

THE JUNIOR TIMES

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10th - Christian Aid Week

Cathedral Liaison Meeting	1.15pm
Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Curriculum)	4.30pm
Tuesday 11th - Class Photos, Quiet Garden	9am
Nursery & Pre-Prep Vista Photo, St David's Hall	11am
Y6 Vista Group Leavers' Photo, St David's Hall	12noon
Wednesday 12th - Reception to 'Pizza Making Masterclass', Dining Hall	9.10am
U11/10 A,B&C Girls Cricket v King's St Albans (h)	2.30pm
Colts A,B&C Boys Cricket v King's St Albans (a)	2.30pm
Headmaster's Consultation Meeting	4pm
Friday 14th - Y3-6 'Commit to ComplEAT' Lunch, Dining Hall	12.15-12.45pm
Saturday 15th - Junior School Open Morning (via Zoom)	10-11am
(Proposed start of step 3 of government roadmap out of lockdown)	

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 17th Walk to School Week

LAMDA Examinations	All day
Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Assessment & Reports)	4.30pm
Wednesday 19th	
Colts A&B Cricket v Moor Park (h)	2.30pm
Friday 21st	
PTA Reps Meeting (via Zoom)	9am
U10/11 A,B&C Girls Cricket v Monmouth (a)	2.45pm
Governors General Purposes Committee Meeting	4pm
Saturday 22nd	
Chorister Open Morning	10am

FROM THE HEAD

Building on last week's assembly themes of independent thought and action and the value of mistakes, Wednesday's assembly focused upon the value and process of practice. Further detail is given overleaf: look out - a growth-mindset-affirming family challenge might emerge in time!

Whilst I hope you enjoyed the rainy Bank Holiday with your children, it has been marvellous to have the weather on our side this week. All the girls in Years 3 & 4 played in matches against The Downs on Tuesday, similarly all the girls in Years 5 & 6 on Wednesday.

Next week, all boys and girls in Years 5 and 6 will be representing the school in matches against King's St Albans, Reception are taking part in a Pizza Making Workshop, and don't forget...Class Photos on Tuesday!

Let's hope for a sunny weekend!



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday (Reception - Year 6):

In our live Zoom assembly, Mr Wright asked what do you want to be good at? Children and form teachers thought ambitiously and discussed. Ideas ranged from Lego to cookery to cricket to creative writing to times tables.

So, how to get better?

We all pooled ideas: experimentation, learning from mistakes and practice (and targeted practice at that - there is little point in practising the easy bits!)

Why not try to cook a different dish each week? (Bea Kinch's suggestion), or hit 100 cricket balls a day? (Mr Debenham), or walk/ jog / run up the same hill each week looking to get faster? (Mrs Williams).

What would you like to get better at?

What and how will you practise?



FROM THE GAMES DEPARTMENT

This week, despite some colder weather, mixed in with some hail, showers and wind, all available girls in Years 3 – 6 have continued their development by playing in matches against The Downs.

We have also had some children in Years 5 & 6 playing some Tennis during Games, led by Mr Griffiths from Whitecross Tennis Club.

Next Wednesday, all available pupils in Years 5 & 6 will be involved in matches against King's St Albans. The girls are at Wyeside with the boys away.

Team sheets will be posted on [Firefly](#) in due course.



RESOURCES FOR GAMES & MATCH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

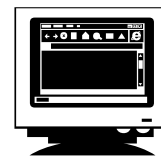


Games and Match information letter (26.4.21), which can be found here: [Letters to Parents — Hereford Cathedral School \(fireflycloud.net\)](#)

Games lessons information and timings can be found here: [Games Information for Parents — Hereford Cathedral School \(fireflycloud.net\)](#)

Team sheets and match arrangements can be found here: [Boys Team Lists — Hereford Cathedral School \(fireflycloud.net\)](#) and here [Girls Team Lists — Hereford Cathedral School \(fireflycloud.net\)](#)

Parents may find it useful to bookmark these links.



CASTLE HILL HOLIDAY CLUB

Castle Hill Holiday Club will be running during half term, and also during the Summer holidays.

Government guidelines permitting, we are planning to welcome children from Nursery to Year 2 during the Summer holidays. Regrettably, we are only able to operate for children in our Nursery during the Summer half term break.

Booking forms are now available for parents: Summer half term (Nursery children only): [HERE](#) (bookings close Monday 17th May)

Summer holidays: (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2): [HERE](#) (bookings close Monday 28th June)

SUMMER'S COOL - SAVE THE DATE!



Summer's Cool is back! HCJS's very own multi-activity holiday club for current pupils in Years 3-6 will run for 5 days from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd July 2021.

The week will be led by Mr Debenham, supported by members of the school staff. The day's activities will run from 8.30am-3.30pm, though children will be welcome to arrive from 8am and there will be the option for children to stay at Phoenix until 5.30pm.

Further details and booking/payment options will be published soon.

(Please note: all details are subject to government guidelines at the time and any resumption of Covid restrictions may result in this provision being cancelled at short notice).

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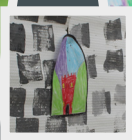
Our topic this week in Nursery is 'Marvellous Me'. We have been looking at our differences, learning all about my friends and their families as well as making our own beautiful self-portraits. The children have really enjoyed talking about themselves, their interests and it has been wonderful to see them so excited to talk about their home life in Nursery. We have also made a lovely 'Marvellous Me Family tree' and the children love seeing their photos on display in Nursery.



YEAR 1

Year 1TW have become master castle builders this week! Flags flutter over the imposing ramparts and gallant knights defend its boundary.

It's just as well these castle walls went up when they did, as 1TW have also been busy growing beanstalks, some already reaching 55cm tall! Should any unfriendly giants decide to pop down one, 1TW is properly fortified!



RECEPTION

Reception have been learning about 'People who help us'. We decided to learn about the dentist, their role and our role of brushing our teeth twice a day. The children loved brushing the model's teeth demonstrating the need to brush left to right, up and down and even in between.



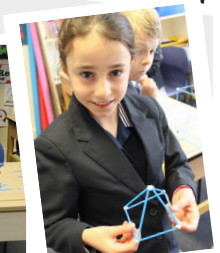
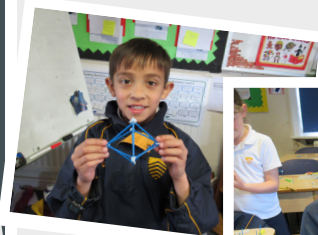
YEAR 2

Year 2 have been studying plants and growth in Science. They have been measuring their sunflower plants each week and have seen some great growth! The tallest sunflower is 29cm so far: the recent rainfall and sunshine have helped. Soon class 2D will take them home and replant them. Hopefully they will all grow into giant sunflowers.



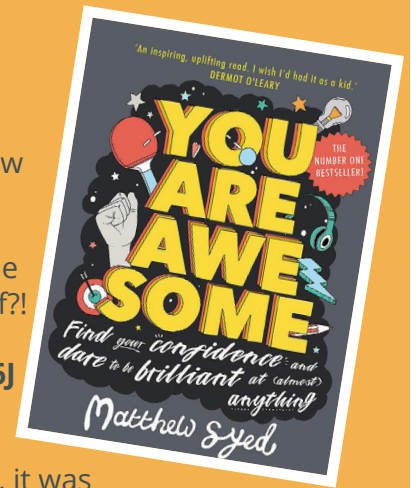
YEAR 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed their practical Maths this week! They have been investigating and making 3D shapes - as you can see!



YOU ARE AWESOME! BOOK REVIEW BY ELI ALLMARK

At the beginning of March Mr Wright highly recommended 'YOU ARE AWESOME' by Matthew Syed - a book aimed at children about how to find one's confidence and dare to be brilliant at (almost) anything. Some of you have gone out and grabbed your own copy and have provided us with some rave reviews. But what could be more awesome than having your comments read and replied to by the author, himself?!



My review of You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed by Eli Allmark, 6J

When my Headmaster Mr Wright read an extract from You Are Awesome during a Zoom Lesson on World Book Day I felt interested in it straight away because Matthew Syed wrote in a way I understood, it was almost a bit like a friend was talking to me. I have recently had a science book on the go and a fiction book on the go and sometimes I loose interest when I am reading. From the start of this book I haven't got bored and I think it is because of the way Matthew writes. He adds jokes and the lively, bold pictures on the pages break up all of the words so you don't turn a page and find a big lot of words which can be a bit boring! The pictures remind me a little bit of comic pictures.

This book is really good, even my Mum said she learnt stuff from it. The thing that it taught me most was that you should never give up. I have always thought that I have just been a bit normal, like kid average. I have never been in the top set for anything and sometimes find things tricky. It is easy for me to just say "this is difficult and I am finding it hard so I will give up." But this book talks about how it is really normal to find things difficult and that even the most talented people face challenges. It is how we deal with a challenge that makes us kid average or kid awesome. Matthew Syed speaks about how easy it is to look at someone really clever or a fantastic musician or footballer and think they are just great at it naturally, like they were born with the skill but this often isn't right. These great talented people often spend hours and hours practicing and they have the right mindset to help them get even better. But you don't see this, you just see the fantastic ball skills or brilliant recital at the concert. Since reading this book I have already noticed that the way I practice my piano is different. I am getting onto harder grades now and sometimes my kid average would give up on a really tricky bit but now I stop, break it down into smaller sections and eventually work through it. That feeling is amazing!

The thing this book has taught me most is that it is perfectly OK to not be the best at everything, what is most important is that you are the best version of yourself you can be. How you get to be the best version of yourself is by dealing with challenges in a positive way and not giving up. I suppose I should try and put something negative about You Are Awesome but I really can't. It is one of the best books I have read in a really long time. - Eli Allmark, 6J

Dear Eli,

Thank you for your letter. And thank you for taking the time to write to me. People often ask me what inspired me to write You Are Awesome and I can honestly say that what you have written is exactly why I wrote this book.

You mentioned your piano practice. That you might have given up at the hard bits in the past. But now you break it down in chunks, take one bit at a time and practice until gradually you get better and better until you can do it. This is what it means to have a growth mindset. Never be frightened to make a mistake. Everyone makes mistakes (I make loads!) So, always remember that mistakes are a brilliant way to find out what we don't already know and what we need to practice for next time. And that is exactly what we need if we are going to improve and achieve our goals.

You don't need to be the best at everything. I definitely wasn't. What matters is that you are always willing to try new things and take on new challenges. And when you do, make sure you give them your all. You Are Awesome.

Best wishes

Matthew Syed

CLUB CORNER - LEGO CLUB!

Each week we will be featuring an after school club available for pupils of different year groups to join.

This week we take a closer look at the Lego Club!

This week in Lego club, Year 2 pupils were busy creating their 'outdoor space' builds, inspired by the recent easing of lockdown rules. A tree house garden was being created by Aria, Harriet, Anna and Olivia, who said in Lego club they like to be creative, have fun with friends and the brightly coloured bricks cheer them up!

A horsey gem garden was a creation by Edward, Eliza, Alice and Willow. Their special feature was a diamond block, which when pressed, fills a swimming pool with water. This group agreed using their imagination was key to a great build.

Archie, Toby, Will M and Will O'L were busy building a Safari Park and creating rides just for the animals! They said playing with friends is the best way to have fun.

Alexanda and Lorena love to build, they explained they can take it apart and create something new from it. Pupils can sign up to Lego club at the beginning of each term.

During discussion with the children, 'loose' themes are decided for their building challenges throughout each term and 'free flowing' groups are formed.



ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Year 3 made a menagerie of pottery animals while Year 2 created watercolour paintings in the style of Kandinsky's concentric circles.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

This week, May 3rd - 7th, marked Teacher Appreciation Week, a week-long celebration in recognition of teachers and the contributions they make to education. It is a time when parents and students are encouraged to give thanks to the teachers in their lives and show appreciation for the hard work they do. Here at HCJS we are no exception and say sincerely, thank you to all our outstanding teachers, we appreciate all you do every day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

Auzzie Lowe, Summer Baillie, Finlay Webb, Rafe Lines, Theo Hartley and George Brown.

MERITS THIS WEEK

Gracie Holloway, Sophie Lort-Phillips, Theo Hartley, Richie Wang, Auzzie Lowe, Molly Goodwin, Harry Buchanan, Oscar Prosser, Avitej Singh, Joe Fisher, Poppy Crawford, Flora Rogers and Poppy Dorise.



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FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Junior School & Nursery Virtual Open Morning: Saturday 15 May

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