

HCJS Newsletter



Aiming High, Celebrating Success

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Cross country success

In something of a coup for HCJS, three of our Year 5 boys made it through to the NATIONAL Schools Cross Country finals, which was held in Prestwood, Loughborough, last weekend. The three—Tom U, Oliver J and Josh P—made up a quarter of the Bucks ‘Swan’ team. All three ran extremely well and did us proud. The standard was evidently incredibly high and counties like Yorkshire and Cumbria put out formidable teams! Well done, boys—we are really proud of you all.

Happy Easter One and All

Well, goodness me — here we are, some 25 weeks into the school year, Easter is upon us and it all appears to have gone in a blur! It has been a short but very busy and eventful term with lots going on; just this week, for example, Year 3 held a very successful sharing assembly and treasure hunt in the school grounds. The staff and I were amazed by just how many of you—parents, grandparents and carers—came in to spend time with us. It reminded me, as it always does, what fantastic support and encouragement most of you give us. If you have offered us your help, support, encouragement or time this term, may I offer you my sincere thanks.

I wish you an enjoyable and peaceful Easter time and look forward to seeing you on Monday 16th April for the start of another eventful term.

E-Safety News

Please remember our E-safety parents information evening on **Wednesday 18th April**. There are [lots of resources on the school website](#), so please do take a look.

Kent Police have released a warning about the game ROBLOX. Some children have been found to be talking to strangers via this app so please be very aware of this if your child uses that game.



The Bucks Swan Cross Country team; including 3 HCJS boys

Readers' Corner

Mrs Charlton—Year 6 Class Teacher & Maths Co-ordinator—recommends:
The Worst witch by Jill Murphy:

This is my favourite book in the world. I read it over and over again as a child and now both my daughters are doing the same.

It's a warm-hearted story about a trainee witch, who's often in trouble despite her good intentions. The disasters she makes cause her to be considered a mischievous student; a little like me when I was at school!

I'd highly recommend this series of books.



News, notices & reminders

PTA Easter Family Bingo

Thank you to those of you who came along to support this event last Friday. Although a really lovely time was had by all those who attended, the turn-out was rather disappointing. In addition to the staff who were there, sadly there were only 11 families represented. We would really encourage you to come along to these events and support our hardworking PTA whose efforts are all for your children. We raised an amazing £199 to put towards the new school library. A special thank you to Rachael Bamford for organising the beautiful prizes and to her lovely husband for doing a great job calling the numbers.

Head lice

Please note that we currently have head lice in school. Please ensure that you check your child's hair thoroughly during the Easter holiday and treat if necessary.

The Big Pedal 23rd April—4th May 2018

The UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge, the Big Pedal is back by popular demand after Easter—let's hope the weather is a bit warmer by then! Over 10 days, schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. The Big Pedal is the brainchild of sustainable transport charity Sustrans—which has very useful guides for [checking bikes](#) and [riding scooters](#) on its website, where you can find out more about [The Big Pedal](#), too.

Learners of the week



16th March 2018



23rd March 2018

Forthcoming events

Weds 18th April, 6.30pm

Parents E-Safety Information Evening

W/C 14th May

Year 6 SATS week

Year 6 Residential—Wales

Week 1. 11th—15th June

Week 2. 18th—22nd June

Friday 27th April

Arts Festival 6—8pm

Details to follow