



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 13th November 2020



Dear Parents:

I hope that you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher during your parents' consultations this week. I understand that the majority of parents managed to access the service, which seemed to proceed with few technical glitches!

Life continues as normal at Horsell Junior. Mrs Lawrence has been in school teaching her new violin pupils, and our Year 4 pupils are continuing to enjoy glockenspiel lessons with our visiting teacher from Surrey Arts.

We marked Armistice Day by watching a remote assembly and observing two minute's silence, in 'bubbles', on the playground. We could hear the ceremonial gun from the council at the start and end of the silence, and the children were respectful as we remembered all of those who have given so much for us.

Horsell Junior is a 'family' and we want all of our children to feel happy, safe and cherished during their time with us. This week we have been learning about physical and emotional wellbeing and the children have been doing lots of different activities in class. We are also talking to the children about 'zones of regulation', which is a helpful tool to enable children to talk about, and regulate, their emotions. All of the children have also been asked to name an adult who they can talk to if they have any worries or concerns.

I hope you enjoy your weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Wand

Dates for 16th—20th November 2020

Monday 16th November

Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week

Saturday 21st November

10am zoom meeting for parents of children applying for year 3 places starting September 2021.

Meeting ID: 998 4154 8164

Password: pw6BvT



On Monday 16th November, we are taking part in Odd Socks Day. All you need to do is wear odd socks to school! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!



Request for Second Hand Books

We would like create two reading corners in the playground for our Year 5 and Year 6 children. We would be grateful for any donations of good quality second hand books for these areas. Boxes will be left at the school gates for you to leave any donations.

Year 4 Inter-house Line Tag

On Wednesday Year 4 took part in their Inter-house line tag event. They had an enjoyable afternoon showing their understanding of the game. The results were:

1st - Hatchlands

2nd - Loseley

3rd - Clandon

4th - Polsedon

Well done to all Year 4!



Pupils who are members of Girlguiding or the Scout Association wore their uniforms to school to mark Armistice Day, as they had not been able to take part in the usual Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Composer of the Month: Claudio Monteverdi (1567—1643)



Claudio Monteverdi was born in northern Italy and it soon became apparent he was a child prodigy. He became known for his sacred music, madrigals, and opera. His ability to use expression in his music was unmatched during his day.

He lived at a time of great change in musical style. The first opera ever written was composed in 1597 by a composer named Jacopo Peri. Just eleven years later Monteverdi wrote a fantastic opera, *Orfeo*. Other important operas of his are *Il combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda* and *Il ritorno d'Ulisse in patria*. He wrote 9 books of *madrigals* and a lot of church music including the *1610 Vespers*.

In 1613, Monteverdi became choirmaster at St. Mark's in Venice, which was an impressive position at the time. He spent the remainder of his life there.

Four hundred years since the creation of his first opera, Monteverdi is still regarded as one of the most powerful and innovative figures in the history of music, and one of the most important composers of the early Baroque period.

To find out more about Monteverdi, click [here](#). Listen to one of his madrigals [here](#).

The latest Families Magazine is available to read [here](#). It is packed with local Christmas events and also has many ideas for Christmas crafts, cooking and more.

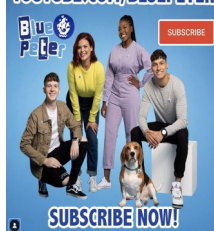
Stationery in School

Following our message last week regarding stationery which should remain in school, please could you also ensure children have **2 whiteboard markers**.



A full list of equipment needed in school can be found on our [website](#).

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Blue Peter

BBC have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](#) at CBBC and asked us to share this with you:

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

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