



'If my journey was so easy, I would have missed out on life's invaluable lessons: from misery I learn to comfort those in tears; from lack, I learnt to give to the needy; from uncertainty I learnt to understand others. And from my silence, I learnt to listen to the voiceless.' Guga Mona

Dear Parents,

Another two weeks have passed so quickly and we find ourselves extraordinarily at Half term. It has been so rewarding to go around the School into different lessons and events, to playtime and lunchtime, and to see our girls immersed in such a plethora of activity. At times, it has been very thought-provoking to see how the girls look out for each other and for those around them. This was vividly demonstrated last week when Form V made a highly valuable visit to The Daylight Club, who following our charity collection in the summer, invited the girls to sing for them at their 20th birthday celebration. The Daylight Club provides weekly support for adults with physical and learning disabilities, and it was wonderful to see the girls interacting with other members of the Harpenden community and clearly enjoying their company.



The first set of Head's Commendation certificates were handed out by Mrs Thayer this morning, whilst Miss Lupton and I travelled with a group of musicians to Oundle, where they took part in various instrumental workshops culminating in a joint performance which was much enjoyed by all. Amongst other events in the last two weeks, Form IV experienced a Norman workshop handling artefacts and dressing up, whilst Form III to Form V had a fascinating afternoon with Nick Schon, one of the illustrators for The Oxford Reading tree, as part of the national 'Big Draw' event. The Nursery and Reception classes visited the Boxmoor Trust and had a wonderful autumn activity session.

Harpenden in Bloom Competitions

We are delighted to share the news that St Hilda's has been awarded three separate category prizes for the most creative planter competition which the whole School was involved in during the Summer Term. The class category prizes were awarded to Nursery (now Reception) and Form I (now Form II), and the individual pupil award was won by Pollyanna Hope, from last year's Form VI. Photos below. We are also very proud of Alice Boon and Charlotte De Stasio who were both awarded prizes in the Best Logo and Wildlife Photo categories. Well done to all our girls who participated in these competitions.



Harvest Collection

A big thank you to all who contributed to the wonderful total of £897 for Harpenden Spotlight on Africa, both from envelopes and the church collection at our recent Harvest Festival. The charity have asked me to send on their warmest thanks and gratitude to you all.

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that parents' evenings for Nursery, Form I and Form V will be taking place after Half Term on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd November.

FOSH Coffee Morning

A big thank you to the FOSH team for the very successful Marketplace Coffee Morning which took place this week and was well attended by parents and stallholders.

Facebook

Following some recent communication with a few parents, we have carefully reviewed our policy on sharing images and information via our website and Facebook page. In future, we will not name individual girls in photographs. Our Facebook page has no opportunity to tag faces in an image. We are notified of any 'likes' or 'share' responses and these are carefully monitored.

Snacks at Breaktime

Despite mentioning this only recently, some girls are bringing in snacks containing nuts. Please can parents be vigilant in ensuring that girls are provided with a healthy snack without nuts to avoid issues for our girls with nut allergies.

The next newsletter will be issued on Friday 11th November.

With best wishes
Mr Sayers
Headmaster



St Hilda's School
Harpenden

Invites you to

GO BLUE ART

An exhibition featuring the work of St Hilda's pupils,
and **art for sale** by local artists

**Thursday 17th November, 4pm-8pm
and Friday 18th November, 10am-12noon**

All welcome

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Go Blue Art Event – an update from Mrs Rigby, Head of Art

Preparations are well under way for our Go Blue Art Event which will take place on 17th and 18th November.

As part of this, we invite all families to create a small blue butterfly to be displayed as a collaborative art installation on the day. Families are invited to submit small blue butterflies (they can be painted, printed, drawn, sculpted – the choice is yours).

Butterflies should be between 10cm and up to 40cm in size and cut to shape please. Feel free to include your family name in your design.

Please bring butterflies into school anytime from now right up until the day.

In addition, if there are any parent artists out there who would like to submit work for sale, please do contact me directly.

Finally, I am hoping for some help over the three days – setting up on the Wednesday, stewarding and coordinating any art sales in the hall on the Thursday and Friday.

If you would like to get involved and have an hour or so to spare on any of these days please do get in touch.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby

Christmas Poster Competition

To: **All the children of Harpenden**

From: **The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Nicola Linacre**

DESIGN YOUR OWN POSTER

Based around the theme: **'The Meaning of Christmas.'**

The winning designer will:

- * be invited to **turn on the Town Christmas lights at the Christmas Carnival on Sunday 27th November 2016**
- * receive a prize from **WHSmith**
- * have their **design used for the Town Mayor's Christmas card.**

Create your poster on A4 paper and write your name, age, school year and school or organisation on the back.

Closing date: Friday 21 October 2016

Send your entry to: The Mayor's Secretary,
Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall,
Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX.

**The presentation ceremony will take place on
Monday 7 November 2016 4.30 pm Town Hall**



This competition is open to children aged 4 to 11 (Reception to Year 6 only).

There will also be awards given for entries receiving Highly Commended and Commended.

N.B. If posting your entry to the Town Hall please ensure that the correct postage is on your envelope to avoid the entry being held up/undelivered.

Thank you to WHSmith Harpenden for kindly supporting the competition

CRABTREE SCHOOLS' FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

5TH NOVEMBER 2016 • 6:30PM • GATES OPEN 5:30PM



Ticket Prices:	Advanced	Gate	Tickets available from:
Family Ticket 2 Adults and 2 Children	£20	£25	Thorne, Cock-pig street, Nines 4 U, Shop by the Park (near Stage Door outdoor)
Single Ticket:	£6	£7	Also available at: www.crabtreeherts.co.uk
Pre-schoolers:	Free	Free	

Crabtree Schools playing fields, Crabtree Lane.



No private fireworks or sparklers. Whilst we conform with all regulations and issued ignition safety standards, remember that fireworks can be dangerous and you attend at your own risk. In the unlikely event that the display is cancelled by the organisers, the organisers will endeavour to refund tickets and all tickets will be valid on the alternative date. Refunds will not be made. For full terms and information about safety please visit www.crabtreeherts.co.uk



Frozen Sing-A-Long



Sat 29th Oct 3pm MATINEE 2013 (PG) 103 mins

Following the popular showing of Frozen last year, we bring you this sing-a-long version! When the newly crowned Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn things into infinite winter, her sister Anna, teams up with a mountain man, his playful reindeer and a snowman to change the weather conditions. Based on The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Anderson.
 "Wonderfully raucous and a lot of fun." – Radio Times

FREE ICE-CREAM FOR CHILDREN WHO WEAR FROZEN TRUCCY DRESSES TO THE FILM

NEXT: 9th Nov Room 24th Nov The Man Who Knew Infinity 1st Dec Eddie The Eagle

Tickets £5.00 (Members £3.50) from www.harpendenfilmsociety.co.uk and from our lead sponsors *Godfrey's* Fish & Chips, 41 High Street, Harpenden and our venue (in advance and usually on the night): **Harpenden Public Halls**

