



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 14th November 2024

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.” Romans 14:19

It was lovely to see so many members of the Girl Guiding and Scouts Associations wearing their uniform to school on Monday for Remembrance Day. Mr Stevenson gave a special assembly, where he explained to years 3, 4 and 5 about the significance of Remembrance Day and finishing with a 2 minute silence at 11am. Year 6 went to Woking High and joined their pupils in marking the day.

Election season is upon us at Horsell Junior, for both adults and children. We have had many votes for the new Parent Governor, and we look forward to appointing the new governor next week. In year 6, the children have been learning about democracy. To bring this to life, they formed 17 small groups, or parties, with a leader they hope to have elected to be “headteacher” for the day. After four rounds of hustings this week, year 6 pupils have voted for their favourite 4 candidates. These will be running campaigns over the next couple of weeks, after which all pupils in the school will get to vote for who they think will be best at running the school!

As I write this, I am listening to the choir practicing Christmas carols, ready for a number of performances across the next month. The PTA are also busy preparing for the annual Christmas Fair, one of the key fund raisers of the year, so do please support them if you can.

Best wishes, Mrs Gordon, School Office

KEY DATES FOR 14TH—22ND NOVEMBER

Thursday 14th	Parent consultation bookings open, 18:00. Please book your consultation using the Arbor Parent Portal or Arbor App. A guide to booking via Arbor can be found here . Click on “On the Parent Portal” or “On the Parent App” as required.
Friday 15th	PTA Disco, Year 3 & 4, 18:15—19:15. PTA Disco, Years 5 & 6, 19:30—20:30.
Monday 18th	Ash Class Geography Field Trip, 10:30—11:50
Tuesday 19th	Elm Class Geography Field Trip, 10:30—11:50
Wednesday 20th	Parent Governor Election: Deadline to return ballot papers Oak Class Geography Field Trip, 10:30—11:50
Thursday 21st	Parent Governor Election: Ballot count. Parent consultation bookings close, 18:00. Please book via Arbor Parent Portal or Arbor App.
Friday 22nd	PTA Mufti Day and Christmas Fair Donations. Entry to the school will be via the bungalow gate, where the PTA will be able to collect donations on the way in. Please see details overleaf of what children are requested to bring. Acer Class assembly, 8:55am prompt. Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall, and photography is not permitted. Snapshot reports sent home with children ahead of parent consultations.

HORSELL WIN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AGAINST TWIN TOWN ACADEMY

On Thursday 31st October, during half term, a Year 6 mixed football team attended a tournament at The Hermitage School. One of the schools invited to play was a French academy team, who had travelled all the way from our Twin Town near Paris, Plessis-Robinson.

The teams were put into two groups, so Horsell had 4 matches to play, including 1 against the French team. Horsell made a great start, winning against Hermitage A team 3-0. Audrey and Rio (who were the only girls in the whole tournament) scored the goals! Our second match was against Hermitage B team and we won convincingly, 6-1. Next, we had to play the team from France, and we knew they were going to be tough. Their players had been selected from the town of Plessis-Robinson so they were the best of the best! Horsell showed amazing tenacity and teamwork, but lost the game 0-3. Finally, we played Barnsbury, who had some older players, and managed to win 3-1. What a result!

Because we won all of our matches but 1, we qualified for the final against...you guessed it... the French academy team. We were all very nervous, but also really fired up to play them again! It was an incredible game to watch, as both teams gave it absolutely everything. The final score was 1-1 meaning we had to go to penalties!! It was a nail-biting watch. With Mrs Gunning cowering behind her ipad, Nathan stepped up to take the first penalty...and he scored! Next, it was the opponents' turn. Unfortunately, they missed. Kayden was next to take his...and he scored! The other team then took their second penalty and also scored. 2-1 to Horsell. If we scored the next one, we would win! George had a lot of pressure on his shoulders, but he walked up and banged it in; Horsell won the tournament!!

All the parents and teachers were so proud of our school team, not only because they are superb football players who demonstrate a lot of skill, but because they always encouraged one another and showed support and sportsmanship to their opponents.

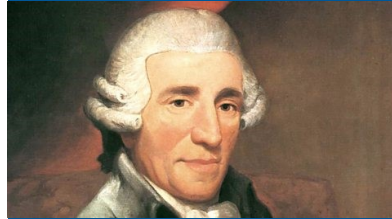
Well done Horsell!



ABSENCE REPORTING

We are trialling absence reporting via the Arbor Parent Portal and App. Please go to the menu / quick actions and click on Attendance Summary, then "Log Absence". A guide to logging absences on Arbor can be found [here](#).

You can only record same-day absences. For any extended or future absences, please ensure you notify the office or submit a leave of [absence form](#).



Each month, as part of our music curriculum, the children learn about a composer and a piece of music they have written. This

music is played each day as they enter and leave assembly.

This month we are learning about the Austrian musician, Joseph Haydn and his Trumpet Concerto in E flat major.

Haydn is considered the father of classical music, inventing the sonata and the concerto. He wrote over 104 symphonies and taught both Mozart and Beethoven. You can find out more about Haydn and listen to his trumpet concerto [here](#).

You can find out about our music curriculum [here](#).

YEAR 6 ASSEMBLIES

Year 6 loved having all our grown ups in to watch their class assemblies. The children have been working so hard and were very proud to show their learning.

Willow wowed the crowd with a fantastic song accompanied by musical instruments, whilst Cherry impressed parents with long division and quick tackling skills in rugby.

Inspired by their Guided Reading text, "Cloud Busting" by Malorie Blackman, Spruce told their audience all about their learning through haikus, limericks and free verse. They also wowed the crowd with a performance of the "Firework Maker's Daughter" which included singing in a round, and performed some opera.

The Year 6 teachers are thrilled with the progress and efforts made by all children and are looking forward to the year ahead!



**Food, game tokens, show and raffle tickets
now on sale [here!](#)**

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP LINKS:

[SET UP \(ALL\)](#)

[PACK UP \(ALL\)](#)

[Ash \(pairing with Snowy owls\): Cakes & Bakes](#)

[Elm \(pairing with Willow\): Entrance & Online Raffle](#)

[Oak: Mulled Wine & Mince Pies](#)

[Acer: Elf Off the Shelf Game](#)

[Palm: Game: Pick a Snowman's Nose Game](#)

[Pine \(pairing with Badgers\): Prosecco, Hot chocolate & Gingerbread cookies](#)

[Beech: Refreshments & Hot Food](#)

[Ceder: Refreshments & Hot Food](#)

[Rowan: Token Sales](#)

[Cherry: Stories with Mrs Claus](#)

[Spruce: Mr Tim's Magic Show](#)

[Willow \(pairing with Elm\): Entrance & Raffle](#)

PTA MUFTI AND CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS DAY

Children are welcome to come to school in MUFTI (non uniform); clothes should be suitable for school, shoes should be fully enclosed and we ask that football shirts are not worn. Children who have PE on this day may wear clothes suitable for PE, or bring PE kit to change into.

Year 3: PARTY BAG ITEMS

Please donate small party bag fillers that children might wish to win (yo-yos, whistles, note pads, rubbers, key rings, stickers etc.) No party bag needed.

Year 4: CHOCOLATES AND SWEETS

Please donate bars of chocolate - big bars, small bars or fun size bags, or sweets in wrappers (like Haribo or lollies) that we can use as prizes.

Year 5: TOY TOMBOLA

Please donate good quality boxed toys, puzzles, soft toys, board games, modelling kits, card games. These can be new or second hand toys suitable for school age children. This is an opportunity for you to re-home duplicate party gifts or second hand toys in good condition.

Year 6: FESTIVE TOMBOLA

Please donate new or second-hand "good as new" Christmas themed gifts for adults or children. Gifts can be bottles, candles, crackers, Christmas food, decorations etc. Gifts can be big or small. What Christmas themed gift would you like to be given for Xmas?

WRAPPING PAPER AND TINSEL AMNESTY

Regardless of year group, please bring along and donate any spare good quality wrapping paper or tinsel. These will be used in our Secret Christmas Shop and to decorate stalls.