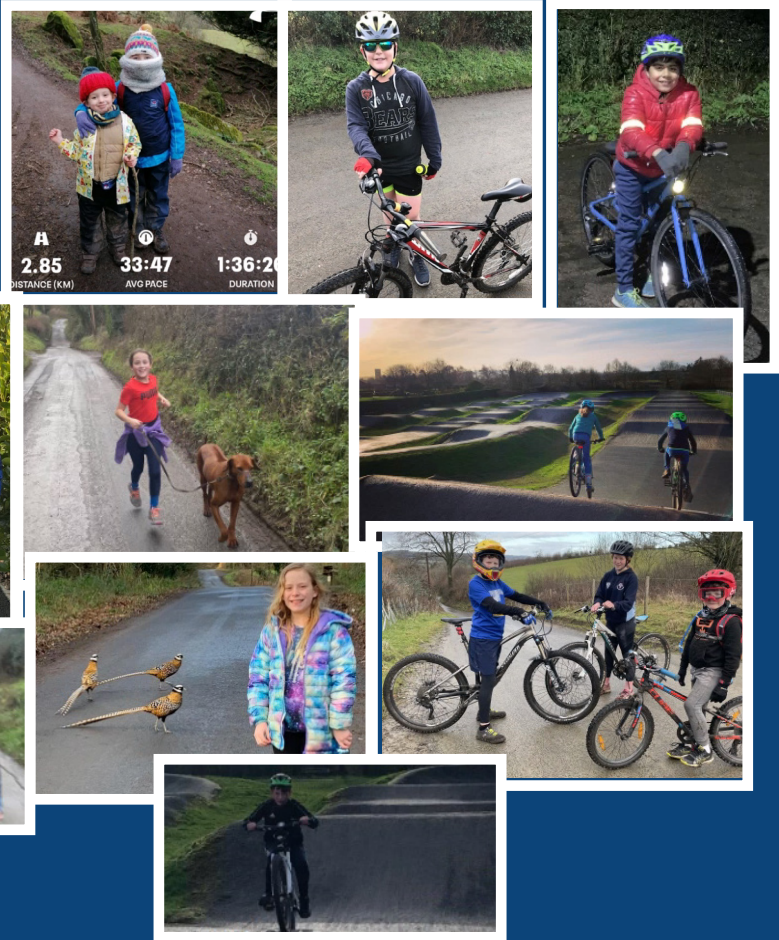
The House standings are:

- 1st Britten - 455 miles
- 2nd Oakeley - 354 miles
- 3rd Woodall - 302 miles
- 4th Matthews - 247 miles

The top 5 classes are:

- 1st - 4W - 208 miles
- 2nd - 5B - 197 miles
- 3rd - 6G - 165 miles
- 4th - 6J - 124 miles
- 5th - 3M - 120 miles

If you have any pictures, please email them to Mr Turpin (s.turpin@herefordcs.com) and Mrs Stonehouse (l.stonehouse@herefordcs.com).



## CROSS CURRICULAR FOOTBALL CARD

Week 2's card was based around rivalry as well as some African football! As ever, there were some unpredictable results as 39 entrants aimed to get their predictions right. With Mr Debenham and Mrs Gummerson only getting 4 and Mr Turpin getting 5, high scores were at a premium. Well done to Bea Morgan-Jones, Richie Wang and Martha Bozward who scored 7 and Gethin Jones who got 8! However, Jessica Jennings scooped the top prize getting an incredible 9! This puts Jessica in the lead of the overall contest with a total of 14.

The goals tally was very low this week - only 14 goals were scored. No one got it correct but William Morgan, Poppy Crawford and Henry Hayes were one away.

## ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

The week started with Mr Wright's remote assembly for Reception - Year 6, including a visit to Nizi Bakery. You can watch the assembly [HERE](#).

## HEADMASTER'S CHALLENGE: BAKING

Well done to everyone who has taken part so far in this week's challenge! Below are a selection of photos from those that sent them in, more photos can be found [HERE](#).



## WORRIED ABOUT RUNNING OUT OF BOOKS? FEAR NOT!



Do you live with an avid reader, a beginner reader or a reluctant reader? Is your voice tired from all that lovely shared reading? Are you yourself looking for that next, tantalising bestseller? Why not download ['Borrowbox'](#) and tap into the Herefordshire library catalogue online, with reading escapism guaranteed for all!

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So, why not enjoy travelling to other places, this weekend (virtually with a book, of course)!