

THE JUNIOR

TIMES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 14th - 7th Week of Term

Police Officer Visit to Reception pm
 Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm

Tuesday 15th

PTA Reps Meeting, Library 9am
 U8/9 A,B&C Netball v Malvern St James (a) 2.45pm

Wednesday 16th

3M Form Assembly, St David's Hall 1pm
 Colts A,B,C,D&E Football v King's Gloucester (h) 2.30pm
 Colts A,B&C Netball v King's Gloucester (h) 2.30pm

Thursday 17th (No clubs today)

City Schools Football Tournament, Wyeside 11am-4pm
 Half Term begins 3.35pm

Friday 18th

Staff INSET all day

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 28th - 9th Week of Term

Pupils return 8.30am
Y1-6 Writing Assessment Day
 Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm

MARCH

Tuesday 1st

St David's Day
Y1-6 Writing Assessment Day
 RGS The Grange U9 Football Festival 2pm
 U9 A Netball v The Elms (h) 2.30pm
 Chorister Instrumental Concert, College Hall 6.45pm

Wednesday 2nd

Ash Wednesday
 School Ash Wednesday Service (Y3-6), Cathedral 8.50am
 Colts A&B Netball v The Elms (h) 2.30pm
 Colts C Netball v Christ College Brecon (h) 2.30pm
 Colts C Football v Christ College Brecon (h) 2.30pm
 Colts A&B Football v The Elms (a) 2.45pm

Thursday 3rd

World Book Day
 School Council Meeting, 5B 3.40pm
 Instrumental Music Concert, St David's Hall 6.30pm

Friday 4th

Junior School Open Morning 9.45-11.30am

Saturday 5th

U11A In2 Hockey Tournament, The Elms 2pm

Sunday 6th

Marches Rugby 7s, Wyeside all day
 National Prep Schools' U11 Cross Country Championships, Malvern College 10am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

Oscar P.



FROM THE HEAD

This week there have been two national initiatives that we have been supporting in school; Children's Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Day. While we may question why two such important initiatives are scheduled in the same week, it is fair to say that there is certainly some correlation between the two. As you will see from our assembly summary we have focussed on Mental Health in assemblies, while in ICT lessons the emphasis has been on Internet Safety.



It is noteworthy that so many of the suggested activities that promote good mental health, such as exercise, singing, staying away from screens and socialising are interwoven into each and every day at the Junior School. The theme for this year was 'Growing Together' and emphasising that growing is not only a physical development. Open lines of communication are, of course, incredibly important and the older children were challenged to think about who they might consider to be in their support balloon, essentially who they could turn to when they needed help. Amongst the expected answers were also the more unusual responses, including a goldfish and Hermione Granger!

It is important, particularly following the last two years that our children have encountered, that positive mental health remains front and centre of our approach, and this is something that we will continue to consider as part of our form time and PSHE curriculum. As I said to the children, everyone has mental health and therefore, just as we do all that we can to remain physically healthy, so we should ensure that we apply this approach to our mental health too.

With this in mind, please do have a relaxing and restful weekend.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

On Monday the Year 1 pupils led the Pre-Prep assembly showcasing their work on the weather. They shared their colourful pictures of their favourite type of weather which included sunshine, rain, hail and lots of snow! The Year 1 pupils also sang two weather songs with actions. Thank you to Year 1 for brightening up a grey and gloomy morning.

As part of this week's national Children's Mental Health Week, Mr Debenham talked to the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children about their understanding of mental health, exploring the activities that we can do to improve our mental health.

Suggestions ranged from spending time with your friends and family, being active, colouring and singing.



We then watched a film talking about activities that children can do to boost their mental health, with special guests including Oti Mabuse and Olivia Coleman.

On Friday Year 3 and 4 were visited by some Y11 pupils from the Senior School to share their 'open book' assembly, retelling the story of Abraham and his promise to God. The children were engaged in the story using a variety of actions to accompany the bible story.

PLAY IN CLASS WEEK

Next week is 'Play in Class Week' for those children who have instrumental lessons. They can bring in their instrument and music and perform a piece for their friends in class. (If they have only just started learning their instrument we would still love to see it and to hear a couple of notes.) The days to bring in instruments are:

5L – Monday
Year 2 – Tuesday
5B – Tuesday
6J – Tuesday
Years 3&4 – Wednesday
6G – Thursday

MERITS

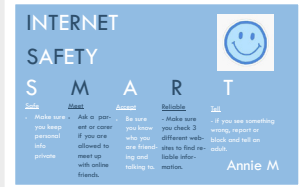
Finn G, Joe F, Lola W, Summer B, Anna L, Vanessa H and Max B.

NURSERY

The Nursery children have been exploring different types of foods through taste, smell and touch this week. We also prepared a fruit salad for our friends – our favourite was the juicy pineapple!



YEAR 6 ICT



All students have been working on the Internet Safety topic this week. Year 6 have been working with Mr Phillips and Miss Stanley watching videos, creating documents and holding class debates about how to be safe whilst on-line, using social media or even gaming. There were some excellent discussions from 6G and 6J about how to stay safe and remembering to be respectful to their peers at all times on-line.

We had 2 winners for our 'Blockly Coding' project. 6J were set a task to complete the code competition to level 10. The first 2 students to send in their work would win a small prize. Well done to Anna L and Vanessa H for being the first two to send in the correct code. More competitions to follow soon.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been having fun in Music lessons with their percussion band. They learnt a song called 'I Can Play!' in three parts and played it brilliantly on the drums, tambourines and maracas.



YEAR 1

Year 1 were excited to present their assembly to the Pre-Prep on Monday morning. They had been learning about the weather and completing weather diaries and so this was the theme for their assembly. Year 1 showed everyone their weather pictures and spoke about their favourite weather. They also sang some songs about the sunshine and the rain.



HARRY POTTER CLUB

At Harry Potter club this week our witches and wizards were in Ollivander's Wand shop making their very own wands. Being a muggle school, they had to use a simple electric circuit to make their wands light up rather than magic, but the wood was Elder wood so essentially making themselves an Elder wand!



LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB

The children enjoyed making these models in Lego Robotics Club this week.



RECEPTION

Dr Gray was our special visitor this week reading 'The Pet' (from one of the leading authors in the Festival of Literature). He read to Reception and everyone (including Dr Gray) enjoyed the twist at the end of the book!



FORMER PUPILS' SUCCESS



Congratulations to the HCS girls U16 hockey squad who qualified for the National Hockey finals at the Nottingham Hockey Centre. 10 of the 14 strong squad were former Junior School pupils, including captain Jessica D and top goal scorer Maddie C. The girls finished an impressive 3rd in this national competition.



SPRING 2022 JUNIOR & NURSERY OPEN MORNING

Friday 4 March, 9.45am

You and your family are warmly invited to our Spring Term Open Morning to meet our pupils and teachers and see the school in action.

At Hereford Cathedral Junior School, you will discover an outstanding education that is tailored to the needs of every child. Our aim is to support and challenge, giving each child the chance to do their best.

Please arrive at St David's Hall at 9.45am for refreshments. The Head's Address will start at 10am, followed by tours of the school, guided by our pupils. If you would like to join us, please contact Mrs Lucy Debenham, Registrar, on 01432 363511 or email enquiry@herefordcs.com.

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SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP

Last week our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils met the King and Queen of the Fairies and had a fabulous time in a magical forest as they experienced 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. As the Young Shakespeare Company cast was fairly small, they took the liberty of enlisting the 'help' of some of our younger thespians!



ART

Year 3 have completed their pneumatic bug constructions this term. They have used a syringe system to compress and move air. This controlled movement has been used to move their bugs wings, eyes, horns and tails.



Year 4 made gargoyle style pots last term, based on those on the Cathedral, and they have finally escaped the kiln. They have been glazed for use.



CASTLE HILL HOLIDAY CLUB

Castle Hill Holiday Club (our holiday club provision for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils) will be running during the Spring half term holidays on the following days:

Spring Half Term

Friday 18th February
Monday 21st February
Tuesday 22nd February
Wednesday 23rd February
Thursday 24th February
Friday 25th February

Booking forms are now available for parents via the following Firefly link [HERE](#).

Booking is essential and bookings close for Spring half term on Friday 11th February 2022.

Bookings are now also available for Castle Hill Holiday Club during some of the Easter Holiday [HERE](#) and for our Y3-6 pupils Easter's Cool booking is now open [HERE](#). Book early to avoid disappointment.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

Another busy week of sport has seen both the boys and girls involved in matches against King's St Alban's. After a few indifferent results in previous weeks, it was great to see some good battles throughout and some pleasing wins for all six football teams who played. Well done to the girls who had some great performances despite missing several players. Last Sunday, a team of runners took part in the Abberley Hall relays, always a challenging event, in very testing weather conditions. A very young boys team finished a creditable 6th out of 8 whilst the girls did brilliantly to finish runners up. Finn G was the 3rd fastest U11 runner whilst Molly G won the U11 girls section. This is a fantastic achievement considering both are a year young.



Next week there are fixtures against Malvern St James and King's Gloucester whilst on Thursday, the Colts A footballers are taking part in the City Schools Football Tournament at Wyese.

6 Nations Predictor

16 players have taken part in the competition with James Nolan currently in first ahead of Mr Ferreira. Mr Thomas currently languishes at the bottom although there is a long way to go!

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

EASTER'S COOL

Monday 4 April to Friday 8 April 2022

A fun multi-activity week for pupils at Hereford Cathedral Junior School in Years 3 to 6 full of fun, games and activities, including:

Dodgeball, Craft, Cricket, Zig-zag Rounders, Football, Danish Longball, Footy, Basketball, Treasure Hunt, Bingo, Kingball, Mummification, Playground Games, all things Easter and much more!

Booking form now available on Firefly

This week's Words of the Week are:

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Year 3 - Experience
Year 4 - Material
Year 5 - Especially
Year 6 - Interfere

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
JUNIOR & NURSERY

FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 16th February, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm.
Junior School Open Morning Friday 4th March from 9.45-11.30am

ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

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[Boys Team Lists](#)

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