

THE JUNIOR TIMES

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday 16th	Year 5 House Cross Country, Wyeseide	2.15pm
	Year 6 House Cross Country, Wyeseide	2.45pm
	Governors General Purposes Committee	4pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 19th	<i>Junior School Assessment Week</i>	
Tuesday 20th	Cathedral Liaison Meeting via Zoom	1-2pm
	Year 3 House Cross Country, Wyeseide	2.15pm
	Year 4 House Cross Country, Wyeseide	2.45pm

FROM THE HEAD

We have held our inaugural Zoom Parents' Evening this week! My thanks to our Year 3 form teachers and parents for navigating the technology. It seems that this format was a success: enabling form teachers and parents to have productive discussion. I would welcome any feedback from Year 3 parents about their virtual Parents' Evening experience.

We continue to welcome new children as the term progresses. Parents in the relevant year groups will receive updated contact sheets as necessary. Many thanks indeed to all those parents who have extended such a warm welcome to our new families.

We are aware of how one feels when one is new to a community and how a warm welcome makes all the difference.

Parents may be interested to know that this afternoon, one of our Governors is visiting, as our Governors often do. This visit is focusing upon: our handling of complaints and concerns, our routine and records of safeguarding training and the coronavirus measures we have put in place.



STAFF NEWS

We said goodbye to Mrs Blower on Wednesday. After 18 years at HCJS, she has decided the time has come to spend more time on other pursuits, such as walking a guide dog, gardening and so forth. Mrs Blower started as a Classroom Assistant with Mrs Goode in Reception in 1992, before The Moat was built and when Pre-Prep was based in the Music School. Mrs Blower then spent many years working in the Nursery and Pre-Prep, before working solely in the Nursery for the last couple of years. Mrs Blower's three daughters have also gone through the school. We will miss her!



NURSERY

As part of our Autumn topic, we have been talking about animals preparing to hibernate. We found it very funny to discover that baby Hedgehogs are named Hoglets!

We also had a special day on Wednesday saying farewell to our wonderful Mrs Blower.



1TW

This week, 1TW completed their work on The Three Little Pigs. Over the past four weeks they have written letters, thought bubbles, described characters using adjectives, summarised the story and even thought of an alternative ending.

In Maths this week we have been thinking about 2D shapes and symmetry and have enjoyed making symmetrical butterflies and shape rockets.



YEAR 6 DRAMA

In Drama this half of term, Year 6 have been learning about melodrama. They have looked at the key features and worked out their own mini-sketch which can be seen on [Firefly](#). You should be able to spot the stock characters, such as the hero, the damsel, sidekick, older person and villain! There are comedy runs, silly fights and ridiculous rescues, all performed with exaggerated style. Some of the children used the aside to communicate to the audience, whilst performing a simple plot.

The music is performed superbly well, by live piano playing from the talented Gap student, Mr Caldwell, which helped to bring it to life. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing and watching each other's sketches and we hope you enjoy them too!

MR WILKINSON RELEASES 'HAZELNUT' THE HEDGEHOG

You may remember that last year, Hollycroft Hedgehogs was one of our chosen charities for our 'Nine Days of Giving' initiative. Many of you supported the charity by donating cans of dog food. Mr Wilkinson also led an assembly on the plight of hedgehogs, highlighting the help Brian May was giving to help the decline in their numbers in the UK.

Recently, with the encouragement of 3D in particular, Mr Wilkinson collected a female hedgehog from Maureen at Hollycroft Hedgehogs. 'Hazelnut' (named by 3D) was released into Mr Wilkinson's small wood on Wednesday night.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Years 3&4) and Friday (Years 5&6, pictured below): Changes! We talked about all that was different this term. How did the children feel about the changes? Some felt excited, others nervous, and others seem to have barely noticed them! Changes can be unsettling, of course. Some changes have benefits, expected or unexpected and some do not. How can we cope with changes?

'Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever.'
(Hebrews 13.8)



Wednesday (Nursery - Year 6): We welcomed Nursery to assembly today. We started by talking with Mrs Blower, who was leaving HCJS today after 18 years and about her plans for the future. We presented her with some flowers. Linking with this week's theme of change and coping with change, we talked about all the different people who the children can seek help from and with whom they can talk about something if they needed to.

CASTLE HILL HOLIDAY CLUB (NURSERY - YEAR 2)

A reminder that the **deadline for bookings for October half term is Sunday 11th October**. All information along with the booking form can be found on [Firefly](#).





Happy birthday this week to...
Aiden O'Connor, Leonard Ray,
Fearn Middleton and Tinisha
Karmakar.

Merits this week to...Seth Allmark, Theo Hartley, Albie Letts, Amelia Nicolson, Annie Walker, Sam Houston, Flora Rogers, Milly Morgan-Jones, Henry Jehan, Hannah Whitaker, Molly Goodwin, Richie Wang, Leonora Wood and Matilda Coleman.



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