

THE JUNIOR TIMES

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 23rd	LAMDA Examinations (rescheduled for January)	
Tuesday 24th	Senior School Year 6 Interviews 6G Parents' Evening (via Zoom)	All day 5-7pm
Wednesday 25th	Senior School Year 6 Interviews 1TW Parents' Consultations (via Zoom)	All day 2-5.30pm
Thursday 26th	Senior School Year 6 Interviews 6J Parents' Evening (via Zoom)	All day 5-7pm
Friday 27th	PTA Reps Meeting (via Zoom)	10am
LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD		
Monday 30th	ABRSM Music Examinations	All day
Tuesday 1st Dec	ABRSM Music Examinations	All day
Thursday 3rd	2D Parents' Consultations (via Zoom)	2.30-5.30pm

FROM THE HEAD

We held our Year 4 Parents' Evening and Reception Parents' Consultations this week via Zoom. Our planning paid off, the technology behaved, and these events seemed to have gone well. I do hope that Year 4 and Reception parents found the meetings useful. Of course, a Parents' Evening on Zoom is not the same! One tends to focus on any disadvantages but I imagine that there were advantages too. I would be very pleased to hear from any Year 4 and Reception parents with their thoughts.

Next week, our use of Zoom continues. I am looking forward to meeting with PTA Reps on Friday and I do hope that the Year 6 pupils are looking forward to their Senior School interviews too. Year 6 parents will have received further details of these from the Senior School through the post. Please do reassure your children that the interviews are primarily a chance for them

to meet a senior member of Senior School staff, learn something of the Senior School and for them to tell the Senior School something of themselves. I am sure that the pupils will enjoy their interviews!

Further to our Act of Remembrance last week (you can watch the video [here](#)), assemblies this week have focused on service and integrity. You may like to read further details in the assemblies article below. Some of the children were particularly struck by the words of the Corps Sergeant Major of the Royal Corps of Signals who talked to us all on Monday. You may like to ask your children about this.

Wishing you all a restful weekend!

Chris Wright



RECEPTION

Reception have been working on their knife and fork skills this week. The children have practised cutting play dough with a knife and fork so that they can start to cut their own food and become more independent.



MEET THE NEW GAP

This week, we welcomed Will Sykes to HCJS as an additional Gap student for the remainder of the academic year. Will joined HCS in Year 7 and studied Maths, Physics and DT at A-Level. Will intends to train to be a pilot and is hoping to start the course next year.



FORMS FOR PARENTS

A reminder to parents that the following forms can be found on [Firefly](#):

- Reporting an absence
- Requesting a future absence
- Signing out from school
- School Trip contact & consent sheet
- Request for administration of medication for a pupil
- Request for Music lessons

MRS WALKER'S HEDGEHOGS



Bramble the hedgehog!

Mrs Walker has got four baby hedgehogs which she is trying hard to feed up, so that they survive through the winter. They are eating tinned Pedigree LOAF dog meat, which she orders in through Pets at Home. She is also giving them pink cat biscuits called 'Royal Canin Dry Cat Mother and Baby Cat'. These two foods are very specific and the hedgehog rescue have said these are the best food for them (and they do snuffle it down!).

If anyone would like to donate either of these foods before the end of term, Mrs Walker would be very grateful! Please leave the items in the dedicated box outside No. 28. Thank you.

YEAR 4 DIWALI

As part of our work on Hinduism, Year 4 have been studying the Hindu Festival of Light this week. We have learnt that Diwali not only symbolises the spiritual 'victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance', but it also marks the start of the Hindu New Year.

Both Mr Wilkinson and the children have enjoyed listening to Avi, 4W (pictured right), who shared his understanding and experiences of Diwali with his class. More information about Diwali can be found [here](#).

The Year 4 children and the staff were also delighted to receive a cupcake on Wednesday, kindly donated by Avi's family in celebration of Diwali.



LUNDY LETTERBOXES COME TO HEREFORD

Charlotte (1TW) and her sisters have been busy forming a plan to help make sure we all get some fresh air this winter with their [Hereford Treasure Fun](#) trail, while raising funds for a well-known local charity. You can read more about their project [here](#).



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception - Year 6): We welcomed the Corps Sergeant Major of the Royal Corps of Signals to assembly on Monday. He spoke of what service means to him - that it is about working for something that is greater than oneself - one's friends, one's teammates, one's team, one's community and one's country. He explained that service did come at a cost, and he told us something of the unpredictability of the life he, his family and other serving families lead. He also told us of the benefits and of the importance of service. He spoke to the children about the ways in which we can all serve, whatever our age and whether we wear a military uniform, a suit, a school uniform or a tracksuit.



From: A Signaller's Poem, David C. Berry, duty bugler, January 14, 1962, AAS, Harrogate.

*Signallers first, and soldiers second
These men would always toil
In the service of their country
And the service of their Queen
I knew this as I stood there
In the silence and the snow
And as the bugle's last notes faded
I felt a warming glow
Because I knew I shared commitment
Of a huge and glorious kind
That would never leave us Signallers
That would always be in our mind.*

Wednesday (Reception - Year 6): We recapped on Monday's assembly - mentioning service, and also integrity. We talked about the importance of standing up for what is right and of doing the right thing, even when no-one is watching. We also talked about how this required grit. Mr Wright then told the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den.

INTEGRITY



Happy birthday this week to... Summer Breeze, Jamie Pope, Finn Goodwin and Molly Goodwin.

Awarded in assembly... Well done to Rhys Schneider (1TW) for achieving his blue stripe karate belt.

MERITS this week to... A Sockett, E Chalasani, H Baxter, A Nicolson, R Lines, N Legge (x2), A Walker, G Connolly, A Lines, E Aye-Maung, P Dorise, D Sherief, G Turner, M Morgan-Jones, E Macted, A Stevens, S Vernon, P Crawford, A Walker, H Jehan and T Morgan-Jones (x2).



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Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 9th December 2020



£1 donation on the day in aid of
the Head Boy & Head Girl's
chosen charity:

acorns

Your local children's hospice

*Substitute your blazer and
school jumper on the day
for a festive knit!*

