



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 9th March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

'May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distil as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb.' Deuteronomy 32:2

It was lovely to welcome the children to school in their World Book day costumes on Friday! Thank you very much to all parents who supported the school and helped their children get into the World Book Day spirit. The hall was a very colourful and lively place as the teachers performed their annual 'Teachers' Play' on Friday! We now have a Poetry display in the library and it has been lovely to read some of the children's creations. One of our pupils, Skyler (year 5) has even started writing her first novel, which I've had the pleasure to read. I wonder who else at Horsell Junior will be a writer or poet of the future? Perhaps it will be someone in Year 6? Certainly, Mrs Brincombe and I have been extremely impressed by the quality of writing in the Year 6 Writing Portfolios!

Thank you very much to all parents for getting their children into school on Wednesday, despite the cold and inclement weather. The cold certainly did not deter our intrepid cross country runners on Tuesday evening and I know Mr Coles was very proud of the effort and fitness levels of our children. It is super to see our children excelling in extra-curricular sports.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 10TH—17TH MARCH

Friday 10th March	Pine class assembly. Assemblies start at 8:55am prompt. Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into the school. Photography is not permitted during the assembly.
Tuesday 14th March	County Netball Qualifier, St. Dunstan's, Year 5& 6 by invitation. 15:45—17:15
Wednesday 15th March	Year 3 visit to Wisley Gardens. Children are to bring a packed lunch.
Friday 17th March	Palm class assembly. Assemblies start at 8:55am prompt. Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into the school. Photography is not permitted during the assembly.

The Governors' Fund

Horsell Junior School is a Voluntary Aided School. This means that Guildford Diocese is responsible for the upkeep of our building and, as part of this, the school has to contribute 10% to any capital project. This 10% is paid out of the 'Governors' Fund' which is made up of donations from parents of children at the school.

The Governors' Fund is also used to buy additional resources for the children. In the past, money from the Governors' Fund has enabled the school to buy IPADS and new school furniture. At a time when there are great pressures on school budgets, the Governors' Fund is more important than ever. When your child started Horsell Junior School they would have been given a form to complete to set up a donation to the Governors' Fund. The recommended amount is £20 per year, per child, but parents are free to donate more or less than this. If you have not set up a standing order, or made a donation to the fund, and you are able to do so, we would be very grateful. The money donated is for the direct benefit of all of the children attending Horsell Junior School, and its use is carefully monitored by our Resources Committee. A copy of our form is attached with the newsletter.

If you have any questions about the Governors' Fund, or about how to make a donation, please contact the school office.

WORLD BOOK DAY

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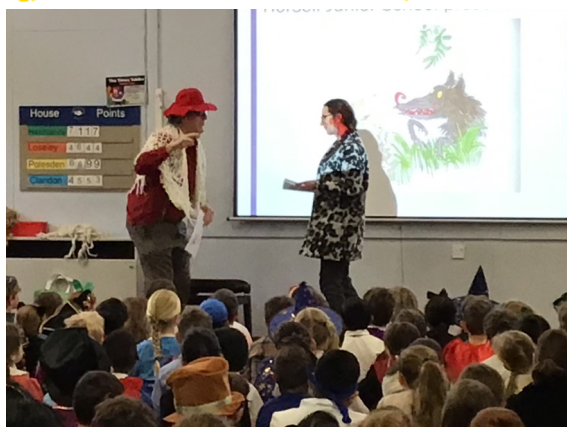
This year, we focused our book week on poetry. Each day the children explored a different poem, discussed the features and had a chance to perform.

These were the poems we explored:

- The Tyger by William Blake
- When the Colours Spoke by Grace Nichols
- 'Puzzle' by Matt Goodfellow
- Everyone Comes From Somewhere By Michael Rosen
- The Poet By Rachel Rooney



Miss Trunchbull



On Friday 3rd March, the children enjoyed a hilarious performance of Little Red Riding Hood, as re-written by Roald Dahl, with Mr Dunsford as Grandma, Miss Cumberbeach as the wolf and Mr Ross starring as the (nerf) gun-wielding Little Red Riding Hood.



"Book Week was amazing! I loved all the poems we looked at but the best was 'When the Colours Spoke by Grace Nichols' because the poet had made each colour have a different personality.

On World Book, Day we all dressed up and the teachers performed their play. It was really funny because of the twist - I never expected Little Red Riding Hood to end up wearing a wolf skin coat!" - Ava in Cherry class.



Spaceboy and Bananaman



The Gruffalo

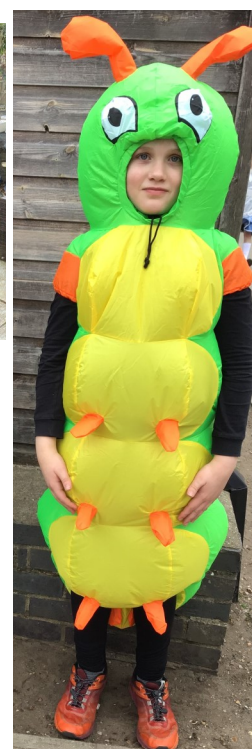


A Nac Mac Feegele, Roman Solider and Tom Gates



Above:
Tom Gates

To the right:
The Very Hungry Caterpillar.





NEW LUNCH MENU!

We have a new lunch menu, starting 17th April. This is now available to book on Scopay until May half term.

Please do take a look at the options with your children and book any meals required at least 8 days in advance.

Please note that if you had booked meals before the menu was published, these have been cancelled and refunded, and will need to be re-booked due to the price increase.

We Need Plants!

Did you know that in the next couple of years 35% of oxygen will be polluted by nasty chemicals! God created our wonderful world and included plants to give us oxygen and help our environment.

Eco-Committee would really love to have a plant in each of our classrooms; to keep us healthy and so we can be responsible plant carers! They will also improve the look of our learning environment.

If you have any indoor plants, which are quite easy to care for, that you could donate to us please contact our school office, we need 12 in total.

Thank you. From the Eco-committee



The Big Spring Clean 2023

The Eco-Committee have entered our school into the Big Spring Clean. We have pledged, as a school, that we will fill 8 bin liners with rubbish between 17th March and 2nd April.

Last year, the litter picking was carried out by the Eco Committee. This year the whole school will be getting involved. 3 children from each class will be chosen each day to spend 10 minutes picking litter in the school grounds.

If any children have a litter picker device at home that they can bring in (labelled) for their class to use during this time, we would be very grateful.

YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY 2023



**Are you a young carer or do you know a young carer?
Get involved in Young Carers Action Day!**

Find out more about Young Carers Action Day 2023 and how we'll be making time for young carers:

- Visit [Carers.org/YCAD](https://carers.org/YCAD) where you can download our **activity pack** and find lots of fun ideas for activities you can do to take action.



Who are young carers?

Young carers provide regular care to someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction.

YOUNG CARERS' ACTION DAY

Our school will be celebrating Young Carers Action Day, which is on Wednesday 15 March.

In school on that day, we will be holding a special assembly including contributions from our own Young Carers, who meet in school on a regular basis.

If you think your child may be a Young Carer (i.e. someone who provides regular care to someone in their family who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction) then please discuss with your child's teacher or Miss Chamberlin (inclusion@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk) or Mrs Haynes (r.haynes@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

We are also very fortunate to have the Surrey Young Carers support network available. Their web-site is: <https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/who-we-help/young-carers-under-18/>

#YoungCarersActionDay



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