



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
TRUST

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28TH JUNE 2024

JULY

- 1st Y8—Meet The Y9 Tutor Evening @ KOW
- 2nd Y6 Swim Gala
- 2nd Y7 Festival of Athletics @ Yeovil
- 2nd Y3/4 Multi Skills Festival @ HSMS
- 3rd TRANSFER DAY
- 5th Y5 Sports Day
- 5th Battle of the Bands
- 8th London Trip 1
- 9th Y7 Taster Day 1 @ KOW
- 9th Y6 Sports Day
- 10th London Trip 2
- 10th Y7 Taster Day 2 @ KOW
- 10th Rags2 Riches

Well done to all our brilliant performers who entertained the audience at Kings Theatre on Wednesday as part of the Wessex Learning Trust Performance Arts week. Miss Keep reported back they were fantastic and really showcased the talent that we have the privilege to nurture and grow. I hope that the parents/carers and loved ones who went to watch enjoyed the vent as much as the pupils who performed did! Well done also to those musicians who performed at Cheddar First school demonstrating their expertise and talent and providing the inspiration to the next generation of performers.

Apologies and thank you to those families who collected or waited for our pupils to return home last Friday. The bus was running very late due to the high volume of traffic. We have shared our concerns with the contractor but also recognise and understand that sometimes there are factors out of our control.

Following last weeks year 8 Rounders tournament, well done to the year 7 pupils who travelled to Frome and returned as runners up. Mrs Allen was delighted with their team work and enthusiasm.

Year 7 were treated to a visit from the Bristol Buddhist Centre. Kelsang Lamchen talked openly to our pupils about life as a Buddhist and answered lots of really thought provoking and inquisitive questions. It was really kind of her to give up time and provide our pupils with a different perspective on life and spirituality.

Year 8 Transition to Kings— Kings Academy have confirmed that they are holding their 'Meet the Tutor' evening this Monday, 1st July, in two sittings from 5.00pm (see below for House timings). On Wednesday's Transfer Day, pupils should be dropped off from 8.45am for a 9.30am start at Kings loop (main school entrance) and collected from the Kings Fitness and Leisure car park at 2.45pm. I hope that they all have a great time and enjoy meeting their tutors and tutees.

Finally, well done to all those brilliant swimmers who competed in the year 5 House swim Gala today. The sound emanating from the pool area suggested that they had a wonderful time and the races were keenly fought. We will of course upload the results to the latest news section of the school website once all the results are in and calculated.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to the start of July...

Best wishes Paul Tatterton

SOCIAL MEDIA PARENT GROUPS

We are aware there is a Whatsapp group in connection with smartphones in schools being posted on Parent/Carer social media groups, which is using the Wessex Learning Trust logo and we wish to advise that this is not connected in anyway to Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School or the Wessex Learning Trust



RAGS2RICHES



It's time to clear out your wardrobe and donate any unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding and accessories to our Rags2 Riches collection.

Our next collection is on **Wednesday 10th July 2024**
Please deliver your items in a black bin bag or tied plastic bag to our main reception.

No school uniform please, please donate this to the Pre-Loved stock in reception



DONATE YOUR OLD UNIFORM

If your child is leaving Hugh Sexey Middle School at the end of this term, we would greatly appreciate any donations of uniform or PE kit.

Please leave any donations at our Main Reception.

Many thanks

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

The library team are kindly asking for returns of their long lost, and much-loved books. Please could pupils (and the whole family) do a thorough search of their homes in search of any books that they have borrowed in their time at Hugh Sexey. We would love to have as many books returned as possible!

With thanks, The Library Team!



Struggling to get your child to school...

Please find guidance and support material from Somerset County Council at the link below:

[Parents/ Carers EBSA Guidance | Support Services for Education](#)

CLUB CANCELLATIONS

There will be no Sports Leaders on Wednesday 3rd June due to the Transfer Day.

All other clubs will run as normal.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Our percussion ensemble visited Cheddar first school on Wednesday morning. Our pupils energy and enjoyment was clearly visible to their audience who really enjoyed their performance in their whole school assembly. The ensemble were fantastic ambassadors for the school.





WLT PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE AT KINGS THEATRE - WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE.

Our Performing Arts dept travelled to Kings on 26th June to be part of the WLT performance event. 50 Hugh Sexey pupils rehearsed all day to create what can only be considered as a spectacular collage of physical arts, involving years 5 to 11. Schools from across the Trust set to the stage displaying dance, drama and music pieces created in class, through extra-curricular activities or re-created moments from their school shows.

Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School committed 10 pieces to the event and every single performance was fantastic. Our pupils certainly brought an energy to the stage that was electric from beginning to end. Please celebrate with them as they have worked incredibly hard to pull so many pieces together and carry them out with such flair and accuracy. We must also remember it was our Year 8s last opportunity to represent their school in a performance arts capacity - we hope they all carry on their involvement in the Arts next year in their new setting.

We mustn't however, forget to thank you for your parent/carer support. From finding costume pieces to clapping our pupils on stage you have been there throughout, making a positive contribution to the final pieces you witnessed on Wednesday. I must also quietly mention, HS parents, carers and close friends certainly know how to dominated the cheering opportunities. As a thank you, we thought we should add a picture of you all in our newsletter. Enjoy spotting yourself!



A BUSY WEEK FULL OF VISITORS.....

This week, as part of our Careers Education and Personal Development programme for pupils, we hosted a number of visitors. On Monday, Y8 pupils received a visit from Officer Megan from the Cyber Crimes division of Avon and Somerset Police. Her visit highlighted to pupils how changing technologies were being deployed to help catch and prosecute offenders who either on conducting online crime or using cyber-space as a place to hide. She talked about routes into employment and the skills needed to work in this rapidly changing and highly challenging field.

On Wednesday, as part of our Y7 RE curriculum and in line with both British Values and our HSMS vision to help children become informed global citizens, we hosted a visited from Buddhist nun, Lamchen, from the Bristol Buddhist centre. She reinforced some of the aspects of the teachings of Buddhism that the pupils have been learning about in lessons but also shared her experience of what it is like living as part of the Buddhist Sangha in modern Britain. Some pupils prepared questions to ask which showed great empathy and keen interest in the lives of others.

And finally, on Thursday, PCSO Chard came to visit with us at the school. He brought the community policing van for 'show and tell' and the pupils really enjoyed playing with the sirens and sitting in the van. His visit is part of our desire to build positive relationships between pupils and law enforcement in their own communities, helping pupils to build trust and have high expectations of police and civil servants. In the afternoon, PCSO Chard led an assembly for Y7 about the role and work of a PCSO and the education and training routes into this career. Again, pupils had prepared some great questions which helped them to gain a good insight into both the role of the PCSO in the community and how it differs from the job of police officer.

At Hugh Sexey, we are proud of how our pupils enjoy engaging with their wider community, and are pleased that their enquiring minds challenge them to know more about the world around them.





HSMS SUPERSTARS

TRIATHLON

Amelie S. 5EM completed her first triathlon on Sunday at Taunton school and represented Hugh sexeys in the year 4,5,6 category. She did really well as it is the first time she has done all three events together. She looks forward to completing another one soon!



YEAR 7 ROUNDERS

The year seven girls travelled to Frome today to play in a triangular tournament with Selwood and Oakfield schools in Frome. Unfortunately, two schools were unable to attend today so this meant longer innings for the three schools present. We played very well - outstanding bowling from Verity and a brilliantly successful partnership between Emily at backstop and Mia at first post.

Coupled with some great batting skills from Karim and Etta the girls ended up in second place.

Final result

1st Selwood

2nd Hugh Sexey

3rd Oakfield

A very happy afternoon in the sunshine. Well played all.



Next Week
in
Picture News

HSMS Values in Action @Home



Wb 1st July 2024

What does it take
to be an Olympian
or Paralympian?



- This summer, the 2024 Olympics, held in Paris, will run from 26th July to 11th August, and the Paralympics will take place from 28th August to 8th September. The Games will see the world's greatest athletes come together in France's capital city to compete for their place at the top of the podium. For many athletes, these Games are the peak of their sport, with a gold medal as the highest accolade. The competitors are likely to have spent months and years training for numerous hours per day to prepare.

Things to talk about at home ..

- Share your knowledge of the upcoming 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Ask someone at home to share their experience with you.
- Will you be watching any of the events? Which sports do you find most interesting and why?

Invitational Prayer:

Dear God
Thank you for the Olympic and Paralympic athletes and all that we can learn from them, Help us to work hard to achieve our goals and dreams, Thank you for helping us to keep going even when things might be tough,
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:

Perseverance and Consent

Bible Link:

Hebrews 12:1-2

British Value and Protected Characteristic:

Mutual Respect and Tolerance / Race

UN Rights of the Child:

#2 No Discrimination