

HSW News

From the Head's Study...

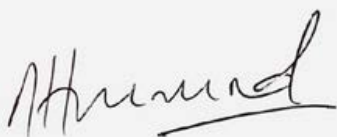
Dear Everyone,

Yesterday, I bulldozed some space into my diary to pop up to Oberon to see an exciting spectacle indeed, albeit a rain-soaked one. Our junior pupils were engaging in football training on the wide expanse of fields we are so fortunate to have. This, in itself, is hardly rare - we use Oberon every day now for so many different learning activities; what was particularly special was who they were training with - it was the junior pupils from The London Acorn School. This is a wonderful school which has recently joined the Chatsworth family, just 12 minutes away. Found in the idyllic setting of the National Trust's Morden Hall Park, The London Acorn is a very creative and nurturing school for Nursery to Year 6 pupils, which shares so much of our ethos and philosophy. We are delighted to welcome them as our closest sister school in the Chatsworth group and we look forward to enjoying some combined sporting activities and social events.

The children were training together in readiness for a Chatsworth Schools Football Festival taking place in November. I am looking forward very much to seeing our brave players bring home the silverware!

Have a good weekend all.

Yours,



Andrew Hammond
Headmaster

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 16th Oct -
KS2 Parents Evening
HSW

Thurs 19th Oct -
Year 9 Geography Trip
Kew Gardens

Thurs 19th Oct -
Year 10 Parents Evening
HSW

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

Tues 7th Nov -
Year 7 Parents Evening
HSW

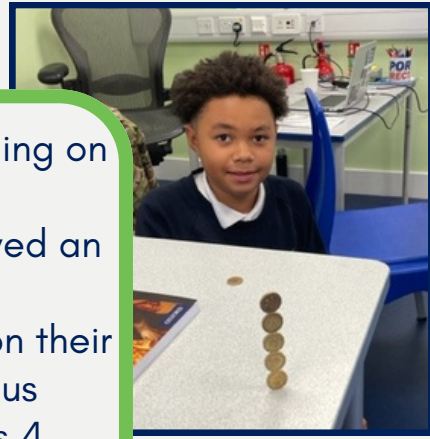
Wed 8th Nov -
Years 7&8 Theatre Trip to
see Annie
New Wimbledon Theatre



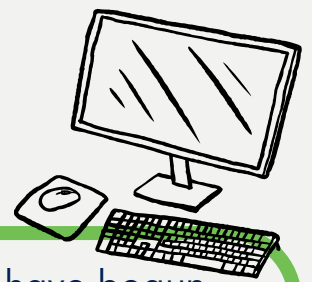
This week at HSW...



Year 3/4 have been learning how to hem and sew a running stitch in their DT classes at Oberon. They are working towards being able to eventually make their own juggling balls!



During open morning on Saturday, Adrius Parchment achieved an astonishing feat, stacking 5 coins on their edges! The previous school record was 4 coins and had stood since 2021. Congratulations to our champion coin stacker!

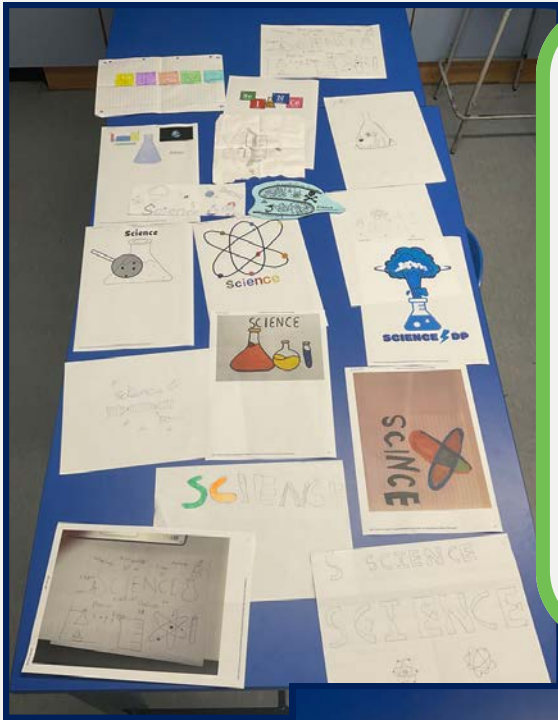


Students in year 8 who have begun learning Python coding are discovering that good coding practices require focus, questioning and creativity from the outset. Well done programmers!

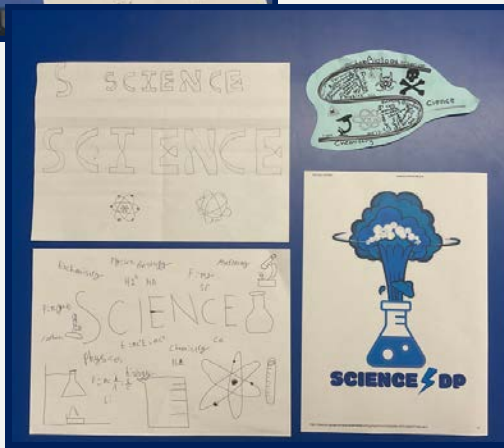


In English this week, Year 6 took part in a drama activity, where they predicted the actions of the characters following a dramatic chapter in our class book, 'Holes'. The children were either actors or directors, and had to come up with a scene. They did brilliantly, and Miss Smith was particularly impressed with the Texan accents attempted!

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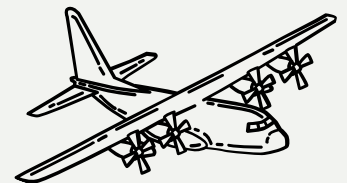


The science teachers ran a competition for students to design a logo for the department. On the left, you can see all the submissions received, the honourable mentions are picture below on the blue background, and the finalists that have proceeded to the next round are pictured on the bottom right with the green background. The finalists will be given feedback and a chance to submit an improved version of their logo before the winner is announced! All of the science team were incredibly impressed with the standard of effort and talent that went into the students' submissions.



Students in KS3 have begun creating and giving class presentations during tutor time. This week, 7C gave an informative and varied presentation on WWII. Attendees learned about different countries' participation and roles, the souls that were lost, and even a relative of one of the presenters. The students also handled the Q&A session afterwards with confidence as they shared even more knowledge on the subject matter.

Years have past, millions dead,
A Victory has been won, so it is said.
But who are the victors when so much is
lost,
But who are the victors and at what cost.
Are we the ones who gained from this war?
Have we learned from them war is no
more?



Sport this week at HSW...



Cross Country Merton Trials: Selected pupils from all years had the chance to go and compete for a place in the London Youth Games and Surrey XC Championships. Well done to everyone that took part and congratulations to Pancho, Millie and George M who all qualified!



Merton U14 Netball Tournament: Pupils from Y8 and Y9 competed against other Merton schools. Great effort from everyone, especially those who played a year above them!



On Wednesday, Mr Mackintosh took a team of boys in Year 7 to compete in the ISA U12 National Football Tournament at St John's Senior School in Enfield. The progress the boys have made in the past 5 weeks has been astounding and they thoroughly deserved their silver medals, unfortunately losing 1-0 in the final. Well done to all and a special shout out to Kiyan in Y6 who played.



Celebration Assemblies

We are excited to announce a change in our tradition of termly celebration assemblies. Starting this academic year, we will be hosting these gatherings every half term. One assembly will emphasise academic accomplishments, while the other will celebrate pastoral achievements. We hope this new format encourages your active participation.

PTA Meeting

Please see the below agenda for the next PTA meeting happening virtually on October 18th at 6.30pm.

TOPIC	TIME
Review of PTA plan on a page, and financial update	10mins
Updates from school: iSAMS, school year plan on a page, update on donated monies, comms contacts	20mins
New joiners' flyer - final review and distribution	10mins
For the kids activities - Xmas activities, school uniforms including sorting, leavers hoodies	10mins
Planned parent events this school year - all	10mins
Nomination of new chair(s)	5mins
Close and AOB	

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.