

# Horsell CofE Junior School

## Fortnightly focus

Thursday 5th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers:

Mark 10:45 - *"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many".*

We have had a lovely - and busy - time at school since we returned from the half term break. This half term's value is Service, and we are all thinking about how we can show love and kindness to others - be it at home, at school or in our community.

In Collective Worship, we have welcomed visitors into school to talk about Chinese New Year and Ramadan, and I reflected on the season of Lent and our 40 Acts of Kindness. Children are also being asked to show their appreciation for all members of the school community in our 'Appreciation Box', and our prayers for the world, in our new 'Restoration pot', are in the prayer space in the library.

We very much enjoyed our 'Headteacher for the Day' event last week, and it was nice to put my feet up and let the children take control! The winning party worked really hard to ensure that everyone had a great day and I was very impressed with their teamwork and thoughtfulness towards all members of the school community. The highlight of the day was surely the talent shows - with the children showcasing their dance, sporting and comedic skills! I also spent time talking to the children about the many different aspects of the headteacher role, and they even dealt with some email correspondence. The business has continued into this week as Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March is World Book day and the children looked amazing in their imaginative outfits!

I am sure that you, like me, are enjoying the better weather as we head towards the weekend. Spring finally appears to be on the horizon!

Thank you for your continuing support,

Ms Wand



### Key dates 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:

- Year 3 DT Day - Pneumatic Toys.
- PTA Bingo and Biryani Night, Horsell Village Hall.

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March:

- Cherry Class parent consultations . Please check your appointment time on Arbor.

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:

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#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

- Cedar class assembly, 8:55 - 09:30am. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall. Photography is not permitted.
- Eduthing Parent Workshop: Online Safety, 9:30-10:30am, school hall. Please sign up via Scopay. This meeting will be repeated on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

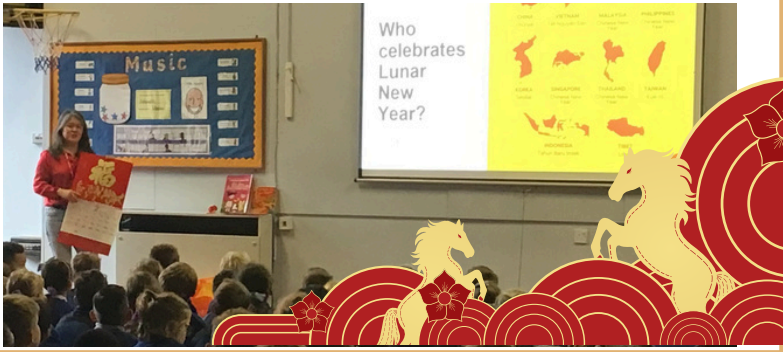
# HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR



We were delighted to welcome Mrs Yung and share her wonderful knowledge about Chinese New Year.

We were fascinated to learn the story of the 12 Chinese zodiac animals — and especially intrigued to discover that there was actually a 13th animal, the cat!

Mrs Yung brought in beautiful costumes, engaging books, a range of resources and an interactive PowerPoint presentation. Her session was informative, fun, and truly brought the celebration to life for us all.



## PARENT WORKSHOP: ONLINE SAFETY 13th March 9:30am to 10:30am or 26th March 2pm to 3pm

Keeping up with the fast-changing online world our children interact with can feel overwhelming, as new apps, games, and platforms appear so quickly. This practical and reassuring session, run by our IT provider, Eduthing, is designed to help parents and carers better understand the digital spaces children use every day.

They will explore the key online safety risks families should be aware of, offer guidance on setting up parental controls, and explain how artificial intelligence is increasingly built into the apps, games, and platforms children use. It will also focus on the importance of open communication, sharing simple strategies for starting positive conversations at home and supporting children to make safe, informed choices online.

Seats are limited so if you would like to attend, please book your place via Scopyay.

## COOKING UP CONFIDENCE IN APPLE CLASS!

To celebrate reaching our class target, Apple Class enjoyed a fantastic morning of cooking at the end of last half term. Most children chose to create their own rocky road fridge cakes, selecting from a range of delicious ingredients to personalise their treat. Others opted to make mini pizzas with their choice of toppings.

Alongside having great fun, the children practised lots of important skills, including measuring, cutting, rolling, mixing and spreading. They also showed brilliant teamwork—collaborating, co-operating and communicating beautifully with their partners. The final results were fabulous... and extremely tasty!

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to come in and help with this session.



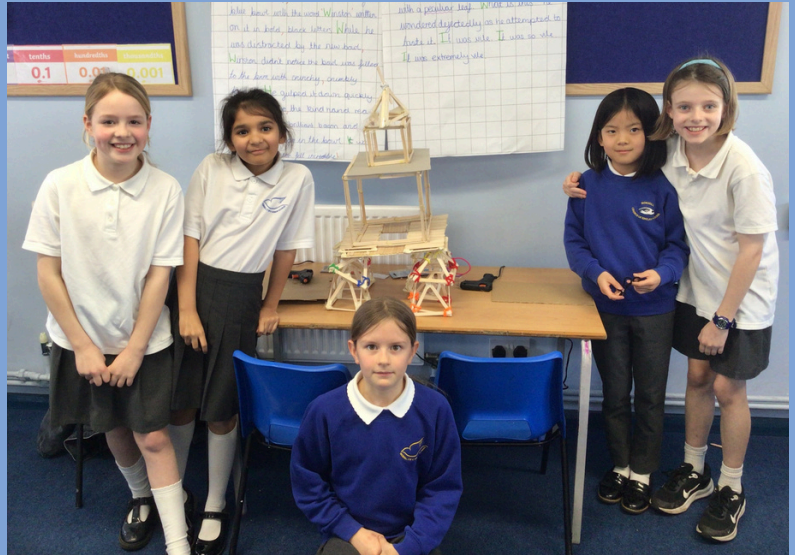
Please remember to order lunches for 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> March by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Lunches must be booked 1 week in advance or a packed lunch brought to school.

Please remember: we are a nut free school - products containing nuts **cannot** be brought onto school premises.



# YEAR 4 PAVILION BUILDING

In Year 4, we had lots of fun completing our DT Pavilion topic! The children worked incredibly hard to design their structure with the focus of Spirituality. They carefully build the pavilions with the help of our wonderful parents, and then evaluated the finished product as a team. There were some truly fascinating designs, showcasing creativity, teamwork and resilience throughout the project. The completed pavilions will be on display during Parents' Evening for you all to admire as part of a DT display. A huge thank you to our Year 4 parent helpers for your time, support and enthusiasm.



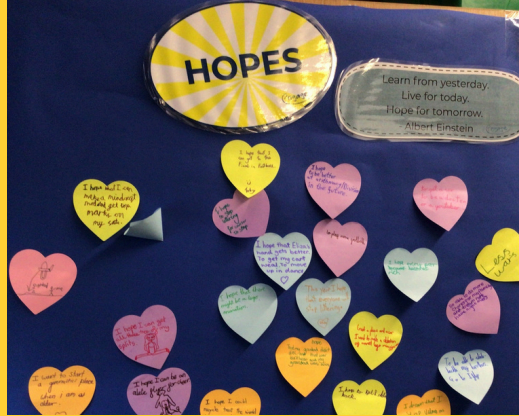
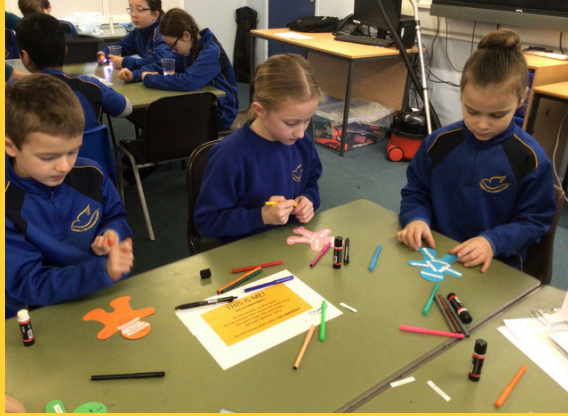
## YEAR 4



In Year 4, most of the children took part in Bikeability last week. They learned how to ride their bikes safely and confidently, developing important skills such as hazard awareness and road safety. The children showed great focus and responsibility throughout the training and we are very proud of the progress they made in becoming safer, more confident cyclists.

## YEAR 4 PRAYER SPACE

Our Year 4 pupils took part in a thoughtful and creative workshop with Engage Prayer Space. The children explored themes of reflection, gratitude, and wellbeing through interactive activities designed to help them pause, think, and express themselves in meaningful ways. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to develop empathy, consider big questions, and enjoy a calm space for personal reflection.



## YEAR 5 RHODA MCGAW THEATRE TRIP THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Last term, we experienced a theatre performance, the Addams family, by Winston Churchill School. It was really exciting; the orchestra was amazing and everyone enjoyed the performance and songs. Wednesday's dad, Gomez, had an extremely convincing accent (it fooled everyone)! Overall, it was an excellent show. We appreciated their effort and time put into practising.

*By Nova and Zara, Cedar class.*



## YEAR 5 ANCIENT EGYPT MUSIC WORKSHOP:

Year 5 enjoyed last week's music workshop because we had to work for an amazing result: all playing at the same time. We had lots of creative ideas to make a really good song to perform to parents. Each class had a different focus, like fighting or pyramids. It all went well because Jo and Mandy (the teachers for the workshop) were very helpful and made everything work together. They also helped you when you didn't understand. We hope you enjoyed watching!

*By Reuben and Josh, Cedar class.*



# GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS DAY



Global Neighbours Day was a day for our whole school to reflect on some big issues in our world. Global Neighbours is all about looking out into the world to understand some of the challenges people are facing and to encourage our pupils to become advocates for change to help to create a better world!

On the day, we took part in the **Christian Aid Restore Campaign**, writing prayers, wishes, hopes and dreams for the ways our world could be made into a better place. A picture of our restoration pot and some examples of our thoughtful work are included here. Copies of these are also being sent to the national campaign so that our pupils can get our voices heard. We have also invited Mr Will Forster MP to visit our school, so that our pupils can share their views about global issues in the wider world with those that have the power to make changes.



*Dear God, Help us in all countries big and small, to realise that war is pointless and peace is within us all and some other people have much bigger problems than us losing our phones. Help us to be kinder and more grateful. Amen.*



*My wish for the world is to make everything fair, so no debt or pollution, just a happy place to live.*

## The Restore campaign

### Get creative!

#### Share your prayers and hopes for a restored world

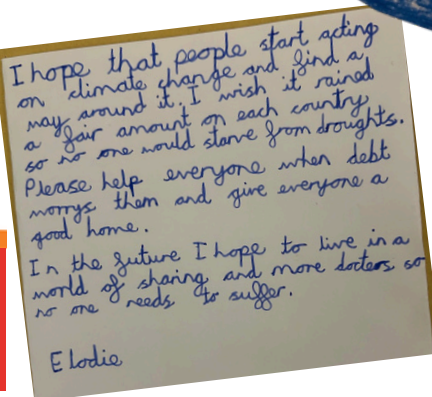
Our world is broken by injustice – the climate and debt crises are trapping people in poverty.

But we can play our part in repairing the harm and restoring justice. In the hope that something more beautiful will emerge.

Christian Aid is collecting prayers, pictures and messages of hope for those impacted by the climate and debt crises to create something that decision makers can't ignore – **a giant restoration pot.**



If you feel strongly about any of the issues raised here, you can join us in contributing prayers to the campaign. Or you could even sign the petition!



*I hope that people start acting on climate change and find a way around it. I wish it rained a fair amount on each country so no one would starve from droughts. Please help everyone when debt worries them and give everyone a good home.*

*In future, I hope to live in a world of sharing and more doctors, so no one needs to suffer.*

# HEADTEACHER FOR A DAY

My name is Arthur, and I had the pleasure of acting as head teacher for the day last Friday, along with the rest of the Obsidian Party: Hector, Leo, William and Christopher. We greeted people on the door, checked in on classes, replied to emails and enjoyed some sneaky biscuits in the headteachers' office!

When we were headteacher for the day, we hosted a special timetable and everyone did every activity. These activities included movies (chosen by the class), Chromebooks, P.E. (where the classes chose which sport to do) and everyone had a go at building the tallest possible tower with limited supplies of spaghetti and marshmallows.



We held an art competition, where students could enter their best drawings to win a set of brand new pens! The winners were Billy (year 4) and Mark (year 5), with Hannah in year 6 as a close runner up.

We also held a talent show, and I was blown away by the talent this school holds! There were 180 entrants in the competition but we could only have one winner!

The winner of the year 5 & 6 was Jude, and the winner of the 3 & 4 talent show was Ethan C in year 4 (see left). Both winners showed us some amazing dance skills!

We asked someone from each year for some feedback.

Freddie in year 6 said he enjoyed PE the most, and his favourite sport we did was volleyball. His least favourite was the marshmallow and spaghetti building but he still loved it. He didn't think we could improve anything, he said it was *"run well and it was not hectic"*.

Isaac from year 5 said his favourite activity was the talent show, he thought there should be a 5<sup>th</sup> place! He thought it was run well and was *the best headteacher day ever!*

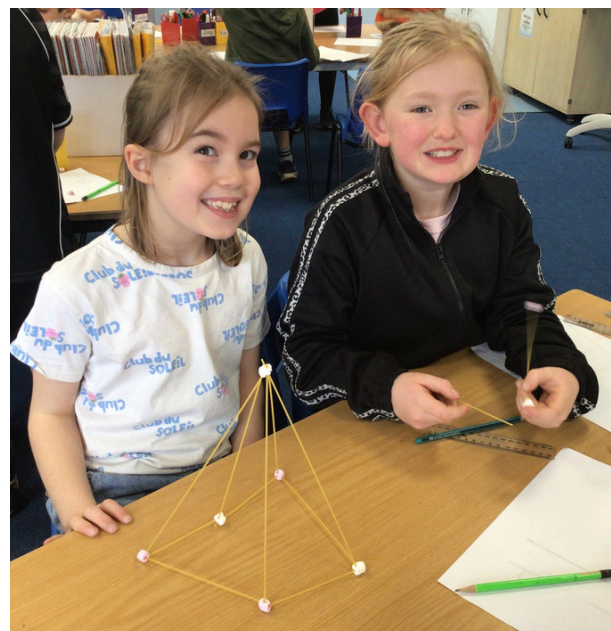


Ethan from year 4 said his favourite activity was the talent show. He thinks we could make morning, lunch and PE longer. If he was headteacher for the day, he would do more activities, but overall *the day was magical!*

Dexter from year 3 said his favourite bit was the art competition because you could draw anything! He thought everyone should be part of the talent show, and that it was a great day!

Thank you to everyone who made the mufti-day donations. This not only paid for our spaghetti and marshmallow building, but gave us a profit of £150. This will be invested towards a new sound system as ours is currently broken. The sound system will be used in all our assemblies and productions, including the Year 6 play and nativity.

All in all, we feel the day was a great success!





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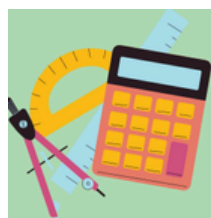
## New Quick Guide: Mental Health Support for Children, Young People & Families in Surrey

Children's Mental Health Week took place (9-15 February) and this is being marked with the launch of a [Quick guide to Mental Health Support for Children, Young People and Families.](#)

This resource provides a summary of key support options, including:

- Groups and one-to-one sessions
- Online and telephone support
- Crisis support and referral pathways
- Help for parents/carers around emerging issues, including gaming
- Support for young people worried about a friend.

The guide was co-developed by partners across Surrey County Council, NHS Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Mindworks.




# NO MORE LOST ITEMS



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