



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 28th May 2021



Dear Parents:

‘And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds’

Hebrews 10:24

It has been a busy week at Horsell and there have been many exciting things happening in school. Our Year 3 children have participated in a Sherlock Holmes day today and the children in Year 4 have been learning about all things Tudor during their Tudor day. Mr Coles also took our Year 6 boys to a cricket tournament on Thursday, where we performed really well!

All children have also taken a series of assessments in Reading, SPAG and Maths so that we can see how they are doing, now that they have settled back into school life. These assessments will help the teachers to complete the children’s end of year reports, which will come out at the end of the school year.

Following on from school council discussions, some of our children have been busy setting up a Pupil Newsletter to share with all pupils across the school. This new publication is being written and edited by the children. I was interviewed as part of the first edition, so watch this space! As always, I have been impressed by the children’s thoughtfulness and teamwork skills as they have taken ownership of this new project.

I hope that you have a lovely half term and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on 7th June 2021.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

Dates for 7th—11th June 2021

Monday 7th June	Children return to school
Tuesday 8th June	Year 6 depart for residential trip to Swanage
Wednesday 9th June	Year 3 school trip to Haslemere Educational Museum
Friday 11th June	Year 6 return from Swanage. Estimated return time 15:00.

School Lunches

Lunches can now be booked for next half term. Please ensure any meals for 7—11 June are booked by Monday 31st June 2021.



Multi Sports

Please note this week is the last week for the current multi sports clubs run by the school.

Details of clubs offered for next half term will be announced on our return after half term. Sign up will be via Scopay and clubs are due to start from 14th June.

Take Our Survey

Parent Survey

Your views Matter!

At Horsell Junior School, it is important to us to know how our parents and children feel about our school. To get as full a picture as possible, it is important that all families complete our annual survey, which will take less than 5 minutes.

Your views will be reviewed and these will help us shape our plans for the school and how we work.

Please click [here](#) to give us your views by Friday 11th

Guildford Shakespeare Company's production of



The Purple Princess

On Thursday 27th May the children in years 3, 4 and 5 were treated to a Covid-safe performance of 'The Purple Princess', a play about the hidden disability of epilepsy. After almost a month of solid rain, the sun shone down on Horsell and the performers were able to use the outside stage for their performance. The story showed the children a princess who had seizures and they learned what they might see if someone they knew had a seizure. They also learned the "Calm, Cushion, Call" rule and asked some extremely mature questions about epilepsy and how it might affect others. If you would like more information, please visit the Epilepsy Society webpage: <https://epilepsysociety.org.uk/seizuresavvy>

Bikeability



Last week, many of our Year 6 pupils undertook Bikeability Level

2. Bikeability is a nationwide course run to a national standard, which aims to develop the children's skills and confidence for cycling on single-lane roads with simple junctions and moderate traffic. After a classroom briefing, they went out each day (in hail, rain and strong winds) putting their learning into practice. They learnt to negotiate junctions, about the priorities of the road and how to communicate their intentions to other road users. We hope this training will help our pupils make independent decisions and cycle safely in the future.

Swimmer of the Week:

Dexter, Palm Class

For great listening skills
and a real willingness to try and do everything in
the lesson to the best of his ability.

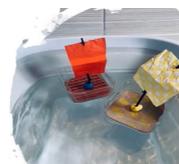
Trainers

We have noticed that many of our older children are attending school in trainers. Trainers do not follow our school uniform policy and should not be worn, unless the children are attending school in their PE kit.



Make a boat
with

Surrey
Heritage
Discover the Past, Inspire the Future



Surrey History Centre would usually welcome families in to make crafts for half-term, but this year they have gone virtual. Click [here](#) to watch a tutorial on making a boat with recycled materials.

COVID – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Please be aware that although the school is closed until Monday 7th June, we still carry responsibility for contact tracing of pupils who test positive.

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school we have to assist in identifying close contacts and advising upon self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. As such, we require you to notify the school as soon as possible of your positive result so that we can take the appropriate action. Please e-mail: corona@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after being in school, they must follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If you are travelling abroad or visiting different places in the UK please make sure that you are fully up to date with the latest travel advice.



Year 6 Girls Kwik Cricket, by Annika N

On Wednesday 19th May 2021, an amazing group of ten year 6 girls (and Mr Coles) went to Old Woking Cricket Club to play in a Kwik Cricket tournament against 4 other teams from different schools: Pirbright, West Byfleet, Ravenscote A and Ravenscote B. Horsell won all of the matches. We won the final match by 2 runs against West Byfleet. So now we are going to the County finals on the 30th June.

All the girls (Alice, Annika, Ellie T, Evie C, Isla, Issy, Lucia, Madison, Olivia and Shyla) had a great afternoon. It was great to be playing in competitions again and we hope we will do just as well in the County finals in Epsom.

FREE ZOOM EVENT

Cricket Skills Session

with Lydia Greenway & Heather Knight

Join former England international Lydia Greenway and England captain Heather Knight for a special Girls Cricket Club launch half-term cricket skills session over Zoom

Tuesday 1st June at 10:30am

FREE ZOOM EVENT

England cricket legend Lydia Greenway has announced the launch of her newest project, [Girls Cricket Club](https://girlscricketclub.com/), a trailblazing platform to accelerate the growth of female cricket around the world through the sharing of knowledge, resources and opportunities.

Want to be part of the story?

See how you can get involved straight away with a FREE Zoom call on Tuesday 1st June! Sign up [here](https://girlscricketclub.com/), or visit <https://girlscricketclub.com/> for more information.

Year 6 Boys Kwik Cricket, by Sam B



On Thursday, some year 6 boys took part in a Kwik-cricket tournament. We played Pyrford in our first match. We were very nervous and unfortunately lost the game. In our second game we played against Ravenscote and managed to win a close game by 2 runs and made it through to the Semi Finals as runners up in our group.

Before the semi-final we had a chat about a having a positive mind set and encouraging each other. We played West Byfleet in the semis and got off to an amazing start with Will K taking two brilliant catches in the first over. Staying positive made a big difference and we went through to the Final against Pirbright. We played our best match of the tournament as we came away with a comfortable win, scoring over 100 runs and bowled and fielded incredibly well. Thank you to Mr Coles and the parents who helped transport players to the tournament.

Vacancies at Horsell Junior School

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

A class teacher: This would be a great position for a NQT. Closing date: 9.00am **7th June 2021**.

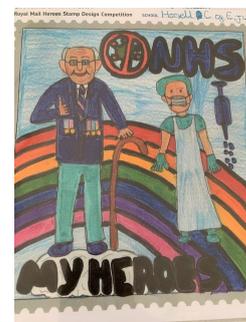
A 1:1 Teaching Assistant working with a named child. Closing date: 9.00am **8th June 2021**.

For further details about these roles and how to apply, please visit our [website](#).

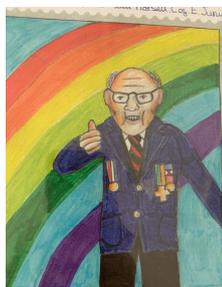
Heroes Royal Mail Competition



We have sent off our entries for the Royal Mail stamp competition, and are keeping our fingers crossed that we may have one of our hero designs turned into a stamp. We will hear from Royal Mail in September. Here is a small selection of the entries from upper and lower school. I am sure you will agree that they are all excellent pieces of artwork representing a range of heroes. Well done everyone!



Mrs Brogden.



We are excited to announce that we have now officially begun our Artsmark Award journey at Horsell C of E Junior school. Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. The aim is:

- to build young people's confidence, character and resilience through arts and cultural education
- to use Artsmark's clear and flexible framework to embed creativity across the whole curriculum and use it to address school improvement priorities.
- to celebrate our long-term commitment to cultural education with pupils, parents and our local community.

We have 2 years to complete our Artsmark journey and once we have completed it we will be assessed again by the Arts Council. A few of our main aims are; To establish an Arts Council to encourage pupil voice, to become an Arts Ambassador school working with other local schools, to expand music provision (create a school choir and orchestra), to see live theatre and music events, to visit art galleries and develop links with our wider community.

Year 4 Tudor Portraits

This week Year 4 have enjoyed creating their Tudor portraits. They learnt how to draw a portrait using the correct proportions before painting them with watercolour paints. The children were then able to use a range of materials to make a collage to depict a Tudor portrait. Year 4 had a lot of fun completing these and they enjoyed showing the guests of their Tudor Day their creative work. A full write up of their Tudor Day experience will come after half term.



St. George's College Maths Challenge



St George's College, Weybridge would like

to invite Year 5 and Year 6 children at all schools to take part in the latest instalment of the mathematical challenge: the SGC Maths Quest.

Each Half Term, St George's College provides a Maths problem for children from Years 5 and 6 to solve. The Summer term 2021 edition, Pirates of the Lost Triangles, is now available here: <https://sgcvle.fireflycloud.net/news-and-publications/maths-quest>.



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