

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7th - (10th Week of Term)

Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival, Hereford Racecourse all day
 Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Writing Moderation) 4.15pm

Tuesday 8th

Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival, Hereford Racecourse all day
 RGS The Grange U9 Netball Tournament 1.30pm
 U8/9 B&C Netball v The Elms (h) 2.30pm
 U8/9 A,B&C Football v The Elms (a) 2.45pm

Wednesday 9th

Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival, Hereford Racecourse all day
 Colts A,B,C&D Netball v Monmouth (h) 2.30pm
 Colts A,B,C,D&E Football v Monmouth (a) 2.45pm

Thursday 10th

Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival, Hereford Racecourse all day

Friday 11th

Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival, Y3,Y4,Y5&Y6 'Choirs Day' all day
 Governors' Finance Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room 4pm

Saturday 12th

Chorister Open Morning, College Hall am
 Colts A Hockey v Leominster HC, Bridge St.,Leominster 9am

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 14th - (11th Week of Term)

British Science Week all week
 Y5 Production Rehearsal, St David's Hall all day
 Y3-6 'Commit to ComplEAT Lunch', Dining Hall 12.15pm
 PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale, PTA Uniform Shop 3-4.30pm
 Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm

Tuesday 15th

Senior School 'In Action' Open Morning, Gilbert Library 9-11am
 U8/9 A,B&C Netball v The Downs (h) 2.30pm
 PTA Committee Meeting, St David's Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th

Deadline for dates to be submitted for Summer Term Calendar
 Y5 Production Rehearsal, St David's Hall am
 4B to 'Lambing Live', Kentchurch Estate pm
 3D Form Assembly, St David's Hall 1pm
 Colts A&B Netball v Abberley Hall (a) 2.45pm
 Colts A&B Football v King's Hawford (a) 2.45pm

Thursday 17th

Y5 to Science Workshop, Senior School pm
 Reception Stay and Play, The Moat 2pm
 Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival Gala Concert, Courtyard 7.30pm

Friday 18th

Red Nose Day
 Y5 Production Technical Rehearsal, St David's Hall am
 4W to 'Lambing Live', Kentchurch Estate pm
 ISFA Colts A Regional Football Tournament, Clifton College 1.30pm
 Colts A Hockey v U12 HCS, Hereford Leisure Centre 4pm

FROM THE HEAD

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after half term and hear about all their activities and adventures. It has been an incredibly busy and exciting week in school with concerts, matches, an Ash Wednesday service in the Cathedral led by our choristers, a School Council meeting and even an Open Morning to add to the mix.



In addition to these events, it has been all about books this week in the Junior School, as we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. I am sure many of you will have been busily assisting your children create their amazing 'potato book characters'. Other initiatives have included each class (and a number of staff) decorating their classroom doors linking them to a particular book, DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) bells ringing at various times during the school day, photos of pictures of children reading to their pets and Nursery pupils dressing up as their favourite book character. A huge thank you to Mrs Cumming and the English department, who have been the driving force behind all these exciting ideas and initiatives.

In celebration of World Book Day, you may be interested in listening to episode 3 of Hereford Cathedral School's podcast series, 'Helping Children Succeed' in which Headmaster Dr Michael Gray talks to children's author Catherine Emmett about the importance of reading in early life, and what it felt like to leave behind her career in banking to become a writer. The podcast can be listened to via the following link [here](#).

Have a great weekend.



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

On Monday Mr Debenham spoke to the Pre-Prep pupils about times when we 'get ready'. Examples ranged from packing for a holiday, wrapping a present for a birthday or getting dressed for school. Mr Debenham went on to explain that Lent is a period during the year when Christians remember a time of preparation that Jesus experienced - 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness. The assembly concluded with the children considering what they might give up or do for Lent.

On Wednesday Years 3-6 attended an Ash Wednesday service led by the Dean, featuring the choristers. The service gave the pupils an insight into the dedication and



commitment that each chorister makes on a daily basis, as well as demonstrating how their singing promotes and enhances worship in the Cathedral. It was a privilege for the children to hear the choristers performing the responses and a psalm. Dean Sarah explained about the significance of the 40 days of Lent and concluded the service by talking about the traditions associated with Ash Wednesday and 'ashing' four volunteers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

Lola W, Harry C, Guy C, Maggie L, George P and William O'L.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OVER HALF TERM...

Luca L, Johnny G, Martha B, Grayson O'N, Mabel P, Isla S, Alexandra S and Darcey S.

MERITS

Layla C, Margot T x 2, Isla S x 2, Avi S, Hunter M x 2, Charlie F x 2, Matti F-Z, Oliver C, Lola W, Jessica J, Luca L, Finn G x 2, Emily E, Toby W, Richie W, Joe F, Sophia O'L, Freddie C, Callum O, Lily F, Anna D, Francesca N, William M, Ava-Rose S, Martha B, Amelia N, Esha C and Hywel J.

NURSERY

Nursery had fun dressing up for World Book Day. There were some beautiful costumes and some lovely characters chosen, even the staff dressed up.



INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

A fantastic group of musicians entertained us on Thursday evening with their Instrumental Concert. We had pieces performed on the piano, violin, flute, saxophone and clarinet. Everyone played with fantastic confidence - even those who had only had a few lessons and the audience were very impressed with the range of pieces that they heard. Well done to all those who performed.



YEAR 6

Year 6 enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Senior School library again. This time they were challenged with persuading their friends that their choice of book was clearly the best book. Time was not their friend as they only had a minute to persuade each peer listener before they had to move on to another partner. Great focus and engagement were noticed and the children were buzzing about what to read next, as they walked back along Castle Street. What a great lead up to the 25th anniversary of World Book Day this week.



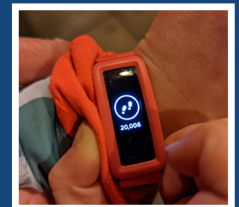
CHORISTERS

It was a historic day on Monday as we welcomed Bessie B as the first ever girl chorister at Hereford Cathedral Junior School. Should you be considering a choristership for your daughter or son please find further information on the forthcoming chorister open morning on Saturday 12th March via the following link [here](#).



CONGRATULATIONS

As part of Juliette W's charity badge for Brownies, she walked 20,000 steps in one day to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. After a gruelling 12 hours of activity she completed her challenge and raised an impressive total of £207.



Well done Juliette and Raffy, who was with her throughout.

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been eagerly anticipating World Book Day. The children were very excited to take part in this year's competitions, including the decorate your classroom door challenge! We selected two books; Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. We even made a third door dedicated to the Big Bad Wolf who appears in both traditional tales.



ART

The sculpture work by Year 6 has won a highly commended certificate at the current Malvern St James Art exhibition. Avi S has also won a highly commended certificate for his Koori style print and pastel work.



A full list of entrants is below:

- Year 2 GFOL painting and print- Sam L-P
- Year 2 GFOL painting and print- Lottie M
- Year 2 GFOL print and pastel- Francesca C
- Year 2 GFOL print and pastel- Harry C
- Year 4 Gargoyle pot- George B
- Year 4 Gargoyle pot- Tabitha B
- Year 4 Gargoyle drawing- Seth A
- Year 4 Gargoyle drawing- Solomon W
- Year 5 Aboriginal style screen print and pastel- Avi S
- Year 5 Aboriginal style screen print and pastel- Charlie F & Max B
- Year 5 Aboriginal ancestor batik- Summer B
- Year 5 Aboriginal fish batik- Emily E
- Year 6 Joint Pop Art sculpture installation in paper, card and paint

The exhibition is available to view from 10.30am – 11.45am on Saturday 5th March at Malvern St James Art Department.

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITIONS



This week's Words of the Week are:

- Year 3 - Forward
- Year 4 - Occasionally
- Year 5 - Familiar
- Year 6 - Mischievous

WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

What a fabulous day we had on Thursday! The children really got into the spirit of the door competition and loved learning about the different ways people read - many of them even managed to write their own names in braille too.

The library is now full of incredible 'book potato characters' and it looks like our furry friends have had a great week listening to all sorts of stories. Competition winners will be shared in next week's Junior Times but special early mention to Summer B from 2D whose artwork was shared on Twitter and Instagram by author Zeb Soanes who wrote 'Gaspard The Fox'.



FORMER PUPILS' SUCCESS

Congratulations to ex-Junior School pupil, and OH, George Sweetman who was selected to represent the Polish national rugby team in their recent 27-10 victory against the Czech Republic.



SIX NATIONS PREDICTOR

The prediction race is gathering speed and Mrs Davies from Nursery leads the way from Mr Ferriera, Mr Debenham and George D. Charlie F was the best weekly performer and he climbed 11 places!



GAMES DEPARTMENT

Before half term, our Colts A footballers became the City Schools winners for this year. Fifteen schools took part and HCJS won their group with wins over Trinity and Madley B and a draw with Holmer. In the cup knock out, we defeated Hampton Dene B and then Riverside on penalties in the semi final. In the final against Hampton Dene, two goals from Finn G saw us win 2 - 0 and lift the cup.



The weather has been miserable on our return but sport has carried on. Our U9 footballers took part in the tournament at RGS The Grange. We beat Abberley Hall and drew with Hawford but two losses against RGS and Winterfold saw us eliminated. As it turned out, RGS defeated Winterfold in the final.

On Wednesday, our netball teams played The Elms and Christ College Brecon indoors at the Point 4, whilst our footballers did the same at a rather muddy Wyeside, still suffering from the recent flooding. Our A team continued their good run with a 2 - 1 win against the Elms in what was the best game of the season. The Bs drew 2 - 2 against The Elms with the opposition scoring in the last minute whilst the C team recovered from a goal down to defeat Brecon.

This weekend our hockey team are taking part in the County Tournament at The Elms, which was postponed from earlier in the year. On Sunday, a team of cross country runners are taking part in the National Prep Schools Cross Country championships at Malvern College. Each category is likely to have 250 runners in it!

Next week there are a lot of fixtures, so please keep an eye out for details on Firefly.

FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 9th March, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm.
Reception Stay and Play Thursday 17th March, The Moat from 2-3pm.

ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

[Letters to Parents](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Games & Match Information](#)

[Boys Team Lists](#)

[Girls Team Lists](#)