

THE JUNIOR TIMES

CALENDAR THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 19th	PGL trip to Liddington	all day
Monday 21st	Health & Safety Committee Meeting	all day
Saturday 26th	Senior School Virtual Open Morning	

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

OCTOBER		
Wednesday 7th	Year 3 Parent Consultations	2-5pm

FROM THE HEAD

As you might expect, whilst the children continue happily in the classroom, on the playground and on the games field, I have spent much of the week dealing with matters COVID-19. Guidance and best practice continues to change and we continue to do all that we can to provide as richly as possible for the children whilst minimising the risk of the spread of coronavirus. Parents will have read my recent letter and may also have perused the information we have made available to you [here](#).

Please do get in touch if you have any thoughts or queries about the school's ongoing response.

For me, the week's highlight has yet to come: I am very much looking forward to accompanying the Year 6 children to PGL Liddington on Saturday. The children will be taking part in all sorts of challenges and team building activities. Let's hope for a sunny weekend for us all!

Chris Wright

NURSERY

We have been learning about our bodies in Nursery. We had lots of fun taking part in a music and movement session in the sunshine! Our favourite song was 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!'



PHOENIX CLUB

The children have been enjoying a range of activities at Phoenix Club this term, and have been making the most of the outside space and sunny weather!



RECEPTION

Reception have had a fun week continuing with their Jolly Phonics and making fruit kebabs as part of 'repeating patterns' in Maths. In the sunshine we have also enjoyed building towers, mark making and dressing up.



RE

The Junior School children have been thinking about what 'RE' means. Hopefully they all now know it stands for Religious Education and what this means! They were very good at asking the 'Big Questions'. Here are their ideas:

What does God look like?
Who made people?
Is there a heaven and who made heaven?
Is Noah real?
What formed the Big Bang?
Who made Earth?
How did Jesus come back to life?
Who made God?
How can God be Jesus' father?
Where was God when he made the universe?

What is the purpose of life?
Was Jesus real?
Where does God live?
Should humans rule the world?
Does God have a soul?
Are angels real?
If God is so good, why did people die in the big flood?
Does God have a life?
Is God a woman?
Where is heaven?
Does God have a name?

Any answers to Mr Wilkinson!

CASTLE HILL HOLIDAY CLUB

We very much hope to be running CHHC (our holiday club for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) during the October half term as usual.

Bookings for CHHC are now open for October half term and can be made via [Firefly](#). Parents will also find general information about the holiday club on this page.

We will be in touch with parents in due course to confirm whether CHHC will be going ahead and that we are able to fulfil your booking request.



FORMS FOR PARENTS

A reminder to parents that the following forms can be found on [Firefly](#):

- Reporting an absence
- Requesting a future absence
- Signing out from school
- School Trip contact & consent sheet 2020-2021
- Request for administration of medication for a pupil
- Request for Music lessons

GAMES FOR YEAR 5&6 BOYS

There is a small tweak to the timetable for Games for Year 5 & 6 boys. Y6 boys will play football on a Wednesday and rugby on a Friday. Y5 boys will play rugby on a Wednesday with football on a Friday.

For all boys and girls, it is necessary to have the correct kit for Games. This includes shin pads and boots for boys and shin pads and gum shields for girls. Safety is paramount!

SENIOR & SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN MORNING: SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

The Senior School will be holding a Virtual Open Morning next Saturday, to which all parents are very welcome. **To receive the log in details for the event, please complete the form [here](#) (no Firefly login required).**

As part of the open morning you will be able to:

- * Join a **live Q&A** with a panel of senior staff and pupils which will be held at 11.00am on Saturday 26 September.
- * Take a **virtual tour** to see the school in action.
- * Book **one-to-one virtual meetings** with key members of staff.
- * Find out more about the academic, pastoral and extra-curricular life at the school through **video content** from the Headmaster, senior staff and pupils, and experience a Day in the Life of an HCS pupil.



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Years 3&4) & Friday (Years 5&6): We talked again about dreams, remembering last week's assemblies about Martin Luther King. What do you want to be when you are older? Many children said they want to be happy. We talked about Jesus' advice:

The people who are happy are those who long for justice, those who are kind and merciful and those who work for peace (Based on Matthew 5.6-8)

*Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart*

Mr Wright related the story of Samuel and how he was called upon by God in the middle of the night. We talked about how we all needed to be aware that whenever we could help that this was time for us to act, a time when many would believe we were being called upon by God.

Wednesday (Reception – Year 6): Mr Wright talked about the value of dreams and we watched a retelling of Joseph interpreting the Pharaoh's dreams. We considered Jesus' advice: One day, Jesus said to his special friends, *'I want you to be happy like me, so I will tell you what to do. You must care for everyone else in the same way as I have cared for you.'* (Based on John 15.11-12) Parents can access the assembly [here](#).



Happy birthday this week to...Sophie Austin, Henry Jehan, Freddie Turtle, Toby Maxted, Arvid Moritz, Karl Moritz, Joseph Jennings and William Billingham.

Merits this week to...Teddy Morgan-Jones, Herbie Lowe, Annie Walker, Sophie Davies and Glasha Connolly.