



HCJS NEWSLETTER NO. 897



# THE JUNIOR TIMES

## CALENDAR

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday 15th - 12th Week of Term National Anti-Bullying Week: 'One Kind Word'

Pre-Prep (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2) Parent Consultations, The Moat 3.40-6pm  
Y4 Focus Meeting for Staff 4.15pm

#### Tuesday 16th

Y4 Parents' Evening, Zimmerman Main Hall 5.30-8.30pm

#### Wednesday 17th

5L Class Assembly, St David's Hall 8.50am

Colts A Hockey Malvern College U11 Hockey Tournament (a) 2pm

U11 A Rugby v King's St Albans (h) 2.30pm

U10 A, B & C Rugby v King's St Albans (h) 2.30pm

Colts B & C Hockey v King's St Albans (Bridge St., Leominster) 2.30pm

#### Thursday 18th

Home Clothes Day (*in aid of Children in Need*) all day

6G Design & Technology Workshop, HCS D&T Department am

6J Design & Technology Workshop, HCS D&T Department pm

Reception 'Stay & Play' for Nursery Children & Parents, The Moat pm

School Council Meeting, 5B 3.40pm

Senior School Information Evening for Y6 Parents, Zimmerman Main Hall 6.30-8pm

#### Friday 19th

Junior School Open Morning 9.45-11.30am

U9 & U11 Cross Country v RGS The Grange Worcester (a) 2pm

#### Saturday 20th

U11 Rugby Trip all day

### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

#### Monday 22nd - 13th Week of Term

Senior School Y6 Interviews all week

LAMDA Examinations all week

Staf Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm

#### Tuesday 23rd

U9 A & B Rugby v King's St Albans (a) 2.30pm

#### Wednesday 24th

*Deadline for dates to be submitted for Spring Term calendar*

4W Class Assembly, St David's Hall 8.50am

U11 A & U10 B Rugby v Abberley Hall (h) 2.30pm

Colts A & B Hockey v Abberley Hall (a) 2.30pm

#### Thursday 25th

Y3-6 'Commit to ComplEAT' Lunch, Dining Hall 12.25pm

Y5&6 Choir at Herefordshire Schools' Advent Carol Service Rehearsal, Cathedral 1.45-3.30pm

Y5&6 Choir at Herefordshire Schools' Advent Carol Service, Cathedral 5pm

#### Friday 26th

IAPS Hockey Finals, Millfeld College (subject to qualification)

Governors Full Board & AGM, Library 2pm

#### Sunday 28th

U11 County Hockey Tournament, Bridge St. Leominster am

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

Sam Lort-Phillips, Luisa Martins, Solilia Peppercorn, Anna Lines, Sophie Pursey and Seb Bucata.



## FROM THE HEAD

Remembrance has been a key theme in school this week, culminating in our Act of Remembrance in the Quiet Garden on Thursday morning and the Year 5&6 Choir singing at the Words and Music for Remembrance Service in the Cathedral on Thursday evening. It is one of the (many) times in the school calendar when I am particularly proud of the pupils in our school, from the youngest members of Pre-Prep through to our Year 6 prefects. Their ability to rise to the occasion and to behave and respond in such a mature, considered and appropriate way is a real credit to them all.



Walking through the school, it has been wonderful to see some of the work that has been completed in response to the theme of Remembrance and a special thank you to 6J and our Reception classes for their poppy displays which were visible from the Quiet Garden during our Act of Remembrance.

We had a welcome return to the Cathedral this week with 6J leading our assembly there on Wednesday, acting out the story of 'Jonah and the Whale'. Thank you to all those involved. We are currently working with the Cathedral to plan our Christmas events and I am confident that we will be able to welcome some audience and congregation to our Christmas Celebration and Carol Service later this term. More details will follow in due course.

I wanted to finish with a huge thank you to our PTA, and particularly Mrs Beckie Morgan our PTA Chair, for the fantastic firework event at Wyeside last Friday. It was incredibly well organised with a very impressive firework display. These events do not happen without a great deal of hard work and I know that it was hugely appreciated by us all.

Have a wonderful weekend and good luck to the U9 girls who are representing the school at The Elms hockey tournament on Saturday.

## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

This week, Mrs Denny has led the assemblies, focusing on the theme of Remembrance. The children discussed ways that we can remember people who have served for us and why we wear a poppy. Pre-Prep also thought about the types of animals that might have helped in the war, because Mrs Denny was wearing her purple poppy. In the Junior assemblies, Mrs Denny talked about the fact that 2021 marked 100 years since the Royal British Legion was founded, and the reason why we mark Remembrance on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, but also that we are remembering all those who have died in wars over the past 100 years. Some of the children shared personal stories of relatives who they were aware of that had served in the World Wars - Mrs Denny's Great-grandfather had been in both and she told the children that she always thought of him during the moment of silence.

On Thursday, all of the children joined together to observe the two minutes silence, wearing their poppies and reflecting on the sacrifice of all those men and women who had served in the wars. A pupil from the Senior School played the Last Post as part of the service, with Year 6 pupils reading poems and prayers for Remembrance.

### Reading News - Stuck in a Reading Rut?

Has your child got stuck on the Wimpy Kid books and been unable to move forward? Are they trapped in a Famous Five loop or has Tom Gates taken too strong a hold of them? Fear not! Why not explore this great website which recommends books of a similar genre to a favourite author, but by a different author. These branching out posters might also give some family inspiration for some presents in the, not too distant, future, as might the year group specific book recommendations. Enjoy!

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/branching-out>

## MERITS

Arthur Chapman, Sophie Pursey, Albie Letts, Harriet Baxter, Finlay Webb, Jamie Pope, Layla Chapman x2, George Matli, Freya Webb, Richie Wang, Freddie Turtle, Hunter Martin, Isla Storey, Margot Turner, Lorena Andrade and Emily Jones.

## NURSERY

Over the next two weeks in Nursery we are exploring 'Celebrations around the World'. This week we have been enjoying looking at and acting out weddings in our wedding role play, making bouquets and also touching on Remembrance Day. The children have made some beautiful handprint poppies to hang around Nursery to show we remember special people.



## YEAR 2 PUZZLE CLUB

The girls in Puzzle club really enjoyed completing the 'Where's Wally' puzzle. They showed great determination and teamwork to finish it!



## YEAR 3 POTTERY CLUB

Year 3 have been making animals in Pottery Club.



## YEAR 6 ART

Year 6 have really enjoyed constructing large sculptures in the style of Claus Oldenberg Pop Art.



## YEAR 5 ENGLISH

As part of their Focus on 'Friend or Foe', some of the pupils in Year 5 used their knowledge of the story and characters, and their role-playing skills, to 'Conscience Alley' David, one of the main characters. One side of the alley tried to persuade him to protect the pilots and the other side tried to persuade him to give the pilots up to the authorities. 'David' found it an especially challenging decision!



## FESTIVAL OF DIWALI

Many thanks to Avi's mum, who brought in a delicious cake for Year 5 as part of her family's celebration of the Festival of Diwali.





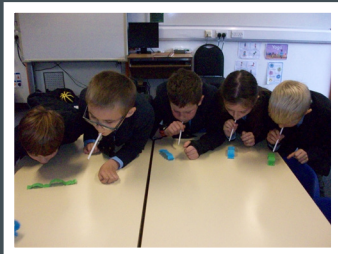
## MUSIC

The Year 5 & 6 Choir sang beautifully in the Cathedral for the Words and Music for Remembrance on Thursday evening. They performed 'Child of Peace' which was perfect for the occasion with it's message of hope and peace for the future. The choir also joined together with the choirs from the Senior School and guests from Moor Park to sing Parry's 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' and Rutter's 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You'.



## ART AND CRAFT CLUB

The children made Origami Caterpillars, and then had races with them using straws. It was good fun!



## GAMES DEPARTMENT

This week has seen a lot of fixtures with over 100 pupils involved in matches.

Our U8 girls took part in a festival at RGS and they gained plenty of experience as well as playing lots of games. Both teams battled well with mixed results but they all had a great day. Our U9 boys again performed very well at The Elms festival and they are collectively playing some good rugby. The U9 girls also played The Elms with our very strong A team coming away with a handsome victory whilst the B's narrowly lost.

On Wednesday it was the turn of the Year 5&6s with the Colts A and B hockey teams both winning at The Elms whilst the C team suffered defeat against Moor Park.

The U11 boys found The Elms too strong but the U10s kept their unbeaten record intact with a good win coming from behind.

This Saturday our U9A hockey team are involved in a tournament at The Elms whilst next week there are fixtures against King's St Albans and a cross country event at RGS The Grange.

Congratulations to Fearn M who competed for Hereford and County Athletics Team last weekend with results of 1st in Relay, 2nd in Triple Standing Long Jump and 2nd in Chest Throw.

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



### This week's Words of the Week are:

Year 3 - Centre  
Year 4 - Disappear  
Year 5 - Competition  
Year 6 - Desperate



  
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### FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 17th November, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm.  
Junior School & Nursery Open Morning - Friday 19th November from 9.45-11.00am

### ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

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