



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers:

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done".

Proverbs 19:

Thank you very much to all of our parents for their donations to the Ukraine appeal. Our school value this half term is service and it has been lovely to see the whole school community pulling together to serve those much less fortunate than ourselves.

The children have been busy in school this week competing in netball and football matches, playing in rugby tournaments, celebrating the unveiling of a statue of Ethel Smyth, welcoming our new school pets, thinking about how to do more recycling, and working hard in lessons. Horsell Junior is humming with the sounds of busy and active children!

Our Year 6 children are working especially hard in preparation for their forthcoming SATS assessments. I was particularly impressed with their resilience and positive attitude when I visited their classrooms this week. Next week is our termly assessment week across the school, and as part of this the Year 6 children will be having a 'mock' SATS week to help them prepare for their formal tests in May.

Thank you again for your continuing support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wand

DATES FOR 14TH—18TH MARCH 2022

Year 6 Mock SATS week

Tuesday 15th March	Year 3 and 4, cross country relay race, 3:30pm—5pm, by invitation, Goldsworth Park
Wednesday 16th March	Year 3 visit Wisley Gardens
Thursday 17th March	Potato planning at Squires Garden Centre, small group of year 3 children
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief



We will be taking part in Comic Relief next Friday. Children can replace one item or add something red to their school uniform—such as a jumper, socks or hair band. **Please no detachable red noses.**

There will be opportunities to share jokes in assembly.

A suggested donation of £1 or more can be donated on Scopay, in the products section. Alternatively a cash donation can be made via the class teacher.

Our pets have arrived and the gerbils are enjoying exploring their new home. After a burst of activity on arrival, our hamster was feeling camera shy.





MEDICAL SUPPLY DONATIONS

St Mary's Church is collecting supplies for Ukrainian refugees. We will be helping with their collection by providing a drop off point for medical supplies until Tuesday 15th March. If you wish to make a donation of the following items, please bring them to the main gates at pick up:

Bandages, plasters, blister plasters, antiseptic wipes, antihistamines, calpol tablets or sachets and above all painkillers(paracetamol, ibuprofen) - the Ukraine is out of painkillers so even the smallest quantity will be most gratefully received.

Please note that medical donations must be donated by adults directly to the collection box, and should not be given to children to bring in.



UNVEILING THE STATUE OF DAME ETHYL SMYTH

On Tuesday 8th March, International Women's day, children from year 5 were invited to sing at the unveiling of the statue of Dame Ethel Smyth in Duke's Plaza in Woking.

We listened to speeches by historians, councillors and the sculptor, Christine

Charlesworth, before singing 'March of the Women' as part of an intergenerational choir.

One of the verses sung was composed by the year 5s for the performance.



YEAR 5 AND 6 CROSS COUNTRY



A group of year 5 and 6 children took part in a cross country event at Goldsworth park this week. They all ran really well and we are really proud of their effort!

YEAR 3 RE AFTERNOON

On Tuesday, Year 3 had a special RE afternoon for their current topic on Judaism. One of our children's grandparents came to teach them about Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest. The children learnt about things Jews can and cannot do on their day of rest and our guest shared some delicious Challah bread with them.

Classes also learnt about the Jewish festival Sukkot. In this yearly festival, Jews build an open air hut called a Sukkah which is covered with harvest fruit and vegetables. Pupils loved having a go at building their own Sukkah's. Some chose to make theirs with lego and others with paper or nature.



LIONS CLUB AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL



Children can help raise funds for the Lions' air ambulance appeal and win this large Easter egg (approx. 25cm tall) and cuddly lion by trying to guess their name. There are 100 names to choose from. Children wishing to take part should bring £1 to the school office and select a name.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to the collection for Ukrainian refugees Poland, and to the Polish School in Woking who organised the collection and transportation to refugees to Poland.

The donations from our school alone filled the boot of one car. Combined with donations from across Woking, they had boxes stacked to the ceiling in the sorting room. These are now all on their way to Poland and the Ukrainian refugees there.



Thank you to everyone who so kindly donated playdough accessories to our OPAL project. The children have had a wonderful time being creative and imaginative during their lunchtimes.



VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for:

- [an assistant head with responsibility for SEND, safeguarding and inclusion,](#)
- [a full time Teaching Assistant;](#) and
- [a temporary part-time Admin Assistant to cover maternity leave.](#)

Horsell's Little Leaders

During book week, last week, the children created their own class book of Little Leaders. Over the next few pages you will find a selection of some of their stories. Every child should be incredibly proud of their work and the goals they have. Each child demonstrated our school values and great passion for the future.

Look out Horsell, these children are going to change the world!



A huge **thank you** to everyone who purchased a book for our school. The children can't wait to start reading them! If you would like to buy a book for our school, please go

to 'A New Chapter.' It has a wide range of book categories including a great range of diverse and inspirational children's books.

To access this please click on this link <https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/>. Select 'Wishlist' at the top. Next, select 'view store' and on the left-hand side, find and select Horsell Junior School.



This month we are learning about British composer,

Elgar and listening to his "Enigma Variations" numbers 11, 6 and 7 which were inspired by two of his friends—and a bulldog. If you would like to find out more and listen at home visit [BBC's Ten Pieces.](#)



Little Leader: Gilbert

Olympic Champion

My dreams and aspirations are to show other people that they can follow their dreams and goals.

I hope my profession will be an Olympic swimmer. As an Olympic swimmer, I can help other people believe in themselves. I hope I will help the world by asking if they can recycle the pool's water.

I hope I will be held by improving on swimming on my back.

I hope I will lead others by making them know that if children think that they can't achieve their goals they can achieve their goal no matter what size or shape.



Little Leader: Clara

Farmer and philanthropist

I was born in 2019 in the best month, November. Since a young age, I have had a dream of farming! I have also had a dream of gathering the wheat, the barley and milk to make a farm shop! Wouldn't that be perfect? ~~that's my dream~~

I hope to work on a fab farm because waking up on a crisp fine morning harvesting the crops would be a dream come true. Helping charities is another plan of mine.

Inspiring people to give to charities would be a massive, massive achievement and inspiring people to litter pick would be a great achievement.

I will be proud by helping the world to be a better and cleaner place. A place as clear as the midday sky.



Little Leader: Sam

Transport engineer and environmentalist

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I've always loved transport, but I took a particularly specific liking to trains and how they worked. I dreamt of having my own special one one day. I aspire to have an entirely environmentally friendly train / transport network that would link up most of the country, and be fully electric. Yes, there will be hard challenges, and yes, I will have to face them. And to do so, I will have to be brave, bold and most importantly, I will have a focused vision on what I want to do. Things that I will have to face are: air pollution, climate change, land owners, and financial problems. But I can do this! I hope my amazing impact will inspire young aspirers to follow their dreams and save the environment using their own extremely fantastic, special passion, mine being Transport.



Little Leader: Ruby

Suffragette, doctor, veteran,

She spent her days in the southern parts of Africa in Capetown. Ruby was only young when she realised how unfair the world was. By the age of 18 she moved to London which is where she had the profession of a Doctor.

Since she realised that her career wasn't for her, she was on the search for a new job. She spent months searching for something, that's when she came across the military. It was love at first sight. Even though women's rights were over-ruled she took matters into her own hands and disguised herself as a man.

Taking a massive risk, she passed all her training. By the tenth fight she got into she went to her Sergeant to tell him that all women are worthy of a good position in military or any career they choose. Even though the sergeant said otherwise, she fought back resulting in 5 years to federal prison, for something she didn't do.

However, having many setbacks such as: unsupportive family, being put on the most wanted list, lack of money and no confidence to push through, she never stood down, leading to her creating her own campaign 'WE ALL MATTER'.

Following afterwards, she raised 7 million and donated it to the government, protesting against women's rights to save our economy.