

THE JUNIOR TIMES

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 11th - 7th Week of Term - Instrumental 'Play in Class' Week <i>PTA Bag2School Week</i>	all week
Colts A IAPS Regional Hockey, Cheltenham College	all day
Cathedral Liaison Meeting, Chapter Room	1.15pm
Staf Academic Focus Meeting	4.15pm
Tuesday 12th	
U9 Hockey v Moor Park (a)	2.45pm
U8/9 Hockey v The Downs (a)	2.45pm
Moor Park U9 Rugby Festival (a)	2.45pm
Wednesday 13th	
Y5&6 Choir Rehearsal, St David's Hall	8.45-9.15am
Colts A&C Hockey v The Downs (Bridge St., Leominster)	2.30pm
Colts B Hockey v The Downs (Bridge St., Leominster)	3.15pm
U10 A & U11 A Rugby v The Downs (h)	2.30pm
House Point Deadline (First Half of Term)	4pm
Thursday 14th	
Nursery Trip to Queenswood Country Park	all day
HCS & Y5&6 Choir Combined Music in Quiet Places Concert, Weobley Parish Church	7pm
Friday 15th	
Y3-6 'Commit to ComplEAT' Lunch, Dining Hall	12.25pm
3D Drama Presentation, St David's Hall	5pm
3M Drama Presentation, St David's Hall	6.15pm
Saturday 16th	
Governors Strategy Meeting, Gilbert Library	9am-12.30pm
LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD	
Monday 18th - 8th Week of Term	
5B Print Workshop, HCS Art Department	am
5L Print Workshop, HCS Art Department	pm
Staff Academic Focus Meeting	4.15pm
Instrumental Music Concert, St David's Hall	6.15pm
Tuesday 19th	
PTA Reps Meeting, Library	9am
U8/9 Hockey v Malvern St James (h)	2.30pm
Wednesday 20th (<i>No clubs today</i>) <i>Y4,5&6 Progress Grades published</i>	
Pre-Prep & Nursery Percussion Workshop, St David's Hall	all day
RGS U10 A Hockey Tournament (a)	2pm
U11 Rugby v RGS The Grange (a)	2.30pm
U10 A,B&C Rugby v RGS The Grange (h)	2.30pm
Colts A&B Hockey v RGS The Grange (Bridge St., Leominster)	2.30pm
Half Term begins	3.35pm
Thursday 21st	
Staff INSET all day	
Herefordshire County Primary Schools' Football Tournament, Wyeseide	11am-4pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK... William AL Morgan and Ava-Rose Sockett!

MERITS: William O'Leary, Jose Francisco Norohna, Matilda Coleman, Sophie Pursey, Finlay Webb, Henry Hayes, Solilia Peppercorn, Willow Jones, Sophie Austin, Luisa Martins, Solomon Wells, Sophia O' Leary, Jessica Austin, Florence Brown, Jessica Wolverson, Gabriel O' Rourke, George Debenham, Jamie Pope, Anna Dotchon and Lily Foster.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO... Richie Wang for passing his Grade 5 Music Theory exam with Distinction.



FROM THE HEAD

There are numerous occasions during a school day when I feel incredibly proud of the pupils at our school; some occasions which can be predicted, such as our Y5&6 girls winning their hockey tournament at Monmouth on Saturday, and some that are more unexpected. This is particularly the case when I tour prospective parents and they often comment how willing and able our pupils are to interact with the visitors they meet.



A little over one in five of our pupils in the school have started at HCJS this term and I am delighted how well our new pupils have settled and integrated into the school. Many of them seem to have been with us for much longer.



Our Reception classes are an example to us all of how children adapt so well to their new environments and the positive relationships and friendships that they have formed in such a small amount of time are lessons to us all. The energy and purpose with which these youngsters go about their learning is so exciting to observe. They have really gelled as a year group and seeing them progressing in their education, facing the challenges of reading and writing with such intent, is fantastic.

On the subject of new arrivals, it was my great pleasure to meet and welcome the new Dean of Hereford Cathedral, the Very Reverend Sarah Brown, after her installation at the weekend. Dean Sarah is very keen to be an active part of the Junior School community and become well known to the children in our school. With this in mind she has kindly agreed to lead an assembly later in the term and will be attending both our Christmas Celebration and Carol Service in December.

Finally, as you will be aware from last week's Junior Times, my PA Mrs Kate Schneider is leaving the school today to return with her family to America. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank her for all her excellent work at the Junior School over the last 8 months, including the weekly publication of the Junior Times and steering a new Head through the first 5 weeks of the term!

Have a great weekend.



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

(Pre-prep)

Mr Debenham talked to the Pre-Prep about journeys they had been on, particularly long ones. He then introduced the idea of 'going the extra mile' and what in practice that might mean?



One of the examples we considered was if a parent asked you to bring your plate from the table, that not only would you do this, but you might bring your brother or sister's plate too, or perhaps put it in the dishwasher yourself or even do it with a smile on your face. One of the children even suggested that you could empty the dishwasher to help too - I look forward to hearing about any examples of 'going the extra mile' that the children achieve at home this week!

(Years 5 & 6)

In Tuesday's Year 5 & 6 assembly, Mrs Denny talked about getting older, as it had been the International Day of Older Persons on October 1st.

She asked the children what they thought it might be like to get older?

What might people not like about getting older and what might the good things be? They then chatted in small groups about what they were looking forward to when they got older - answers included getting taller, driving, getting a house, being able to stay up late and freedom of choice!

Mrs Denny then asked what difficulties elderly people might face and also what could the older people who we know teach us?

The children finished the assembly by reflecting on what they could do to help any elderly people they know, and Mrs Denny set them all a challenge to try and help someone over half term.



NURSERY

In Nursery this week we have been looking at Harvest. The children have made their very own bread rolls following on from the story 'The Little Red Hen' and very much enjoyed eating them for snack time! We have also made some wonderful mini scarecrows and have enjoyed exploring a variety of different fruit and vegetables, including different grains from Miss Sevenoaks's farm.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have planted both daffodil and tulip bulbs around the school, in preparation for Springtime. Although becoming a little grubby, the children were excited to try and evenly plant out the bulbs and to guess which colours the tulips would appear. They worked as a team whilst digging and planting. They are very much looking forward to seeing the blooms. Fingers crossed!

We have also been busy with our Lego builds during Lego club. They have delved into huge boxes of Lego to find the perfect pieces for their creations. More importantly they have had fun with friends and developed their design and construction skills.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

This week, many of our Junior School children have been taking a closer look at a range of poetry, as part of a focus on National Poetry Day on the 7th October. This year's theme is 'Choices'.

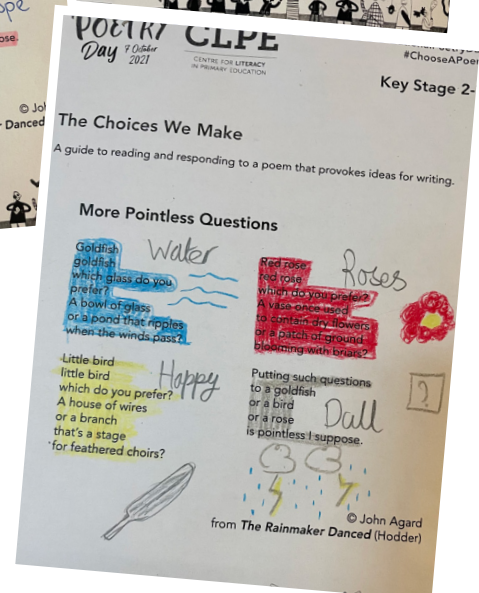
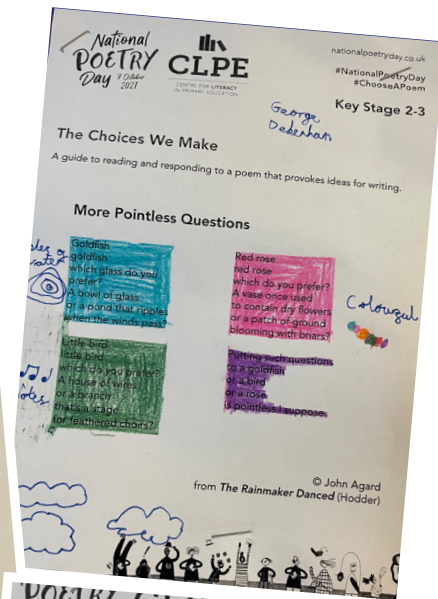
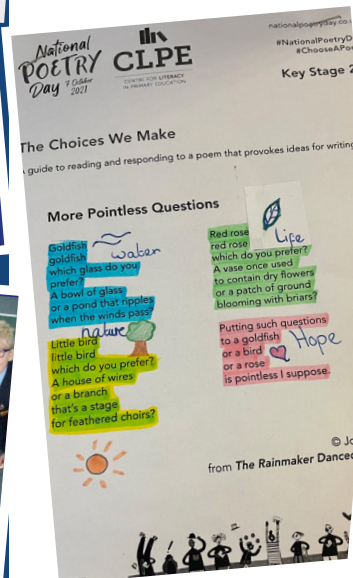
Year 6 explored the John Agard poem, 'More Pointless Questions' and classified each stanza using the 'Colour, Symbol, Image' technique. Callum Orme's choice of the symbol for ripples of water was particularly powerful.

Year 5 have been practising their poetry delivery and we were very impressed with their final performances, both on video and in class.

Finally, a special thank you to Willow, Eva, Alice, Lorena and Millie who stepped in to help showcase 'The Language of Cat' by Rachel Rooney during an assembly.

If you would like to explore poetry even more with your children at home, follow the link to open up a variety of resources and video lesson plans. The 'choices' are endless!

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day/>



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a 'magical' time in their Harry Potter Club on Wednesdays after school.

They used a spell that turned regular spell books into miniature ones or could they be secret diaries and will anyone answer back when they write in it?



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THREE CHOIRS CONCERT AT WEOBLEY CHURCH

The Junior School Choir have been rehearsing hard for their concert on Thursday evening and the audience are in for a real treat!

Please could parents make sure that they have sent a reply to the letter regarding this concert via Firefly.



In addition to the details on the letter, the church has requested that all adults in the audience to please wear masks.

Refreshments will available beforehand for a cash donation. We look forward to seeing you there!

BAG TO SCHOOL IS BACK!



We are pleased to announce that the school has organised another textile collection with Bag 2 School in order to raise funds for HCJS PTA.

The collection will begin on **Monday 11th October**. This will then finish on Friday 15th October in readiness for the bags to be collected just after the half term break. Unlike previous years Bag 2 School are no longer providing bags so please use regular black bin bags. Items that can be donated include: Adult & children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linens/curtains/towels and bedding.

Pre Prep: There will be a red Quick Skip bin to put the bags in outside the Moat.

Juniors: There will be a red Quick Skip bin outside No. 28 but please contact your class representatives if you're not sure where to make your deposits.

HCJS PTA will receive £500 per tonne or £0.50/kg as a result of your efforts!

We would like to thank Simon & Rebecca Lively for their help in supplying Quick Skip bins and all the gap students for their invaluable help with Bags2School. Also, a huge 'thank you' to everyone who attended the HCJS PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning, we raised £160 and, lastly, a big 'thank you' to David at Nizi Bakery for supplying us with the delicious pastries!

PLAY IN CLASS WEEK

Next week is 'Play in Class Week' for pupils in Years 2 - 6. Children can bring in their musical instruments and perform their music live in class for their friends.

If they have only just started learning that is fine! They can simply play a few notes and show us how the instrument works.

The days for each year to bring their instruments are listed below so please do remind your children!

5L - Monday 11th October

2D - Tuesday 12th October

5B - Tuesday 12th October

6J - Tuesday 12th October

3D - Tuesday 12th October

3M - Wednesday 13th October

Year 4 - Wednesday 13th October

6G - Friday 15th October

We look forward to hearing everybody and learning about the different instruments.



FROM THE GAMES DEPARTMENT

It has been the busiest week so far this term for the Games department. Last Friday we held our Cross Country and Tug of War event. The weather was kind and all of the runners in Years 3-6 did brilliantly. Congratulations to Oakeley who are this year's champions. On Saturday, in rather awful conditions, our Colts A Hockey team travelled to Monmouth and came away as victors of their Despontin tournament. A great effort!

This week, our U8 boys enjoyed taking part in a rugby festival at Wyeside whilst on Wednesday, our year 5 & 6 boys and girls enjoyed fixtures against Moor Park. Our Colts A hockey players went to a tournament at RGS performing well, just missing out on a place in the semi-finals. On Thursday, we took a team of runners to Abberley Hall for their cross-country race. Always a test, everyone ran well, in particular the girls, with Molly Goodwin winning the U11 race and Florence Brown and Fearn Middleton in the top 10. Finn Goodwin was our best placed boy in 16th place.

House Cross Country

Y3 Boys: 1st Toby Maxted, 2nd Louis Storey, 3rd William May.

Y3 Girls: 1st Millie Wyatt, 2nd Francesca Ngouoto, 3rd Lily Foster

Y4 Boys: 1st James Nolan, 2nd George Brown, 3rd Archie Turtle

Y4 Girls: 1st Sophie Austin, 2nd Poppy Dorise, 3rd Tilly Coleman

Y5 Boys: 1st Finn Goodwin, 2nd Freddie Turtle, 3rd Toby Whitaker.

Y5 Girls: 1st Molly Goodwin, 2nd Margot Turner, 3rd Emily Evans.

Y6 Boys: 1st Gabriel O'Rourke, 2nd Leonard Ray, 3rd Miles Gardner.

Y6 Girls: 1st Fearn Middleton, 2nd Florence Brown, 3rd Freya Panniers.

House Totals: 1st Oakeley, 2nd Britten, 3rd Woodall, 4th Matthews.

All games & match information on [Firefly](#).



WOW! (WORD OF THE WEEK)

This week's Words of the Week are:

Year 3 - Believe

Year 4 - Caught

Year 5 - Available

Year 6 - Committee

FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Little Ones (Yrs 0-3) 'Play & Discover - Harry & His Dinosaurs' Session - Wednesday 13th October, HCJS Nursery - 2-3pm. Find us on [Facebook](#).

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