



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:1-2

In Collective Worship this week we have been thinking about Pentecost and the importance of being 'charged up' – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Part of our vision for children at Horsell is that they are 'charged up' at playtime and it was wonderful to welcome parents into school on Tuesday afternoon to share some OPAL play with the children. If you were unable to attend, please visit the Opal website (outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk) to find out more about our approach to play.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the children over the next few weeks. Do please keep your eye on emails and the newsletter to keep up to date with what is going on.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

DATES FOR 11TH - 18TH JUNE

Saturday 11th June **WASPS Swimming Gala**, 18:00-20:30, Guildford Spectrum. Participation by invitation.

Monday 13th June **Red, White and Blue Mufti Day with donations for the PTA Summer Fair.**

Please no football strips. Children who have skills should wear mufti and bring PE kit / swimming kit or cookery tubs as required.

Please bring your donations at drop off:

Year 3&4 — jolly jars (please no chocolate as it may melt)

Year 5&6 — prizes for gift and bottle tombola.

Wednesday 15th June **Year 5 Boys Cricket Tournament**, Old Woking Cricket Club, 12:20—16:15.

Engage: Year 6 secondary school transition talk

Saturday 18th June **PTA Summer Fair**, 12noon—3pm, Horsell Junior School

MEDICAL UPDATES

The school office is responsible for updating medical records. Please ensure all medical updates are sent directly to the school office, who will ensure all relevant staff are made aware. If your child requires medicine in school, please complete a [form](#) and ensure medication is provided in its original packaging.

PICK UP FROM CLUBS

Children attending clubs are dismissed from the gate nearest to the school office. Adults collecting should wait at the gates and not come onto school premises unless invited to do so by their coach/teacher. The only exceptions to this is swimming lessons or After School Club collection.

TEN PIECES

GET CREATIVE WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC



This month we are learning about **George Gershwin**, the talented pianist and composer who brought jazz and blues to classical orchestras.

We will be listening to "Rhapsody in Blue", inspired by the rhythm and sounds of his home town, New York. Why not [listen along?](#)

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT WORKSHOP



Before half term, year 5 had a crime and punishment workshop for the day. We took part in multiple drama scenes from the medieval period with various props to assist with the acting.

In the morning, we learnt about the different crimes and punishments from diverging time periods. These included: how the Roman laws are similar to ours today, acting a theft scene in front of an audience, learning about Saxon punishments and how they used God within proving innocence. After lunch, we did worksheets with amusing puzzles about what we had learnt in the morning and activities on the history of hanging.

To end the day, we worked on a mystery to find a witch. Medieval people used to believe that witches lived among us and that they were spreading illnesses. Women were murdered without justice because wealth-hungry men killed them for money. In the witch finding mystery, we were separated into classes and Robbie (our host) chose one person from each class to be a witch. When we were allowed to open our eyes, everyone instantly started blaming each other. In the end no one was a witch. It was interesting to know how an innocent person might have felt if being accused a witch. We are VERY grateful for our crime and punishment workshop.



By Briec and George

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As parents, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school. During the academic year, pupils are at school for 190 days and at home for 175 days.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1 September 2013, states that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents should note that leave of absence will not be given for holidays or attendance at sporting events (unless the child is competing) during term time under any circumstances. The Head Teacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

If your child does require leave during term-time, please complete the ['Leave of Absence' form](#) and return it to the School Office.

Unauthorised absence of 5 days or more will result in a Penalty Notice.

Horsell Schools PTA Summer Fair



BBQ
Pimms
Thurstons
Dee's Kitchen
Cakes

Jolly Jars
Tombolas
Games
Inflatables
Performances



Sponsored by:
Seymours

Saturday 18th June 2022

12noon - 3pm

Horsell CofE Junior School, Meadway Drive

WOKING SEA CADETS & ROYAL MARINES CADETS

Woking Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets are in a position where we can begin the recruitment of 10 year olds to their unit. Previously the take up has been exceptional but due to COVID the intake of 10 year olds have dropped. Further information is attached separately. Alternatively visit www.sea-cadets.org/woking or email info@wokingseacadets.org.uk.