



St Hilda's School
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th October 2023 No. 129

'Respect yourself, and others will respect you.' Confucius

Dear Parents,

A very busy couple of weeks has seen a hive of activity amongst the school community. Yesterday, I was delighted to see a huge range of artwork taken to the ISA regional Art Competition, where 12 prizes were garnered across media ranging from 2D, 3D, textiles, individual and collaborative work. Many congratulations to all of our pupils whose work was represented, celebrating the importance we place on creativity and enabling all to have the opportunity for self-expression. The winners will have their work displayed at the National Art Competition in Daventry next month.

This week saw great excitement with the staff and pupils engaging in much enjoyment of poetry, celebration National Poetry Day. The staff performance of 'Heard it in the playground' by Allan Ahlberg was given with much enthusiasm, whilst the pupils performed a range of poetry, some using their own compositions. Form II took part for the first time, especially because performance poetry is a part of their English curriculum, as for the rest of the school. Our four winners all gave commendable renditions, two of whom wrote their own verse. Well done all.

A number of school trips have already occurred with Form III the latest to do so today, visiting the Hare Krishna Bhaktivedanta Manor to learn more about Hinduism. There has also been success on the Netball court, with two victories for our teams against Sherrardswood and Abbot's Hill.

Charity Fundraising

Thank you to all who contributed to the total for Jeans for Genes, which amounted to £432.

We hope to raise awareness for Winston's Wish, a child bereavement charity who do such valuable work helping families, at our Harvest Service next week. The girls have brought home brown envelopes which they will bring to the church, there will be a retiring collection at the end of the service, and on their return the pupils will enjoy a Daily Mile. If you are unable to attend the Harvest Festival, you may wish to donate to Winston's Wish via the link [here](#).

Cardboard boxes have been sent out for filling over half term, in aid of the Rotary Club. Thank you for your generosity.

Uniform

Please note the request emailed earlier about school uniform. All winter uniform is to be worn from next Thursday. Please make sure your child has the correct shirt, socks or tights, and hair accessories. Only plain, stud earrings should be worn and no other jewellery. Shoes should not be slip-on.

Dogs

A reminder that dogs should not be brought onto the site. If you bring your dog with your child when you drop off or collect, please arrange for it to be left at the gate, or say goodbye there. I have given special permission for a grandparent to bring their trainee guide dog into the grounds on a Wednesday after school for a few minutes, over the coming months. Please keep your distance as the dog is in training and is becoming acclimatised to being around people.

Flu Jab

The new date for the flu immunisations will be on **Wednesday 13th December**, subject to confirmation.

Supervision of children

Could all parents please ensure that their children are fully supervised when on the school grounds. They should not be running around and playing amongst the bushes. If they need to use the toilet, please enter via the office.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Harvest Service next Friday when we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy each day.

Wishing you all a good weekend.
With best wishes
Dan Sayers



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THE MAYOR OF HARPENDEN'S CHARITY



CAROL CONCERT

Followed by mulled wine
& mince pies

12th December, 6pm
St Nicholas' Church, Harpenden

A traditional sing-along Christmas concert
including performances by St Nicholas' Church
Choir, Sir John Lawes School, Harpenden
Academy & Katherine Warington School.

Tickets £6 per adult, children free. all money raised
will be donated to the Mayor's charities.

For tickets please contact jane.juby@harpenden.gov.uk or tel: 01582 463 662
Tickets will also be sold on the door on the evening.



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