



# NEWSLETTER



**OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT – UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY – TEAMWORK**

What a wet and windy end to our half term! Let's hope the half term week is kind to us. I am so proud of how hard all our children and staff have worked and hope everyone manages a good, well deserved break next week.

### House Captains and Prefects

At the beginning of the term House Captains were chosen from Year 6 after the students had prepared speeches to present to the rest of the school. House Captains are responsible for planning and leading House competitions. This year's House Captains are:

- Dinnets - Julia and Megan T
- Orchard - Stella and Matthew
- Putnams - Leila and Emily

Our school prefects are selected from Year 6 pupils following successful interviews and allocations of job descriptions. They have all agreed to be excellent role models, positive advocates of our wonderful school and to be impartial, encouraging and safety aware.

This year's School Prefects are:

- **English** - Chloe, Rio, Amelia, Scarlett, Caia, Lacey, Neve
- **Maths** - Dasha, Emily, Megan T, Stella
- **Computing** - Sammy, Elias, Isla, Matthew, Oliver
- **Sports** - Troy, Theo, Jimmy, Harry, Jack, Max
- **Environmental** - Amirah, Eva
- **Collective Worship** - Finlay, Julia
- **Library** - Jemima and Amirah
- **Art** - Alfie, Leila, Megan J, Lucia, Margaret

### Black History Month

The whole school has been celebrating Black History Month. **Windmills** learnt about Lewis Hamilton's achievements and then made their own race tracks. **Year 1** studied the brilliant work of Marcus Rashford and his campaign for free school meals. **Year 2** linked classroom learning to the life of Frank Bailey, the first black firefighter. **Year 3** took on the role of news reporters to learn about Mary Seacole, a black nurse in the Crimean War. **Year 4** listened to Martin Luther King's famous 'I have a dream' speech and then wrote their own. **Year 5** learnt about the incredible achievements of Katherine Johnson, a NASA mathematician, who helped save Apollo 13's mission. **Year 6** discovered the importance of the Windrush generation and how thousands of people moved to Britain to help rebuild the country after WW2, yet faced racism and discrimination because of the colour of their skin.

### Kit reminders

A few reminders for when we return please:

- All children need wellies in school,
- Backpacks for Y6 or by agreement only please,
- Dark school shoes – no trainers.

### Guess the weight of the Pumpkin



The Year 6 Maths prefects organised a harvest themed, 'guess the weight of the pumpkin' competition. Thanks to Miss Thorp's parents for growing the pumpkin and well done to Theo and Rose for the closest guesses in KS1 and KS2. They both won a Maths stationery set and were very proud of themselves. The pumpkin weighed an incredible 24.65kg!

Our **Kith and Kin** poetry session was a wonderful experience. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us to explore our school grounds to find inspiration for some fantastic poems. The weather was on our side and it was a very spiritual way to spend an afternoon.



## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2024, a very special year

We are so excited to be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this academic year. The week of the **24th June 2024 will be 'School Heritage Week'** and will take us on a walk through 150 years of school life at Hawridge & Cholesbury. It promises to be a week full of nostalgia and celebrations culminating in two days of festivities: **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. Save the date! We are hoping to create a photo montage/ video and collections of interviews of past pupils, staff and all those connected with the school over the years. Please email [anniversary@hcschool.uk](mailto:anniversary@hcschool.uk) if you would like to be involved or are able to help.

### Newt location, location, location!

Some children found a newt stranded outside their habitat and were concerned. Fascinated by our new friend's appearance and how they moved, they researched the best place for a new, newt home and released them next to our school pond at the water's edge.

**Palmate or smooth newt?** We have both on our site.



### Photos of our School

Thank you to Mrs Vloothuis for visiting the school and taking over 600 photos of school life in action. Look out for these on our school website shortly.



Remember Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET Day so we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.



### Year 6



We have had a very busy few weeks welcoming published authors into school. KS1 enjoyed meeting Paula Harrison and Nishani Reed and KS2 were inspired by Holly Webb and her love of wildlife. How wonderful to have such inspirational visitors to our school.



We have learnt all about 'The Windrush Generation.' Between 1948 and 1971, thousands of migrant workers from the Caribbean came to live in Britain to help rebuild the country after World War 2. We discovered how many of these workers faced racism and discrimination because of the colour of their skin. Baroness Floella Benjamin migrated with her family to live in Britain from Jamaica; she experienced a lot of racial prejudice and abuse.



### Sport update

This term we have taken part in competitive games including those against Chartridge & Ivingwood as part of the Chiltern League. The weather was against us yesterday so our grand final has been postponed for the time being. We look forward to it being rescheduled and a half of term of Netball next.

This half term is ending on Show Racism the Red Card Day. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile charity. Mrs Birley led a thought provoking Collective Worship this morning where we all listened to and reflected on the Beatles song 'All we need is love'. During a period of such terrible world news, this simple phrase is a particularly poignant reminder for all humanity.

*'Let all that you do be done in love.'* 1 Corinthians 16:14