



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 8
Autumn Term, 22nd October 2021



Dear Parents,

We have made it to half term – nearly intact, although COVID rates are rising, and I have written to you all regarding this in a separate letter for half term.

As ever, we remain resourceful as a school, adapt accordingly and although we have needed a few tweaks to our Harvest Festival gathering, I hope you would agree the children still managed to pull off a performance with aplomb. Thank you to all of you for your contributions to our Harvest table, and to the Ravens once again, for their contribution to our service in the form of haybales - perfect for a farmyard courtyard setting! The children had great fun during house assembly on Monday, designing an emoji for each and the winners from each house naturally got to paint theirs in all their glory on Wednesday morning with Mrs Griffiths.

Congratulations to Hubi and Elsa from Hares, Renée and Seren from Squirrels, Louisa and Orla from Badgers and Mollie and Harrison from Foxes for their winning designs.



This morning in assembly we also congratulated the first half of the term's winners of the mindful colouring competition that Mrs Wilson has been running, with the children as part of her co-curricular club on a Thursday for Upper School. A huge amount of effort was put in by the children, as they perfected their skills. Congratulations to our winners – Lucy W, Tate, Sam and Harrison, with the coveted prize of a Roald Dahl mindful colouring book, (a nod to our theme in book week), going to Harrison, as the overall winner. Matthew W – an Old Hunter (and Mrs Wilson's son) had the unenviable task of being the judge!



Parent meetings are now completed for years 3 and 4 and after half term we have years 5 and 6. If you have not yet made your appointment, please speak to Miss Fawcett.

It was good to get out of school with the children on Monday as I took year 6 for a field trip exercise down to the Eamont. We are so lucky to have such resources on our doorstep as they study the tributaries of Ullswater and features of the Eamont – bringing it to life with a field trip.



Speaking of going out and about, we have taken part in a community refugee project this week, highlighted by Mrs Lowther. The children all completed hearts, drawing what is special about being at home and things they like to do when they are there. They did them so thoughtfully, and what they portrayed was in sharp contrast to the experience of refugees.



And finally, we wondered whether the children's grandparents would like a copy of our newsletter? Grandparents have missed a lot of their grandchildren's experiences over the last two years due to the global situation, and whilst talking to one set, who were delighted to be given the option of having the newsletter so they could stay connected with what their grandchildren are doing – albeit remotely, led Miss Fawcett and I to think there may be more requests out there. Therefore, if you are agreeable, could you ask them, or provide us with their email, we shall then endeavour to make sure they are on our newsletter mailing list.

Whatever you are doing over half term – enjoy! The children are ready for some down time – it has been a hugely enjoyable start to the new year and has gone by in a flash! The next half term starts off with our Open Week beginning Monday 8th of November and our bonfire celebrations on Friday the 12th. We also welcome Finn and his family to Hunter Hall.

Mrs D Vinsome

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parents will have been emailed the QEGs results. If you require a meeting with Mrs. Vinsome regarding senior school options, please book an appointment at the school office.

Harrogate Ladies College are hosting their open day on Saturday 6th of November. This is open to all girls in years 5 and 6. Please see the noticeboard for further details.

Ampleforth College are also holding their open day the same day – please see the link below:

<https://www.ampleforthcollege.org.uk/college/open-days>

In addition, they have asked me to point out their scholarship programme see below: Next month they are running a series of online events for families who would like to learn more about specific scholarships and development awards. The dates for these online events are as follows:

Art and Design & Technology - Wednesday 3 November, 7-8pm

Sport - Tuesday 9 November, 7-8pm

Academic - Thursday 11 November, 7-8pm

Music - Monday 15 November, 7-8pm

If you require further details on these please get in touch

REMINDER:

Please can all running vests borrowed for the Mowden Hall cross country event be returned to school.

Pre-School News

This week we have been looking at the story, Handa's Surprise. The children have taken part in a variety of activities, from helping to sequence the story to creating their own baskets of fruit.

Our work it out Wednesday challenge, got all the children thinking, as we had some mischievous animals hiding our fruit and vegetables up on the high beams in Pre-School! The children came up with lots of different ideas on how we could help Handa get the food back down. They tried building towers, using the fishing nets and even trying to lift each other up, but none of these ideas seemed to work! They then came up with the idea that they needed to make something really long, to be able to knock the food off the beam. A broom, a mop and a lot of Sellotape later, they succeeded in getting all the vegetables and fruit down for Handa! What great teamwork they all showed!

I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to hearing all about what you've been up to when we are back.

Miss Graham



Parents' Group

Hunter Hall Fireworks Spectacular

Friday 12 November 6-9pm.

In preparation for our Fireworks Spectacular, we need wood for our bonfire. This can be delivered to the school field from today. Please ask around family and neighbours for unwanted wood scraps, pallets etc. Thank you.

See the poster on the school notice board for details of how to book your ticket(s) if you haven't already done so.

Week ahead

Half term

Open week all week

Monday 08 November 2021

08:50 - 09:25	Assembly
10:00 - 12:00	Richard Evans (drums)
12:00 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson (piano, voice and violin)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper school - Choir
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Hockey
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School- Band

Tuesday 09 November 2021

Outdoor Education Year 3 Group 2

15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Fencing (max 10)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School- Chess
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Running
16:30 - 17:30	Exam Prep Year 5

Wednesday 10 November 2021

09:15 - 11:15	Year 3-6 Swimming (Penrith Leisure Centre)
14:00 - 16:00	U9 & U11 Rugby Festival @ Sedbergh Prep. (Sedbergh Prep. Casterton)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Languages
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Street Dance

Thursday 11 November 2021

Outdoor Education Year 6

08:30 - 15:30	Barbara Gilbertson (piano, voice and violin)
13:45 - 16:00	U11 St. Mary's Hall Cross Country (Stoneyhurst -St. Mary's Hall)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindful colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Football

Friday 12 November 2021

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08:30 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
11:15 - 11:45	Year 2- Swimming (Penrith Leisure Centre)
12:00 - 15:30	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
14:00 - 15:30	U11 Hockey v Barnard Castle (Away at Barnard Castle)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Running
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Cookery club Group 3
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Free Play
18:00 - 21:00	Bonfire Night display