



St Hilda's School

HARPENDEN

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NEWSLETTER

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*Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone.
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own.*

Adam Lindsay Gordon



Dear Parents,

As we speed through this second half of term, this newsletter is an opportunity for catch up on recent activities. There are many events coming up, including some fundraising for worthy causes. Together with successes to report, this is a good moment to remind you all of that is going on.

**COMIC
RELIEF**

A reminder that this Friday is **Red Nose Day**, and an opportunity to wear red and raise funds for **Comic Relief**. As many of you are aware, Mrs Matthews has been running her way to a personal challenge of 50k, a target she hopes to reach by Friday. Her Justgiving page is [here](#) and we hope that many of you will be able to support her in this quest for success, as well as raise additional funds through a cake sale organised with Form VI! Friday is a busy day with Form III on a trip to Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital, and the London North ISA meeting of Sports Head's and regional Annual General Meeting being held at St Hilda's for the first time.

The following news items provide a summary of recent events.

Form VI Production – The whole school was able to unite in the Hall to watch a dazzling performance of a St Hilda's favourite, 'What a Knight!'. Sterling performances were on display from the whole cast.

Destination Schools – we are so proud of all the girls in Form VI who have achieved record-breaking success in places offered this year. All girls have achieved their first choice of secondary school. The girls have been awarded between them 20 scholarships and awards, also a record. Schools chosen this year are Abbot's Hill, Bedford Girls, Berkhamsted, Haberdashers' Aske's, Sherrardswood, St Albans High School, St Christopher's, St Columba's and St George's. Congratulations to all the girls on their achievements.

Netball success – the success of the season has continued with an unbeaten run in the Harpenden Netball league, with just two matches to go. Our winning A Team played their hearts out at the ISA National Finals in Rugby, reaching the quarter finals before succumbing to The Grange School. We wish the Form VI teams all the best for the remaining matches of the season.





Form III have been busy organising a fundraising event in aid of the Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee. They will be washing cars and selling blue and yellow ribbons on Monday, 26th March. See poster on following page.

Great fun was had at the **Valentine's Disco** on 24th February, the first for two years. Many thanks to FOSH and the team who organised this fun event for the girls from Form III and above.

World Book Day proved to be a feast of characters, with the whole school dressing up and having fun on a thankfully dry day, with plenty of photo opportunities. West End in Schools delivered a fun and interactive dance workshop based around three classic stories.

Class assemblies and class concerts have been a wonderful reacquaintance this term, with budding performers evident from the youngest to the eldest classes.

Congratulations to Maya and Hannah in Form VI for their successful entries in the **Shakespeare Monologue Competition**. Well done to all the girls in Form VI and Form V who tried so hard to learn 2 minutes of original Shakespeare.

A final reminder about our **eSafety Day** – postponed due to Covid, the rearranged date is now **Tues 29th March**, with the parent meeting scheduled for **7pm**. A zoom is being provided for those unable to attend in person.



Easter Service

All of you are welcome to our Easter Service in the High Street Methodist Church on Friday, 1st April at 9.30am. The girls will arrive at school as usual before walking down to church. The term will end after the service and parents are asked to collect from the church. The service will last approximately 45 minutes and will mark an appropriate end to our Spring Term. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

With warm regards
Dan Sayers
Headmaster





St. Hilda's
stands with
UKRAINE

Monday 28th March

Car wash - Mon am book your car in with
Form III email hsewell@sthildasharpenden.co.uk

Buy a peace ribbon - bring £1 to buy a
peace ribbon to wear on your jumper

Sponsored run- get sponsored for running
laps of the track in your PE lesson

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR DISASTER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE



The Family Toolkit

A free* 4 week course for parents and carers of children in
Reception to year 8

- understanding your child's needs; how we communicate
- nurturing relationships in the home: praise and encouragement and family wellbeing
- understanding and managing behaviour; rules and routines and dealing with conflict
- Choices and consequences; behaviour to ignore and Nurturing ourselves

*£50 if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school

List of partnership schools: Beech Hyde, Crabtree schools, Grove schools, High Beeches, Kimpton, Lea, Manland, Redbourn Schools, Roundwood Park, Roundwood Primary, Sauncey Wood, Sir John Lawes, St Dominic, St George's, St Helen's, St Luke's, St Nicholas, Wood End, Batford Nursery, Harpenden Academy, Kimpton Primary, Katherine Warrington

Wednesdays 27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th May at Sauncey Wood
School 9.30 – 11.30

All information is correct at the time of going to press, but may be subject to change.

You are able to register your interest on this course by emailing us on
dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

Harpenden in Bloom Competitions 2022



Competitions for children ranging from 4 to 16 years.

Design a logo
Grow the tallest sunflower
Make a scarecrow from recycled material
Use the most creative container
Grow a multiheaded sunflower

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