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HCJS NEWS



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Ofsted Inspection

It's been a very busy few weeks in school with **lots** going on. Since I last wrote, we've had Sports Day, several school trips* – including a brand new experience for our Year 4 pupils: an exciting activity day at Willen Lake in Milton Keynes – and, of course, a visit from Ofsted!

Although this was an expected follow-up visit after our inspection last March, the timing was far from ideal. The first of the two inspection days – last Tuesday – coincided with both the Bucks transition day **and** the hottest day of the year! To add to the challenge, the visit came right at the end of the academic year, which means I'm not expecting to receive the draft report until late next week. After that, it enters a quality assurance process, so the final version is unlikely to be published until September.

One of the more frustrating aspects from my point of view is that I'm not permitted to share the outcome or the key messages from the draft report just yet. However, what I **can** say is that staff, governors and I feel that the feedback we received is a fair reflection of where HCJS currently stands. It recognises both our strengths and the areas we continue to develop – and we're looking to the future with real confidence.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire and share your views about the school. An especially big thank you to those of you who sent kind messages and warm words directly to us – it truly meant a great deal to the whole team.

I look forward to writing to you again in September, when I'll be able to share more detail about the report and our plans for the year ahead. (** You can find more about our recent trips and events later in this newsletter.*)

Our Amazing Pupils

One of the comments from the Ofsted inspection team that I was most pleased to hear was this:

"You can really see that pupils at this school care for and look after each other well."

This truly resonated with me, as it reflects exactly what I see every day at HCJS. I can think of countless recent examples — in the classroom, on school trips, and during residentials — where our children have shown kindness, empathy, and encouragement towards one another.

Our Year 6 sports captains were exceptional during our recent School Games Day, showing real maturity and care in the way they supported and guided our younger pupils. I was incredibly proud of them.

Similarly, during both the recent Year 6 residential and the Year 4 activity day at Willen Lake, our pupils threw themselves into the experience with energy, enthusiasm, and, most importantly, **genuine support for each other**. It was lovely to see the encouragement and positive words they shared throughout. All of this makes what I'm about to write next all the more upsetting...

A Matter of Trust

I write today with a heavy heart, as this is not a message I had hoped to share. Unfortunately, in recent weeks and months, we have seen a **noticeable increase in inappropriate and negative parental behaviour** on our school site.

I want to make this absolutely clear:

👉 **It is never appropriate — under any circumstances — for a parent to challenge or confront another pupil or another parent on school premises.**

At Haddenham Community Junior School, we take full responsibility for managing our pupils' behaviour, including any incidents that occur during the school day. We have a clear and comprehensive **Behaviour and Relationships Policy** (available on our website) that sets out how such matters are addressed, including how incidents are dealt with and communicated.

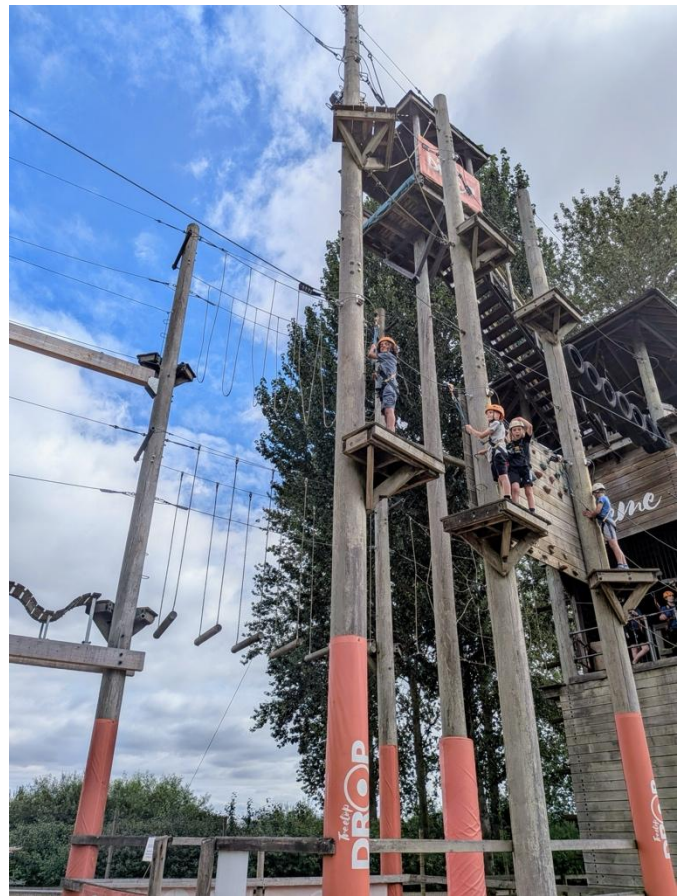
When you chose HCJS for your child, you placed your trust in us — and we value that trust deeply. In return, we ask that you **allow us to manage behaviour professionally and fairly**, and trust that we will do so with **care, respect, and transparency** for everyone involved.

It is with great regret that I must remind all families that I reserve the right to **issue bans from the school site** where adult behaviour breaches the expectations of courtesy, safety, or respect that we uphold. While I hope this will not be necessary, I will not hesitate to take this step if required.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to ensure our school remains a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for all.



Above: The Oxford Story Museum (Yr 5)



Right: Willen Lake (high ropes) (Yr 4)

News from the school office:

The new Arbor communication system is working well and we wanted to thank you all for your support during this period of change.

Please could we remind you to stock up your children's pencil cases over the summer holidays. We would be grateful if each child has a small plain pencil case (nothing large, bright or distracting) with the following items:

- Writing pencils
- Colouring pencils
- Handwriting pens
- Whiteboard pen
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Glue stick

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Upcoming dates:

Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers assembly

Monday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Prom

**Wednesday 23rd July – Last day of term
school finishes at 1.30pm**

**The first day of next term is Friday 5th
September**