

THE JUNIOR TIMES

CALENDAR

AFTER THE EASTER BREAK

Monday 19th April

Pupils Return After Easter Break 8.30/8.45am

Monday May 3rd

Bank Holiday all day

UNIFORM - Summer term means a change in uniform, as well as hopefully a change in weather! Please dress your children according to the weather but we do ask that all children are in Summer uniform from Tuesday May 4th.

SCHOOL NOTICES

REPORTS - This term Years 2, 4 & 6 are receiving full reports. Next term, at half term, Years 3 & 5 will receive progress grade reports and Years 1 will receive a full report. At the end of the Summer term Nursery, Reception & Year 3 will receive full reports with Years 4 & 5 receiving grade reports and Year 6 receiving their final report. There will also be parent consultations for Nursery, Reception & Years 1 & 2. If you would like to discuss your child's report, please request a meeting using the feedback form which accompanies the report.

FROM THE HEAD

Firstly, I must send a hearty well done to all the children in Year 5 and the Choristers for responding so well and so positively to their return to remote learning on Monday.

Fortunately the necessity was short-lived and everyone was able to return to normal classes on Tuesday. It was super to hear from one of our new parents, looking at it with fresh eyes, how impressed they were with our online provision.

Also on Monday the Romans invaded(!) in the form of our very own centurion who demonstrated what life would have been like for a Roman soldier at the time. As one Year 3 pupil put it, it was 'the best day ever'. You can find out more below.

Spring has been our assembly theme this week, Easter eggs, Easter bonnets and even a Spring lamb have featured this week. There are some video links included in this edition of the Junior Times to both the Nursery's special guest and the Pre-Prep & Nursey Easter Bonnet Parade.

As I write, the Pre-Prep children are preparing amid much excitement for their Easter Egg Hunt, and with any luck the weather we've been enjoying this week will hold.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Chris Wright.

RED NOSE DAY 2021!

This year we were able to raise **£433.11** from 'The Big HCJS Sleepover'- thank you & well done to all those who took part!



EASTER BONNET PARADE & MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY!

Last week our Pre-Prep children were hard at work on their Easter Bonnet creations. Finally, they were able to show off their masterpieces in the Easter Bonnet Parade. We are sorry we couldn't invite parents this year but we do hope you enjoy this [film!](#) And Year 1's Easter Bonnets came in handy for their Mad Hatter's Tea Party!



NURSERY

This week has been an exciting one. We enjoyed recording our Easter Bonnet Parade and taking part in the Nursery Easter Egg Hunt.

We also had a special visitor to Nursery. The children adored having a baby lamb in Nursery for the day on Wednesday.

You can see an interactive video of the children's experience [here](#).

The children were so excited and it was a lovely experience for us all. I hope you have a wonderful Easter break!



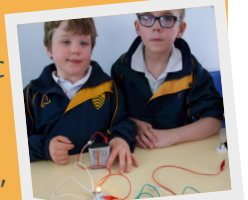
RECEPTION

Reception had another fun morning revising the digraphs this week. One great activity was getting the parachute out and hiding balloons underneath. The children took it in turns to pick up a balloon and recognise the digraph on it. There were some tricky ones!!



YEAR TWO

Year 2 have been studying the topic of Electricity. 2D have thoroughly enjoyed both investigating and creating simple circuits, using wires, bulbs, batteries and clips. They are able to label a circuit too.



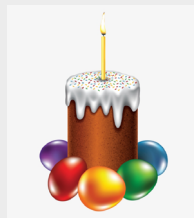
Lego is something which attracts people of all ages! In Year 2 we absolutely love Lego. The children have been creating forts, castles, and underground secret caves. We have also made sure they included lookout towers to protect their builds! More importantly however, the children have had an enormous amount of fun, working and playing together, to create their builds with their friends. Well done Year 2 for all of your teamwork and your super designing skills.



ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY - PROJECT EASTER

This week preparations for the Easter bunny's visit are well under way with Year 3 building Easter nests, Year 4 making mouth-watering Easter biscuits and Year 6 practising their Bake Off skills with their Easter biscuit decoration.

Will anyone get the 'Hollywood' hand shake?!



Happy Birthday this week to...

Henry Billig!

MIND CHALLENGE

We are so proud of Charlie's efforts as part of The Wilmot House team, running a mile a day for 27 days to raise money for 'Mind' inspired by Olivia T. One mile is just over 3 laps of the ground at Wilmot House, so over 500 laps have already been completed!

Charlie (Yr 4)
Lewis (Yr 10)
Ivan (Yr 11)
Osman & Spencer (Yr 13)
Mr and Mrs Fowler
Miss Westbrooke
Mr Hunt



Please go to the [Give Penny Wilmot House](#) webpage to sponsor Charlie and his team raising awareness for the important issue of student mental health.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception - Year 6): In a pre-recorded assembly available to parents [HERE](#), Mr Wright discussed signs of Spring and new life, and the resonance of Spring with the Easter Story and Easter message.

Wednesday (Reception - Year 6): In our live assembly, Mr Wright discussed Springtime and the Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

"Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but she loses one of them. She will light a lamp and clean the house. She will look carefully for the coin until she finds it. And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbours and say, 'Be happy with me because I have found the coin that I lost!'"

To whom can we turn when we feel lost or have got something wrong? How lucky we are to be able to make a fresh start.

Also a big thank you and well done to Eli for playing for us, as seen [here!](#)

MERITS THIS WEEK

Florence Brown, Rupert Pattison, Annie Macklin, Anna Lines, George Matli, Theodore Hartley, Beatrix Morgan-Jones, Jemima Letts, Margot Turner, Toby Baxter, Leonard Ray, Anna Lines, Milly Morgan-Jones, Aoife Donaghue, Ben Evans, Hannah Whitaker, Scarlett Coleman, Soli Peppercorn and Poppy Crawford.

THE ROMANS ARE COMING!

*"Experience is the teacher of all things."
~ Julius Caesar.*

Monday saw a Roman invasion at HCJS and all participants came, saw, conquered and had a great experience interacting with their very own Centurion soldier.

The Roman workshop included exploring the armour and weapons that soldiers in the Roman army would have carried, what a day in the life of a Roman soldier must have been like and how life in ancient Rome was so very different from today.

What a great way to '*carpe diem*' on such a beautiful day!



FROM THE GAMES DEPARTMENT

House sporting events continued this week with the Y5 & 6 House Football competition held in radiant sunshine at Wyeside on Wednesday. After the Y3&4 competition, Oakeley again lead the way at present in House Netball. I was just delighted to see a couple of goals as I had a feeling that every game might have ended 0 - 0!!! Goals, quite literally, at a premium!!

Congratulations to Oakeley who have won this year's competition!

