

HCJS Newsletter

Aiming High, Celebrating Success

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Google Classroom

You may have heard your child talk about their new 'Gmail' or 'Google' account. I'm pleased to tell you that every HCJS pupil now has one of these and has access to the [G Suite for Education](#) (formerly called Google Apps for Education). This includes Google Drive (online storage for school/homework) and a whole range of online office tools, such as Docs, Sheets and Slides (Google's version of Word, Excel and Powerpoint respectively), along with an 'internal' email account*. All of these features can be accessed from home and we have started the process of teaching our pupils how to access and use them.

*Our pupils can **only** send and receive messages from staff and pupils with another haddenhamjun.co.uk account.

Green Tree School Award

We've won another award! This time it is the Green Tree Award (Bronze) from the Woodland Trust (see the new logo at the bottom of this page).

The Green Tree Schools Award recognises schools that complete environmental and outdoor learning projects. Bronze is just our first step: we earn points for every activity we do, and we aim to work through silver and gold levels to gain the prestigious platinum award.

Things you wanted to know but were afraid to ask!

Our School Council is represented by one member from each of our 10 classes. The lucky chosen then spend a year 'in office'!

We meet regularly to organise events, such as next week's Sport Relief run, and our extremely successful cake sale, in aid of the sensory garden. The School Council members are hugely proactive, bringing their enthusiasm and MANY ideas from their classes to every meeting. Your school is in very safe hands!



World Book Day

Readers' Corner

**Miss Kouvarda—Year 5 Class
Teacher recommends: Molly
Moon's Incredible Book of
Hypnotism by Georgia Byng**

As a young girl, I always thought that I possessed amazing 'powers' and this book was one of my favourites:

Welcome to the wonderful world of hypnotism! Molly Moon is no ordinary orphan. When she finds a mysterious old book on hypnotism, she discovers that she can make people do whatever she wants.

But... a sinister stranger is watching her every move and he'll do anything to steal her hypnotic secret!



News, notices & reminders

PTA Easter Family Bingo

Please come and join in **next Friday, 23rd March**. This is a really fun evening for all the family! Doors open at 6pm; eyes down at 6.30pm! £1 entrance per adult, children go free. Please see flyer attached.

No scooting or cycling in the playground!

We have had a couple of nasty accidents in the playground where children have been knocked over by bikes and scooters. Please would you remind your children that they **must not cycle or scoot on school grounds**. They must dismount prior to coming through the school gates and push their scooter or bike to the storage racks. Please do not allow your child to scoot / cycle around the playground at school pick up time. This is the case for younger siblings / toddlers too! Thank you for your cooperation.

Gardening Club

This term the Year 3 Gardening Club has been busy planting seeds. They have proved to have very green-fingered, so we hope to see lots of colour in our grounds soon. After Easter the club will be open to Year 4.

A descriptive piece by Elizabeth, 6P

I walked down the dimly-lit pathway, alongside clumps of ferns and pearl-white flowers. I looked over to the side and saw a wooden boat sailing on a motionless sea. Still, I walked further; passing gnarled, old trees that loomed over me and antique shattered fences until I could see light at the edge of the cliff.

I leaned over the rusty rails and saw a candle lit graveyard.

Soon I came to an old stone abbey. Ancient iron gates towered either side of me as I walked into the cold stone graveyard. In the centre there was a dismal statue pointing at the entrance. I looked around; everything seemed to be crawling with ivy. I walked on, past the stone benches and violet flowers, to an open doorway almost enclosed in ivy. When I looked in I could see a light corridor.

HCJS Job Opportunities

Teaching Assistant & Midday Supervisor, term time only.

Start date: ASAP

Hours: 8.45am until 1:20pm Monday to Friday. Hours may be flexible.

Duties include working with children in the classroom and running intervention groups where necessary, alongside general support of the teaching staff.

The Midday Supervisor element of the role will include supervising children on the playground and in the dining hall, wiping tables and sweeping floors. Some basic first aid and contact with parents will be necessary.

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Midday Supervisor – Maternity Cover, term time only.

Start date: 1st May 2018

Hours 12 noon to 1.15pm Monday to Thursday and 11.50am to 1.20pm Friday.

This role will include supervising children on the playground and in the dining hall, wiping tables and sweeping floors. Some basic first aid and contact with parents will be necessary.

Please contact Mrs Rogers in the School Office to request further details or an application form.

Closing date for applications: Monday 26th March 2018

Learners of the week



23rd February 2018



9th March 2018

Forthcoming events

20th / 21st March

Parent Consultation Evenings

Friday 27th April

Arts Festival 6—8pm

Details to follow

Year 6 Residential—Wales

Week 1. 11th—15th June

Week 2. 18th—22nd June

Friday 23rd March

PTA Family Bingo

Weds 18th April 6.30pm

Parents E-Safety Information
Evening

HCJS Sport

No netball fixtures planned at the current time.

Year 5 boys football vs William Harding School — Monday 19th March

Please remember to check out our new HCJS Twitter feed to get up to date sports results.

Cross Country: Waddesdon Manor—Saturday 24th March and three of our year 5 boys are running in the Cross Country Championships in Leicestershire on the same day.