

# HCJS Newsletter



*Aiming High, Celebrating Success*

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## Welcome back everyone!

We've had a typically busy first week back after the half term break. On Tuesday, photographer Veronica Stewart spent the day capturing images for 'A day in the life of Haddenham Junior School'. She was delighted with the variety of activities she caught on camera—soon to be adorning the school website. Veronica felt, as do I, that the music, art, cooking and computing she saw reflected a broad and lively curriculum—something our teachers have been working hard on this year, with lots of memorable experiences and 'wow days' planned. Here's a round-up of what February alone has had in store for our pupils:

Year 4 have travelled back to Viking times, curing curses with herbs, reading their futures with runes, moulding metal work pots and making candles. Year 3 enlisted in the Imperial Roman army, spending a day perfecting their 'tortoise' and 'wedge' (look it up!); and Year 6 were locked up for a day at Oxford's former prison (see the report on the next page.) As ever, news of all these events, along with details of our recent sporting successes (including cross country, hockey and netball), can be found on our school [Facebook page](#).

If you're curious to know what your child will be learning between now and the Easter holidays, head to our [website](#), where we've published the new topic overviews for this half term—simply click on the Year Groups menu (top right!). For example... it's 'Pieces of Eight!' in [Year 3](#).

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to say another massive thanks for your generosity at the recent cake sale and mufti day; we raised just over £550—meaning our aim to create a new, quiet 'sensory' garden will be realised much quicker than we could have dared hope.



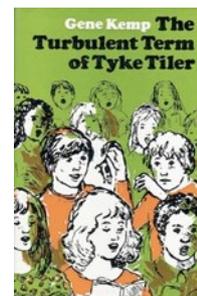
Year 4—Viking Day Activities

## Readers' Corner

**Mr Smart, Head of Lower School, recommends: The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler by Gene Kemp**

I like short, funny stories as I have a short attention span and never have enough time to sit and read for prolonged periods. My favourite authors are David Walliams and I absolutely love Roald Dahl! I have been debating between a few books to recommend but I think I will have to go for:

"The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler" by Gene Kemp. It is a funny story of a loveable rogue who finds conforming at school a little tricky and ends up getting into a few scrapes and mishaps along the way.



## Things you wanted to know but were afraid to ask!

I'm sure you are aware that, every Friday, we have a celebration assembly at which I present Learner of the Week certificates ; what you might not know is that I am always delighted to present awards and prizes gained outside school, too. In recent months, I've given out Blue Peter badges, gymnastics certificates and even letters from Her Majesty the Queen! If your child achieves something special that warrants celebrating in our school community, please get in touch, or send in the 'award' with your child and ask them to come and see me. My only request is that it is a recent accomplishment—a 6-month-old swimming badge doesn't qualify I'm afraid!



# News, notices & reminders

## **Sporting Successes!**

HCJS is on a winning streak right now, triumphing in two recent netball matches (7-0 against Wendover Junior School and 7-3 against St Louis School) as well as in the girls' football match against Buckingham (7-0 to HCJS) and Year 4 hockey against Bedgrove (4-3 to HCJS). Well done to all involved, and thank you to Mrs Caldwell for her coaching. We are also proud to announce our new, sports-related Twitter account. Please follow us at [@HCJSsports](https://twitter.com/HCJSsports) (look for the school logo to make sure you have the correct account). We will be posting results of all sports on this account.

## **Forgotten Items**

Please remember that if your child forgets to bring something into school, we will not be making phone calls but instead sending an email to parents so please do check your inbox regularly.

## **Beaver Leader Needed**

We have been asked by the Haddenham Association of Scouts and Guides to put a plea out to parents for help. They are in desperate need of someone to help run the Haddenham Beaver colony. Further details are attached to this newsletter.

## **Help with Cookery Needed**

If anyone is able to help with cookery on 13th March, 1st May, 5th June or 3rd July, please contact the School Office. Thank you.

## **Year 6 Visit to Oxford Castle**

On Wednesday 7th February, Year 6 experienced an amazing trip to Oxford Castle. We learnt about some of the people who were imprisoned there in Victorian and medieval times. We were lucky enough to be able to go into the cells where the prisoners were held. We were also very fortunate to have the chance to turn up the crank. We also went up the tower, which gave us an excellent view of Oxford. Our trip to Oxford Castle was a great way to finish our topic on Crime and Punishment.

By Evie Roberts, Molly Usherwood and Charlotte Dyer

## **Disruption to Woodways**

Next week, gas works are due to start on Woodways, which may last for several weeks. The contractors have assured us that they will be as courteous as possible and aim to work between 9am and 3pm. Please be aware however, that this may cause disruption to your journeys to and from school.

## **World Book Day & Book Fair NEXT THURSDAY!**

Don't forget that it is World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Children can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite story book.

The 'Book People' Book Fair will be held at lunchtime and after school each day next week, so children are welcome to bring in their money in a named purse.

# Learners of the week



26th January 2018



8th February 2018

## Forthcoming events

### Tuesday 27th February

Parents Maths Information Evening  
6—7.30pm

### Friday 27th April

Arts Festival 6—8pm  
Details to follow

### Year 6 Residential—Wales

Week 1. 11th—15th June  
Week 2. 18th—22nd June

### 20th / 21st March

Parent Consultation Evenings

### Weds 18th April 6.30pm

Parents E-Safety Information Evening

### Friday 23rd March

PTA Family Bingo

## HCJS Sport

### Football Fixtures

22/2/18 Boys away vs Cuddington and Dinton

23/2/18 Boys at home vs Thomas Hickman

26/2/18 Boys away vs Turnfurlong

8/3/18 Boys away vs Bearbrook

1/3/18 Boys away vs Stone

9/3/18 Boys away vs Weston Turville

15/3/18 Boys at home vs Stoke Mandeville

### Multi Sports Festival

Year 4 - Wednesday 28th February