

Week 5 02.10.20 March

From Mrs Gater:

As I write, it is raining outside but bright and cheerful in School. Today in Junior House we are celebrating pupils who have had a birthday in September with a small party with cake and juice. I am looking forward to enjoying some party games as well. In Junior House the girls enjoyed a visit from the Reverend Sharon Roberts for our Harvest Festival celebrations; she explained what the Bible says about needing to help those less fortunate than ourselves and how that might be relevant in our lives today. Your gifts will be donated to the wonderful charity One Can Trust who donate emergency food parcels to people in crisis in our community.

In Upper School each year group has enjoyed a virtual visit from an author including Katherine Rundell, Leila Rasheed and Chris Riddell. Despite not being able to invite the authors into School, the virtual sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for the girls to interact with the authors and to find out about their writing processes. On Wednesday morning in Assembly we were treated to 'Evening Prayer' by Engelbert Humperdinck on the French horn played by Sophie Machin, which was a real delight to listen to.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gater.

Congratulations to the following Junior House Stars of the Week:

NC Giovanna

RB Evie

RD Ashara

1L Rosie

1M Harriet

2GS Emily

2HN Sienna

Congratulations to the following Upper School Stars of the Week:

3E Astrid

Sanaya

Chloe

3G Darcey Ayaana

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Edie

4C Jasmine

4W Suri

Alexa

Naomi

5BH Alice

Caroline

Maia

5MN Anya

Francesca

Amber

6G Anjali

Charlotte W

6K Isla

Lucie

Ayla

House Points

Daffodil 597 Rose 711 Shamrock 702 Thistle 737

Notices

Clubs on Parents' Evenings Next Week

Tuesday 6th October All clubs will run as normal

Thursday 8th October

The following clubs will run as normal:

Chess, Free Swim, Early Prep, Late Prep

The following clubs will not go ahead:

Eco Club, Year 3 Netball, Developmental Swim Squad, Year 6 Swim Squad

Walk to School Week 5th – 9th October

Next week it's Walk to School Week and from Monday 5th October the JRSOs will be running a competition to see which High March Form walks, cycles, scoots or parks and strides the greatest number of days. We will be awarding points according to the way you travel to school.

The car gets zero!

The Form with the most points by the end of the week gets to choose the dessert for the following Thursday. There will be a winning form from Upper School and one from Junior House.

So please ditch the car next week and support the JRSOs.

Download the Refill App

City to Sea have developed their **Refill** App. You can now use it to find out where to refill not just your water bottle, but also your coffee cup, lunchbox, groceries and even your cleaning products and toiletries making it the world's first dedicated app to help people reuse and refill.

<u>Click here</u> to download the App today and start helping reduce the enormous amount of plastic waste generated by our everyday lives.

High March Ball 2021

Those of you who were parents in and prior to 2018, will know that the triennial High March Ball, set in the magnificent grounds of the Hall Barn Estate by kind permission of the Honourable Jenefer Farncombe, herself a High March alumna, has, for many decades, been the eagerly anticipated showcase event of the Summer season in normal times. The Ball is always a fabulous opportunity for the High March community to come together to enjoy a truly memorable evening of bonhomie, music, dancing, fine food and wine, and in the process, raise funds for our chosen charities and for some special equipment or experiences for the High March girls at the instance of the High March Ball Committee. The Committee has been meeting regularly and working behind the scenes for some time in anticipation of our Summer Ball 2021 scheduled for June 26th 2021.

Whilst the Ball Committee does not at this stage wish to cancel, nor formally reschedule the Ball, due to current pandemic restrictions, the Committee is concerned not to undermine all the efforts of the School in keeping children and staff as safe and protected as possible.

The Committee has decided to suspend its preparations for this term and reconvene in the New Year to review. In the meantime, a very big thank you is due to Ball Committee members for all their sterling work to date.

Notices

Touch Typing at Half Term

Booster Sessions

Friday 23rd October

All sessions to be held in the Upper School Computer Suite

Year 2 - £20

9:00 am - 10:15 am

https://tinyurl.com/y5m6m3kq

Years 3-4 - £25

10.30am - 12.15 pm

https://tinyurl.com/ydgqugfk

Years 5-6 - £25

12.45pm - 2.30 pm

https://tinyurl.com/y66hoyyh

Remote sessions

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - 9.00am - 10.30am and 10.45am - 12.15pm

Year 4 upwards including siblings and non-High March children

£135 - includes the software and a colour coded keyboard. (4 days - £115)

https://tinyurl.com/y6sf9qkw

Please email jhalford@highmarch.co.uk for more details of any of the courses.

Walk the life of Jesus - Friday 23rd October - Friday 6th November

For two weeks around Half Term, St Mary & All Saints Church in Beaconsfield Old Town will host a prayer walk in the grounds of the church.

There will be 12 stations which individuals or families are invited to walk around. They will tell the story of the life of Jesus simply, about his teaching, miracles, and parables, his birth, baptism, death and resurrection. The stations will be creative and interactive; they will explore and encourage different types of prayer and be appropriate for children and adults alike. Come and see how Jesus' story relates to our own recent experiences of fear, uncertainty and miracles.

There is no charge, no booking necessary and because it's outside, access is available anytime throughout the two weeks from Friday 23^{rd} October until Friday 6^{th} November. With Covid safety precautions.

The Revd Dr Jeremy Brooks