



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
JUSTICE

CALENDAR 2024/2025

DEC

- 9th KS2 Disco (6-8pm)
- 10th KS3 Disco (6-8pm)
- 11th Blackford Christmas Café
- 11th Wedmore by Lamplight
- 12th Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th KS2 Brilliant Club - Film
- 16th Y8 Christmas Dinner
- 17th Y7 Christmas Dinner
- 18th Y6 Christmas Dinner
- 19th Y5 Christmas Dinner

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6TH DECEMBER 2024

It has been another really busy week here at Hugh Sexey, so thank you if you have been called upon to be a taxi and ferry your child from events and activities. Next week is even busier as we count down the last 10 days of term. We look forward to seeing lots of our pupils at the Christmas discos on Monday and Tuesday. The doors will open at reception from 6.00pm. Please feel free to park at the front of school, in the loop or staff car park at the rear of school as well as the Tennis courts. Pupils can be collected from the school hall at 8.00pm when the event finishes. Please either use the school main entrance or the side entrance by the school canteen to access the building at 8.00pm.

On Wednesday it will be lovely to see those of you attending the Wedmore by lamplight service. I know that our singers are well rehearsed and are looking forward to entertaining the congregation. Finally, we also have our Christmas jumper day on Thursday. Pupils are encouraged, however, it is not compulsory, to wear a Christmas jumper and begin to get into the festive spirit.

Website — please accept our apologies as the new website has not been available this week. I know that this has caused an issue for some of you but the Trust website team are aware of the issue and they are working to rectify this.

As you will know we advertised and welcomed applications for a representative from our parent community to sit on the school Local Partnership Board (formally the governing body). Unfortunately, this position was not filled. We will advertise this role again in the New Year. In the meantime if you would like to find out more about the role please do not hesitate in contacting me or the clerk to the partners.

Thank you to all those generous parents and carers who donated pre-loved clothes to our Rags2Riches collection in school. We were able to share over 340kg of clothes that will be repurposed or donated to children and families in need.

Well done to all those fantastic individuals celebrated in this week's update. Your achievements always amaze and inspire me and reinforce how fortunate I am to work in a school with so many exceptional young people. It was great to pop into Wellington School on Saturday morning to welcome Mr McKeach and four of our brilliant mathematicians as they competed against over 60 other schools, including our friends from Brent Knoll. The competition was really tough and after a great team effort they finished in 5th place, just a few marks off the top score. Great work and congratulations.

Finally, our pupils were treated to a visit from Mr Targett this week. Mr Targett is a local, national and internationally known individual as he is a descendent of the 'Cheddar Man', the oldest complete human skeleton ever to be found in the United Kingdom, found in the Goughs Cave in 1903. Adrian, ex-history teacher in Cheddar, has been shown by DNA tests to be a direct descendant, by his mother's line, of "Cheddar Man", is now the world's most distant confirmed relative and he told our pupils that this is how he became famous by accident. His visit and talk complemented the pupils' work in Humanities, Drama and science. Adrian gave his time freely and even spent time answering our pupils' questions through our lunch break. Thank you very much Adrian for your time and enthusiasm. The pupils loved your passion and deep knowledge.

Have a lovely weekend everybody, I hope that the predicted bad weather passes without incident and treats you all kindly.

Love and best wishes

Paul Tatterton

CLUB CANCELLATIONS

- **SHREK REHEARSAL** - Tuesday 10th December CANCELLED - due to KS3 Christmas Disco
- **SINGING CLUB** - Wednesday finished for Christmas.

**Spring Term Clubs will commence week beginning
13th January 2025**





Wellington Maths Challenge



Congratulations to Adam, Flossy, Henry and Reggie on 5th place at the Wellington Maths Challenge on Saturday.

They represented the school fantastically, demonstrating resilience, endeavour and determination, achieving 20/25 in the main event, which was only two away from the winning score. Not only did they come 5th out of 63 schools but they provided a close estimate to the number of sweets in a jar and won the jar. Well done to you all.

FIXTURES & EVENTS

1ST SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

This is always a very popular event with our feeder schools. It is a great opportunity for our year three and four pupils to experience gymnastics at Hugh Sexey.

Every first school was represented and our year eight sports leaders helped support rope work, floor work, vaulting and some trampolining skills.

The year eights really enjoyed motivating the younger pupils and it was a very positive experience for all.

Thanks to all parents / carers for their support.

Well done all



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

'House Leaders busy judging the Christmas Card Competition after a massive number of entries.

Well done to everyone who designed a card, the winners will be announced soon.



HOCKEY

This week the year seven girls took on the year seven boys at hockey. The match took place on Wednesday lunch time and was well supported by all. It was great to witness the enthusiasm for the sport and good chance for some very competitive play.

Well done to Eva P who suggested the event
Final score 3-1 to the boys .





christmas disco

KS2 - MONDAY 9, DECEMBER
KS3 - TUESDAY 10, DECEMBER
6PM - 8PM

Please make a payment of £6 on ParentPay

Soft drinks, sweets and homemade gifts will be available to purchase on the night. **Please bring cash**

Please do not drop off your Child before 6pm and collection is only permitted from inside the school hall

Due to Health and Safety our numbers are strictly limited to 300

HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL



Somerset Children & Young People
Health & Wellbeing

FREE COURSES FOR SEPARATED PARENTS

There are 3 courses to attend, 2 of each course so that parents can go to different courses.

- **A separated parents' guide to successful coparenting communications -**
Wednesday 15 January 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
Wednesday 29 January 7 PM-8 PM
- **Managing handovers and transitions for separated parents**
Wednesday 15 January 2 PM-3 PM
Thursday 23 January 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
- **Helping your children navigate separation and divorce**
Tuesday 21 January 2 PM-3 PM
Tuesday 4 February 7 PM-8 PM

Here is the link for access to the courses. I believe it is on a first come first serve basis.

[Somerset children & young people : Health & Well-being : Events Parenting Cafes And Parenting When Separated Courses](#)

HSMS SUPERSTARS

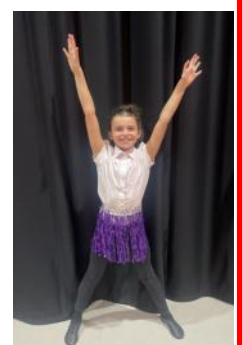
SWIMMING

Connor in Year 6 ,who swims for Burnham on Sea swimming club competed in their Club Championship and won 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.



STAGE COACH

Edie in Year 5 was in her first stage coach show on Friday they did the greatest showman and it was a brilliant performance, she did so well.





Y6 - BIKEABILITY

Thank you to Bikeability for providing safe cycling training to 12 of our KS2 pupils. The 1st day started with a theory section in the classroom covering road safety and then progressed to cycling skills on the school site. On the second day the pupils went onto the roads and put their learning into practice. Bikeability were very complimentary about how hard our pupils worked and shared that they were a delight to be with. Bikeability will be back in School providing more training for our year 5 pupils in May (6th and 7th).

Many thanks to Bikeability for providing the training and thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who kindly gave up their time to help.



DATA CAPTURE FORMS

Data capture forms were sent home with your child during November, we have only received a quarter of these back to date.

These forms are essential to keep the school up to date with your details.

Please check your childrens bags and return the form back to reception as soon as possible.

Many thanks

VACANCIES @ HSMS

- **Teacher of Humanities**
- **LSA**

For all current vacancies please follow the link to

[Wessex LearningTrust](#)

Next Week
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Picture News

HSMS Values in Action @Home

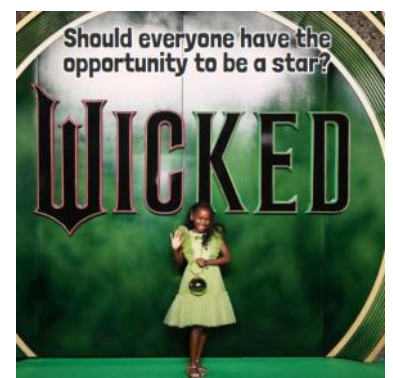


Wb 9th December 2024

Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film. Wicked shares a different perspective of the events in the magical land featured in 'The Wizard of Oz', prior to Dorothy's arrival. It is the story of Elphaba (a misunderstood witch), who later becomes the Wicked Witch of the West, and her friendship with Glinda, who becomes the Good Witch. Karis Musongole, aged 10 from Manchester, plays the young version of Elphaba.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What have you heard about the film Wicked? Is it something you have seen or would like to see? Ask someone at home. Are they familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz?
- Do you like performing on stage? Do you like other roles or responsibilities in plays or performances? Talk about the importance of each role and how our different strengths can all be celebrated.



Invitational Prayer:

Thank you for Jesus, Thank you that he is our guiding star, he shows us the way, he helps us all shine, We are all stars, help us to shine our lights on others and spread joy,
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Joy and Cooperation

Bible Link: Matthew 5:14-16

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty and Age

UN Rights of the Child: #31 Rest, Play, Culture, Arts