

# HSW News


## From the Head's Study...

Dear Everyone,

We had such a successful whole school assembly this morning, in which we celebrated all the achievements of our students these past few weeks. As you can imagine, there were many certificates and awards to give out! Of all the many accolades, I was most impressed by our HSW Values Awards – an initiative in which we celebrate those students who have particularly encompassed our values and shown kindness to others. Kindness is the bedrock of who we are and what we do here at HSW. We all have a right to be treated with kindness, but we have a responsibility too to show the same kindness to others – this is how a safe and prosperous community works. I am proud to say that kindness still remains at the heart of our culture here; despite all the difficulties we have seen outside of our gates – and our hearts go out to all those experiencing trauma and anxiety as a result of world events right now – we will continue to promote kindness, mutual respect and consideration for others. Such an inclusive and nurturing culture rarely happens by accident, it is the result of hard work, discipline and a lot of love. I could not be more proud of our positive culture and I look forward to seeing it work its magic again on the health and self-worth of our students, when we all return after the half-term break.

Until then, may I wish you a safe and happy time together, and a well-earned rest if you can.

Yours,



**Andrew Hammond**  
Headmaster

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 3rd Nov**  
Half Term Holidays

**Tues 7th Nov -**  
Year 7 Parents Evening  
HSW

**Wed 8th Nov -**  
Years 7&8 Theatre Trip to  
see Annie  
New Wimbledon Theatre

**Thurs 9th and Fri 10th Nov -**  
Year 11 Geography  
Fieldwork Trip

**W/c Mon 13th Nov -**  
Year 11 Mocks  
HSW

**Fri 17th Nov -**  
Children In Need

**W/c Mon 20th Nov -**  
Year 11 Mocks  
HSW



# This week at HSW...



Year 3/4 have been conducting an experiment this week. Their initial enquiry question was "is water the best liquid to help plants grow?" They have been giving the plants different liquids and see which helps the plants grow best.

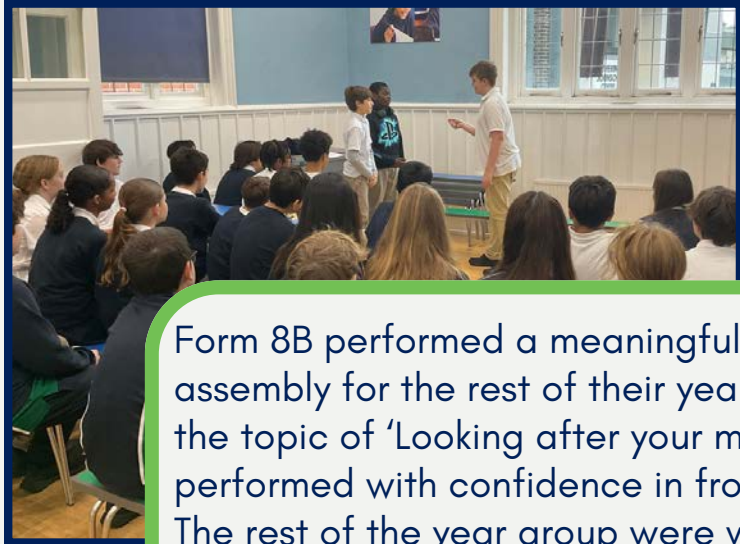


In Religious Studies this week, Year 6 enjoyed some story time as they read creation stories from different cultures and compared them to the religious creation stories we had already studied this term.

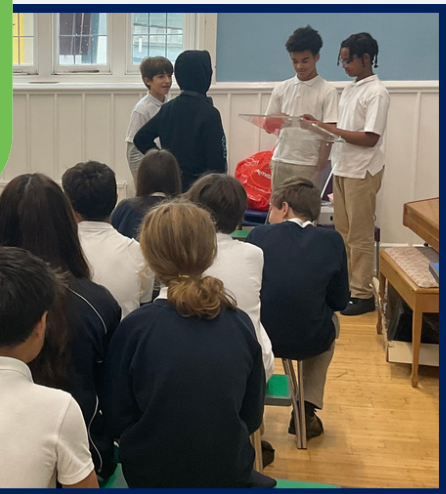
KS2 have been learning and practising their french numbers this week! They were doing such a 'magnifique' job, the learning was integrated into a quiz and a game of bingo - bravo!



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Form 8B performed a meaningful and well rehearsed assembly for the rest of their year group this week on the topic of 'Looking after your money' and they performed with confidence in front of their peers. The rest of the year group were very clear on the morals of the story when quizzed at the end too, demonstrating their great listening and respect to the performers.

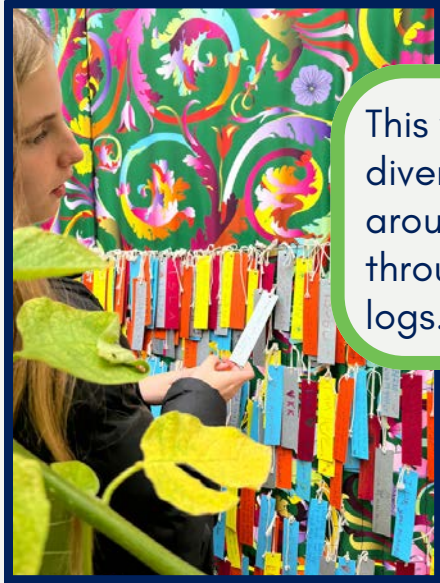


Lego club is very popular and allows students to create freely and to work in groups sharing resources and collaborating ideas. The students are having so much fun as you can see in the photos!



Following on from an amazing audition session, the HSW Choir had their first rehearsal this week with Mr Spoerer. They have a lot of songs to learn before singing at the O2 in January as part of the Young Voices event!

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This week year 9 went on a trip to Kew Gardens to explore the diverse range of plant adaptations within various biomes around the world. The students carried out various exercises through the day such as field sketches and creating photo logs. Everyone had a lovely day!



To mark the last day of the term the whole school attended a pastoral assembly in the gym this morning where certificates were awarded for HSW Values. A number of proud students achieved the headmaster's commendation.





KS2 are ready for Halloween! They had a fun morning bobbing for apples, attempting to eat some hanging treats without their hands and much more. I think we can all agree they have had a great 7 weeks and deserve a break - their teachers definitely do!



## Sports

We have had a great half term of sports fixtures, including, football, basketball, netball and cross country, and there are even more after half term! Please make sure you check the Sports website for all the games we have on.

As it gets to the colder months, PE still happens! Pupils are allowed to wear black or navy layers under their PE Kit to keep warm. The school PE jumper and fleece are the only tops allowed to be worn during PE lessons which are available to buy at Village Sports, as well as a plain Navy or HSW beanie hat.

# Have a lovely Half Term!



# Sports Fixtures

This is the sports fixtures website for HSW: <https://sport.hsw.co.uk/>

If your child mentions they are in a sports fixture during the week, please have a look at the website for further details on location, approx return times and team sheet. An email will also be sent with the details.

If your child usually takes the school bus, please arrange a pick up or different mode of transport to get home for fixtures that return after 4pm.