



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 18th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers:

*'If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music,'* Albert Einstein

Music is very important to the life of Horsell Junior. As well as teaching music in the classroom, we also have lots of additional enrichment opportunities for the children to get them inspired by music. Every month, we have a different composition that we play to the children as they come into Collective Worship, we have weekly singing assemblies, a huge choir, an orchestra, lots and lots of instrumental teachers and our annual music concert, which will take place next term. Some of our children will also be performing in Voice in a Million at the O2, and I hope to see some of you at the [Woking Symphony Orchestra's children's concert](#) on Saturday.

We are always looking at further ways to promote a love of music in our children, and on Tuesday evening staff completed some additional training in how to teach singing. We are looking forward to sharing what we learnt with the children! I would also like to thank the PTA for enabling us to buy an extra keyboard which will further support our growing orchestra.

If you have a child who would like to do a very short performance in our singing assembly, they should speak to Mr Dunsford who will find a suitable time; and if your child has taken any music examinations, let Mrs Gordon know, and we will put the good news in our half termly Horsell Heroes (e-mail [h.gordon@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:h.gordon@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk)).

Best wishes

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### KEY DATES FOR 19TH—26TH JANUARY 2024

Friday 19th January	<b>Opal Donation Day</b> , at drop off. Please see overleaf for full details.
Monday 22nd January	<b>Opal Donation Day</b> , at drop off. Please see overleaf for full details.
Tuesday 23rd January	<b>Year 6 World War II Topic Day</b> , in school. Year 6 children are invited to come dressed as WWII evacuee children.
Saturday 27th January	PTA Good As New Uniform Sale, the Horsell Village School, 10:00—11:30



### Would you like to make a difference to our children's playtimes?

We are looking for a parent volunteer to sit on our play committee, which meets for about an hour once every half term.

This is chance to help improve our children's play and represent the ideas of parents in our wider school community. Please contact Mrs Webb ([g.webb@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:g.webb@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk)) if you would like to get involved.



### STAMP AND MILK BOTTLE TOP CHARITY COLLECTIONS

We are collecting used stamps and milk bottle tops for two different charities. We are collecting stamps to help raise money for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and milk bottle tops for the Surrey Air Ambulance.

There are two boxes in the year 4 block where we are collecting these.

Thank you, Elena & Sylvia (Palm class)





## OPAL DONATIONS

We are looking for the following items:

- Second hand gardening tools
- Wooden planks
- Plastic guttering
- Bamboo canes
- Old tennis balls
- Old clothes
- Anything that could be used for craft activities (felt tip pens, colouring pencils, etc.)
- Old computer keyboards/phones/etc
- Old suitcases
- Small world toys (cars, dinosaurs, animals, people, etc).

OPAL donation days are: 19<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> January at school drop off time.

Please let the school know if you work in the building trade and are able to help with some of the larger items on this list!



## GARDEN TRUST COMPETITION

Surrey Gardens Trust are giving grants to schools to develop areas for outside learning, with links to the curriculum. We will be holding a competition for designing plans for areas of the grounds to be developed to attracting insects and wild-life, to grow food, or provide calm and relaxing spaces. Forms with full details will be sent home next week.

## ROWAN CLASS ASSEMBLY



On Friday 12th January, Rowan Class performed their class assembly about what they've been learning so far this year.

They shared their learning about Canada and penguins in geography, how they used paper planes to explore science, they talked passionately about climate justice and how we can all help conserve the planet, the rules of basketball, about maths and English and much more.



As a class they sang 'When I grow up' which introduced their PSHE topic of dreams.



Well done Rowan!

Woking Symphony Orchestra

# Magical Music family concert

Music by  
Dukas, Mozart, Haydn and more

Clare Loosley – soprano  
William Wilde – trumpet  
Roy Stratford – conductor

**Saturday 20 January 2024, 3:30pm**  
Cobham Free School, Portsmouth Road, KT11 1TF

Tickets: £7 • Under 2s free  
wokingso.org.uk & wso2011@hotmail.co.uk

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## PTA UNIFORM SALE

### Horsell Village School

Saturday 27th January

10AM TO 11.30AM  
CASH AND CARD PAYMENTS  
UNIFORM DONATIONS TO HVS

Volunteers needed!  
please contact your class rep

**School lunches should be booked a week ahead.**

Please book lunches for 29th January—2nd February by Sunday 21st November.