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Senior School Newsletter

15th May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

I hope you and your families are keeping well.

The news this week has been dominated by the Government's announcements regarding their roadmap for the easing of lockdown. Clearly, their proposals have attracted a fair amount of discussion and controversy, and whilst I will try not to make political comment here, as a school we obviously have to consider what the proposals relating to education mean for our pupils and their families.

The Prime Minister's speeches to the nation and to Parliament on Sunday and Monday respectively have been followed by a raft of guidance documents – some of which didn't actually marry up to the content of the speech – and myself and the Senior Leadership Team have spent much of the week trying to work through what this guidance might mean for us here at Hulme Hall. I think it is fair to say that this process is ongoing, especially as the guidance and advice is constantly being updated.

Mrs Khinda will be writing to Pre-School parents regarding the possible reopening of Pre-School in June and Miss Keddy has been contacting our Year 6 JLC pupils to canvass their views on a possible return to school after half-term. I have written separately this afternoon to parents of our Year 10 pupils regarding the Government's proposals for organising some "face to face support" for that year group.

Understandably, some parents and pupils will be nervous about returning to school given the current circumstances and especially if children might have to use public transport, but rest assured we will do everything we can to ensure we provide a safe environment for pupils and staff whilst on site.

Essentially, this initial contact with parents of affected year groups is to ascertain who might attend the school site as and when we reopen.

For other year groups, 4 and 5 in the JLC, and 7, 8, 9 and 11 in the Senior School, education will continue remotely after half-term. We will, of course, continue to provide in-school provision for the children of key workers and vulnerable children whose parents feel they need to send their child into school, in line with Government guidance.

Last week we celebrated what would have been the last day of lessons for our Year 11 pupils and the various video montages published on our website were incredibly well received by parents and pupils alike. I would like to thank once again all those who contributed to those videos.

Mr Lamerton and our Year 11 form tutors have been in contact with Year 11 pupils this week to set up a meeting on Microsoft Teams for next week (Monday - 11JMc, Tuesday - 11KBr and Wednesday - 11SH). I would encourage all our Year 11 pupils to attend their tutor group meeting and let tutors know how best we can support their transition to college after half-term. I would remind Year 11s that teachers are still setting work via the SMHW app, at least until half-term.

I hope you all manage to enjoy some fresh air this weekend. Stay safe.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster



Remote Learning 'Live' Lesson Schedule

Week beginning 18/5/20

Day	Period					
	1 (9.10am-10.10am)	2 (10.10am-11.10am)	3 (11.30am-12.30pm)	4 (12.30pm-1.30pm)	Lunch (1.30pm-2.25pm)	5 (2.25pm-3.25pm)
Monday 18 th May	All classes – form time with form tutor (9.30am – 10.00am)	Yr 7 Geography RL	Yr 8 Science VP/JR	Yr 7 Computing MC		Yr 10 Triple Sci Chemistry VP
		Yr 10 Maths JMc/MS	Yr 9 Maths JMc/MS	Yr 9 English EH/SA		Yr 10 Combined Science JR
Tuesday 19 th May	Yr 9 Maths JMc/MS		Yr 7 Food JN	Yr 8 French KB	**Yr 10 History MB (both option X and Y History groups)	Yr 7 Science VP
			Yr 9 Science JR/VP	*Yr 9 Music AB		
	Yr 10 Triple Sci Physics CB (Not Combined Science)		Yr 10 English EH/CG	Yr 10 Option X (Geography RL / ITQ MC)		Yr 8 English EH/SA

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Wednesday 20 th May	Yr 9 Science JR/VP	Yr 8 Maths JMc/MS	Yr 8 PE AL/JS	Yr 7 English EH		Yr 7 Music AB
			Yr 9 French KB			Yr 10 Option Z (Psychology LS / French KB) (Not Separate Science)
			Yr 10 Option W (Computer Sci MC / Music AB / Art, 3D Des, Phot EO)			
Thursday 21 st May	Yr 8 Food JN/ Art EO	Yr 7 History MB	Yr 8 Geography RL/ History MB	Yr 7 Maths MS		Yr 8 Geography RL/ History MB
	Yr 9 Geography RL/ History MB			Yr 10 Triple Sci Biology JR		
	Yr 10 Maths JMc/MS		Yr 9 Art EO/ Food JN	Yr 10 Combined Science CB		
Friday 22 nd May	Yr 10 Option Y (Food JN / Sports Studies JS/AL / Art, 3D Des EO)	*Yr 7 Computing MC	*Yr 8 Computing MC	Yr 7 PE JS/AL		Quiz for all form groups
			Yr 9 Geography RL/ History MB			

*Years 8 and 9 Computing (MC) and Year 9 Music (AB) – classes for all the year group

**Tuesday lunch: History (Options X and Y) MB

Live Lessons on Teams

Please note that the link to each live lesson will not be sent to pupils until 10 minutes before it is scheduled to begin. This is to ensure that there is full staff supervision at all times during the meeting.



VE Day Celebrations

Despite the lockdown, VE Day celebrations took place across the country on Friday to commemorate 75 years since Victory in Europe was declared. Many of our staff and pupils participated in socially distanced street parties!

Mrs Burge got into the spirit of the day by curling her hair in 1940s style, Mrs O'Reilly's dog joined in the fun (whilst on high alert looking for local cats!) and Mrs Mills from the JLC made a fabulous VE Day cake to mark the occasion (which apparently didn't last long)!

On Mrs Browne's road, the neighbours painted the local post box in honour of VE day and one of them decorated his tank, or more specifically, his British Army Scimitar reconnaissance vehicle! Not your average neighbourhood vehicle!



It's a Dogs (or Cats) Life!

Our pets have had to adapt to having their owners at home and they seem quite delighted by the company! Penny the dog looks particularly proud to be helping Mrs Hughes with all of her work!

At times though, it can be quite exhausting for our pets! Mrs Browne's cat, Bonito, took an extended lunch break after helping with some French phrases earlier in the week before finding a quiet spot to perfect the art of sleeping!

Mr Corker's companions are far less demanding and are happy to quietly watch him as he works from home!



Art Gallery

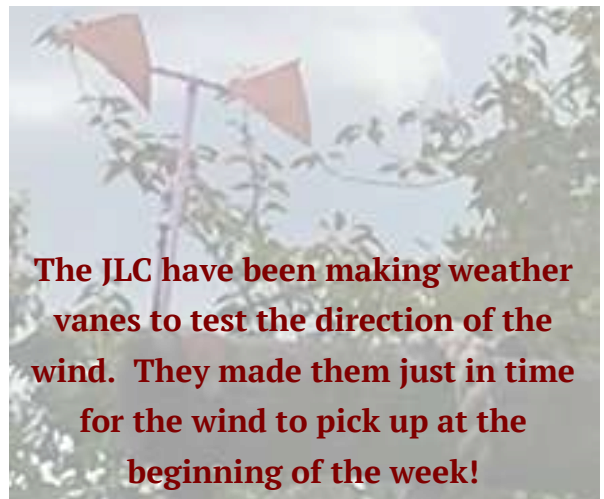


Mrs Oakes has been so impressed with the quality and diversity of artwork that is being produced at home at the moment.

Heidi from the JLC created a bird whilst Ella from Year 8 used a layering technique to draw a hand in movement and Imogen D produced and coloured a figure inspired by Marcel Duchamp. Brilliant work!

Experimenting with Science

Our budding Scientists have also been keeping busy in the last couple of weeks. Oliver from Year 7 did an experiment with static electricity by rubbing a balloon on his hair and using the static electricity to move a can. He made it even more fun by competing against his sister to see who could roll their can the furthest!



The JLC have been making weather vanes to test the direction of the wind. They made them just in time for the wind to pick up at the beginning of the week!

Poets of the Week

Children from the JLC were asked to write a poem about an animal of their choice this week. They had to include alliteration, similes and rhyming words and the results were so good that we thought we would share a few of them with you!

Dark Shark

Dark Shark ruling the seas
Jumping through the wild waves
Through the howling waters of the never
ending ocean

Dark Shark ruling the seas
Jumping through the wild waves
People say they get their own way
“O yes, the sharks that rule the sea”

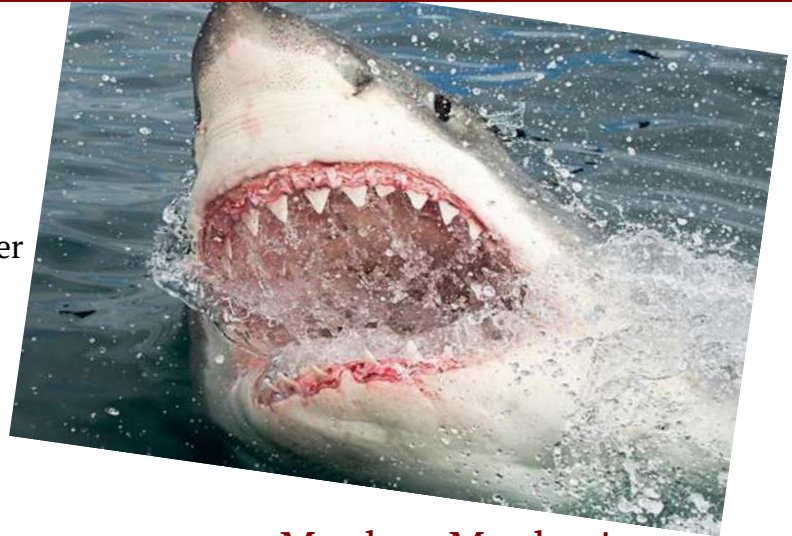
Dark Shark ruling the seas
Jumping through the wild waves
Scary teeth
Covered in blood
Thud, thud jumping out of the sea

By Molly

Panther

My coat is as black as night,
My eyes are green and bright.
Faster and faster I run as I almost take flight,
Into the grass I go as I set my sight,
On my dinner by the light,
I jump up but I miss!
Faster and faster I run into the night.

By Harvey



Monkey, Monkey!

Monkey, Monkey, swinging above the trees
Monkey, Monkey, fur filled with fleas
Monkey, Monkey, as strong as a plank
Monkey, Monkey, doing all the pranks

Monkey, Monkey, soaring through the trees
Monkey, Monkey, disturbing all the bees
Monkey, Monkey, eating their yellow bananas
Monkey, Monkey, have very rude manners

Monkey, Monkey, staying high in the sky
Monkey, Monkey, so high it seems like they fly
Monkey, Monkey, shouting and screaming
O to be a Monkey, must be a wonderful feeling

By Aritra



Keeping Fit

The PE department have been encouraging you to keep active during lockdown and have set you a series of tasks to complete...



How long can you stay in the plank for? Charlie holds the current record for 1 minute 20 seconds!



You have all been finding lots of ways to stay fit from bike rides and skateboarding to trampolining and football! Izzy C even improvised with a bag of compost, instead of weights, when she did some squats yesterday! We like your thinking out of the box Izzy!



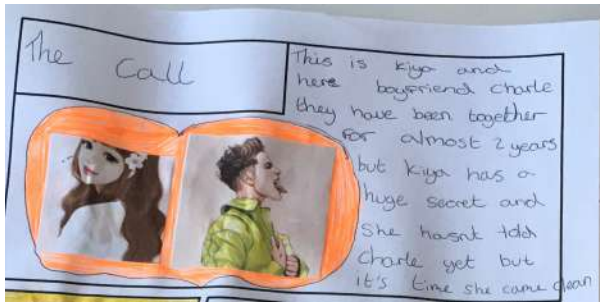
Cycling Through Stockport

Lexie W from Year 10 took cycling to another level last weekend as she went on a bike ride that was nearly 20km in length from New Mills through Stockport!

An impressive route!



English Language Skills



Well done to Oliver Q for annotating an extract and picking out descriptive features in his English work. You are Mrs Healey's English star this week!

Mrs Gately was so pleased with Isobelle T's dramatic start to her English work that she wanted to share it with us. She was asked to turn a section of her favourite book into a graphic novel and she's done a great job!



Thank You

We were all clapping for the NHS again yesterday at 8pm which has now become part of the weekly routine!

Jake and his brother used rainbow-coloured Lego pieces to show their appreciation for our key workers and particularly our TA, Mrs Jones, who is currently volunteering at Stepping Hill Hospital.



Class of 2006

We love seeing pictures of past pupils and even more so when one of those pupils is now working with us at school! Miss Gerrard found this picture from her last year at Hulme Hall in 2006. Can you spot her?!

Hulme Hall Challenges

We have another brain teaser for you this week. Have fun working out the words and phrases displayed below. Answers will be revealed next week.

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