

HMS & Newsletter

Term: Summer 1

Dear Parents/Carers

It is unbelievable to think we are already halfway through the Summer term. However, they do say time flies when you are having **fun**! That is certainly the word I would use to describe the past few weeks at HMS. We have been rolling events throughout each week, which has seen some fantastic engagement and genuine joy from our pupils.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge all our pupils who are sitting their formal examinations. It has been remarkable to see their level of maturity and conscientious attitudes. Quite often, these can be forgotten in the grand scheme of things, so I want to take a moment to acknowledge how proud the staff here at HMS are of them all.

We had a fantastic Sensory Week, which seen 5 days of targeted activities, supporting all of our pupils to understand how sensory experiences impact us as individuals. We also had a very successful visit from David Leatherbarrow, CEO of Outcomes First Group. So many of our pupils engaged with the visit and took opportunities to share their visions to further develop our school environment. Well done to all of our students for being Ambassadors for HMS!

This week hosted our final round of termly progress meetings/annual reviews on Monday. Thank you to each one of you for attending virtually/in person to share in the journey of progression for your child. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all of you that took the time to complete the recent Parent Voice Survey we circulated online and onsite on Monday. With over 100 responses received, we have captured 69% of parent voice. Overall, the results have been positive, with a particularly noticeable positive response of 64.4% of you agreeing "The school lets me know how my child is doing." I can see there is a theme with some of you reporting that you could see improvements where "the school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year." This is useful for me to know in readiness to work with the Senior Leaders to ensure this gap is closed for the start of the next academic year.

Finally, I wish to speak to those parents who may not be satisfied. The survey was anonymous for the purpose of allowing everyone to feel comfortable with sharing their views. Whilst I am delighted to say that I have had the opportunity to meet with lots of parents over the past 5 months, I appreciate I still haven't had the chance to meet with you all. If you want to reach out to me directly to discuss any areas of improvements that you have identified where your child's school experience is concerned, please contact me directly via email on grace.mullally@hmschool.org.uk

I hope you can see that I am committed to building the school community from strength to strength, ensuring that all stakeholders have their voices heard. On that note, I look forward to seeing you all at Sports Day on 17th June and the Summer Market Day on 11th July!

Enjoy the May half term week and soak up the sunshine.

Best wishes,

Grace Mullally
Interim Head of School

Features - The Garden Café & Jack Petchey Awards



The school has been participating in the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme for several years now. This year's event also marked the scheme's 25th anniversary. Hillingdon Manor School's pupils were there too to receive medals and acknowledgement from the Mayor of Hillingdon - Cllr Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana. It was a particularly precious moment for the families of our award-winners. In the words of Sir Jack Petchey BCE: "if you think you can, you can!" Well done, our Hillingdon Manor students. You made us proud!



Supporting our learner's success

This year, The Garden Café Team demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment, making significant contributions to our school community, particularly in supporting our young people. The level of work has been instrumental in fostering a sense of belonging and involvement among our students. From Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 5, they have played a pivotal role in the success of The Garden Cafe, providing a space where students can engage and grow. Your efforts have truly enriched our school environment, leaving a lasting impact on those you've supported and inspired.

Sign of the week

Working together to cook lovely food with the help of support of our team.



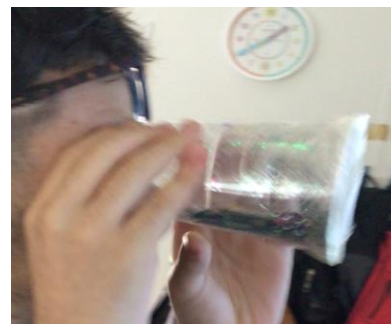
Focus weeks at the Manor

Take a glance at the recent events unfolding within our school community



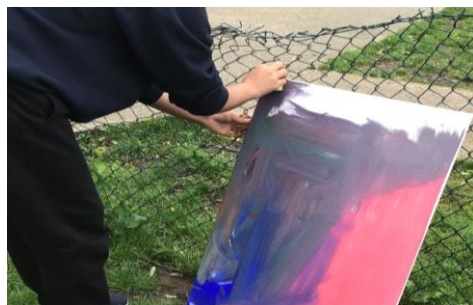
Sensory Week

Sensory Week was a hit! Students from all Key Stages enthusiastically took part in a variety of sensory activities. Each day focused on one sense, like "Sight Day" on Tuesday, where students explored vision through art projects and light experiments. The week offered engaging themes such as "Touch" on Monday and "Hearing" on Wednesday. This event deepened students' understanding and appreciation of their senses, creating a rich learning experience for all.



Creative Arts Week

Art Week was organised by Kathryn, who created meaningful sessions for our students during the last week of term. The students participated enthusiastically in these creative sessions, displaying a high level of engagement throughout. The students showcased their creative skills by working in groups to paint a canvas.



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Paris Trip

On a bright Sunday morning, a lively group of 11 pupils accompanied by 9 dedicated staff members set off on an enchanting 3-day adventure to the heart of Paris. The pinnacle of their journey was a magical day spent at Disneyland, where they were greeted by the timeless charm of their beloved Disney characters.



Visit from Outcomes First Group David Leatherbarrow - CEO

Students from Pupil Voice, Eco School and Scouts had the wonderful opportunity to come together and welcome our CEO, David Leatherbarrow. During this special occasion, they enthusiastically explained their roles and shared their experiences at HMS. The level of commitment and dedication displayed by the students was truly astonishing.



Pupil Progress Day

Our final Pupil Progress Day of the year has concluded, marking yet another success! Teachers had the opportunity to share detailed updates on student progress. This achievement was made possible through the frequent and effective communication we maintain with our parent community, ensuring everyone stays informed and engaged in the educational journey. We are looking forward to having another successful and positive round in the upcoming academic year.





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Dates for your Diary

June

14th June – Father's day BBQ

17th – Focus Week – Sports Week

26th – KS4 PGL Trip

July

11th – Green Music Festival Market Day

18th – Evening Graduation

19th – Meet the New Teacher Coffee Morning

19th – Term Ends – 1pm Finish



Reading

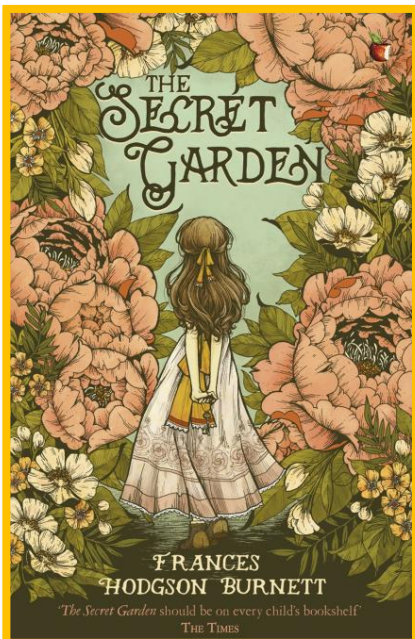


For this edition,

I am going to share a free site again that parents can use in at home to read with pupils at home. Below is a link to a free e-book website:

[International Children's Digital Library](#)

BELOW ARE SOME OF BOOK
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS
PLATFORM



Sweet, Sweet
Mango Tree
and other stories

