

# HMS Newsletter

Term: Spring 2

## Message from Head Teacher



Dear Parents,

This term has been packed with excitement, learning, and engagement as our students participated in a variety of enriching activities. From fundraising and book-themed fun to career exploration and STEM discovery, there has been something for everyone! Our school went all out for Red Nose Day, with students and staff donning their red outfits, and raised £135.12 for Comic Relief. Great fun was had by all. We are delighted to share that our recent Ofsted inspection was a great success! Inspectors highlighted the strong sense of community within our school, the dedication of our teachers, and the enthusiastic engagement of our students. We are incredibly proud of how well all the students conducted themselves and how they welcomed our visitors. A big thank you to all our staff and families for their continued support. We look forward to receiving the report in due time.

World Book Day saw students and staff immersing themselves in the magic of literature. Dressed as their favourite book characters, students participated in storytelling sessions, creative writing workshops, visits by external authors, and a "dress the door as a book" competition. It was a wonderful day promoting a love for reading! Our Food Technology team served up delicious pancakes for all, and the Pancake sale raised £75 for the local food bank! This fun tradition brought lots of laughter and tasty treats to our day, as well as supporting and reinforcing our community links. STEM Week was a hub of creativity and discovery, with hands-on experiments and coding challenges across a range of STEM workshops. Students explored everything from robotics to environmental science, sparking curiosity and innovation. Some students also visited the science museum.

Our Toy Project has been hugely successful, and we have been able to share a raft of toys across age ranges with our local community, fostering even more great links. Students had the opportunity to explore a range of career options during National Careers Week. With interactive workshops and an exciting careers-related trip, our students gained valuable insights into their future opportunities. Seeing their enthusiasm and aspirations grow has been truly inspiring! Our school came together to take a stand against bullying, fostering an environment of kindness and respect. Activities included discussions on inclusivity, team-building exercises, and pledges to promote positive behaviour both in and out of school.

This term has been full of fantastic moments, and we are excited for what's to come, including our Market Day! Thank you to all students, staff, and parents for making our school a vibrant and supportive community!

Best Wishes,

Grace Mullally

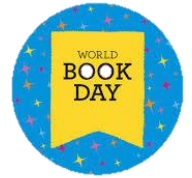
# Events at HMS this term

## World Book Day

This half term, we had an absolutely fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! From diving into captivating books to transforming classroom doors into imaginative displays, every corner of the school was filled with a shared love for stories. Staff and students alike embraced the opportunity to immerse themselves in the magic of reading, creating an atmosphere of excitement and creativity.

Students had the chance to participate in a variety of fun and engaging competitions, including "Best Dressed Book Character," "Best Door Decoration," and "Guess the Reader." These activities sparked friendly competition and inspired everyone to express their passion for literature in unique ways.

The entire school buzzed with energy as students eagerly took part in workshops, games, and activities throughout the day. It was clear that everyone truly enjoyed the experience, and their enthusiasm was contagious. World Book Day was not just about celebrating books; it was about bringing our community together to share the joy of reading in the most creative and fun-filled way possible!



## Toy Project



We would like to thank all parents and students who donated to the The Toy Project. They were absolutely thrilled with all the donations. Our Pupil voice students delivered the toys and helped arrange the toys. The Toy Project gives toys to those who need them, including schools, hospitals, community centres and local families. For example, books may be given to a local school for a classroom story corner, baby toys might be donated to the play therapy team and the children's ward at a local hospital and board games may be given to a community centre to run an after-school club.

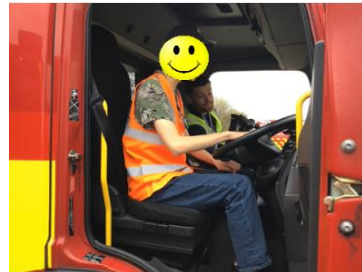


## Careers workshop



This half term, some KS4 and KS5 students had the chance to visit Babcock International Group in South Ruislip. The company had prepared a workshop related to their work, focusing on the services they provide to the London Fire Brigade. One of the company's apprentices, along with the Head of Engineering, spoke to our students about their roles and the qualifications required for their jobs.

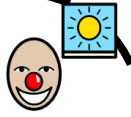
Students had the opportunity to learn directly from employers about their work, the employment process, and the skills valued in the workplace. They also got to see various fire trucks and students and staff were thrilled when they were allowed to use the hose on the fire truck.





# Out and about and more events

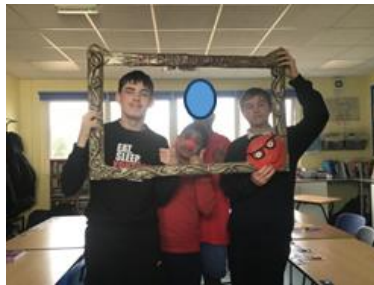
## Red Nose Day



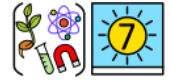
This half term, we had a wonderful time celebrating Red Nose Day! Everyone enjoyed getting into the spirit by wearing red, buying red noses, and snapping fun photos with our special Red Nose Day frame.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, students, and staff who so generously contributed to this cause. Your support means the world to us!

We are excited to share that, thanks to your kindness, we raised an incredible £135.12! This success wouldn't have been possible without your involvement. Thank you all for helping make this event a memorable and impactful one!



## Stem week



During this half term, we celebrated Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths as part of STEM Week at Hillingdon Manor School. It was a busy week filled with exciting opportunities for all students to engage in fascinating STEM activities. The theme for STEM Week 2025 was 'Change and Adapt,' and the workshops and activities were designed to introduce this theme in fun and engaging ways.

Students had the opportunity to visit the Science Museum, where they participated in the educational workshops 'Wonderlab' and 'Power Up.' Back at school, they took part in a variety of engaging workshops and activities, including the Science Boffins workshop, Plasma Balls and Playful Polymers, Fabulous Flames, States of Matter, Rocket Launch!, an engineering workshop on 'Change and Adapt' with electrical circuits, and a Computer Science workshop called Code Crafters.



## EVENTS

## Easter Market Day



As the Spring term came to a close, students across all key stages eagerly took part in our Easter market day. They showcased a wide range of skills by creating a variety of items. From Maths and English to creativity and ICT, students demonstrated their abilities by designing posters to promote their products. The event was a great success, featuring delicious treats, unique gifts, enjoyable games, and lively music, with performances from our students. As always, the success of these events is also thanks to all of you who attend and support us. A heartfelt thank you for your continued encouragement, and we look forward to seeing you at the next Market Day!



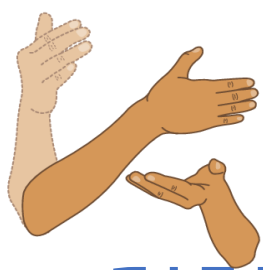
**Thank You**

## Mothers Day



Throughout this half term, students have been joyfully celebrating Mother's Day. Classes have been busy crafting heartfelt cards for their mums, grandmothers, aunts, and sisters. In addition to the cards, many students have shown off their creativity by making thoughtful little gifts to share with the special women in their lives. It's been a wonderful opportunity for them to express their love and appreciation in unique, personal ways.





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## Dates for the Diary



### April 2025

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Inset Day
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George's Day

### May 2025

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – May bank holiday
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Pupil Progress day
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term



## Ideas for fun activities over Easter.



Reading together



Easter egg hunt



Go to the park



Baking sweet treats



Art and crafts



Easter movie



## Reading for Pleasure



This term, we have continued to encourage reading for fun, introducing a variety of texts designed to spark the interest of our young readers. These texts have included magazines, newspapers, recipe books, and comics, each offering a different way to engage with reading. We encourage our students to keep building on this skill over the Easter break and look forward to seeing their reading adventures shared through pictures on Class Dojo.

