

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I trust you and your family had a good half term break.

THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

The plans from the three contractors are on display in the Middle hall and I know some parents looked at them in the recent parents' evenings.

If you missed out and would like to look at the draft plans, please pop in at the beginning or end of school, via the School Office of course. Please then let me know, via email, your thoughts about the proposed developments.

The children and staff are currently being consulted and I would like to be able to let the successful contractor know in the next 2/3 weeks about what we would like for the pupils.

All the plans (A, B + C) are within the allocated budget and the contractors have indicated that the playground markings are just there as examples and can easily be changed.

Please let me know your thoughts.

PARENTAL SURVEY

Thank you to all those parents/carers who responded to the recent parental questionnaire. The school is forever reviewing its practices and the views of the parents/carers are a vital part of this self-evaluation process. A summary of the results will shortly appear on the schools' website:

www.honeywellschools.org

Briefly, 9 of the 12 questions had positive responses, well over 90%. There were however, 3 questions which had lower positive scores and they were to do with:

1. Homework (87% positive response)
2. Bullying (68% positive response), although in the responses 24% of the parents stated that this question was not applicable to them.
3. The school responding to parental concerns (89%)

This year 11 questions had scores which were lower than 2018, while 1 question remained unchanged.

The question which remained unchanged from 2018 had a positive score of 96%, which is very reassuring.

The school will now reflect on these findings, view the verbatim and consider what initiatives may be undertaken.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property "mountain" remains very high. All lost clothes will be put out in the junior playground EVERY Friday from 3.15 -4.00pm.

This will continue until the end of the Spring term.

PTFA NEWS

The next PTFA meeting takes place on Wednesday, 6th March in the staffroom

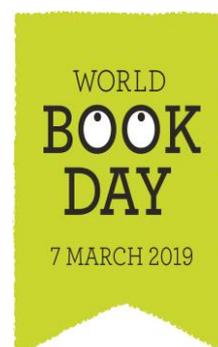
I draw your attention the coming events which I hope you will be able to support.

Future PTFA events include:

- PTFA Meeting, (6th March, 7.30 Staff Room)
- Pancake Sale (Fri 8th March)
- Bug Busting Fortnight (25th March)
- Promises Auction (Fri 22nd March Lambeth Town Hall)
- Easter Bake Sale (Thurs 4th April)

Please check the PTFA website for further details:

www.honeywellptfa.org.uk



WORLD BOOK DAY

Every child should have received a £1 book token today which can be redeemed in all book shops.

On Thursday, 7th March we are asking children to come dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate this important event.

DT WEEK

From Monday, 4th March, the classes will be working on a series of Design Technology (DT) activities as part of the DT week.

If any parents/carers would like to help out – Design skills are not a necessity – please could they contact the class teachers directly.

If there are any parents/carers who work in the Design Technology industry and would be able to speak to the children about their job and how they became employed in this sector, please contact me directly. The school would be very pleased to hear from any mums who are working in the DT industry.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

As you know the school is committed to the Rights Respecting School agenda and we would like parents to follow this up at home.

If you have time please discuss with your children the following RRS Article we would be grateful.

Article 30

(children from minority or indigenous groups)

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

STAFFING NEWS

Parents may be aware that Ms Hondor - Cole is to leave Honeywell after 10 years of outstanding service and she is currently working part time (Monday and Tuesday) in school.

After a very rigorous selection process the school has appointed Ms Mary Shorland who will begin work on Monday 20th May. Mary will be in school before then to learn about our systems and procedures and I am sure that all the school community will make her feel very welcome.

On a sad note, I must inform parents and carers that Adam Cornwall-Jones has been promoted to Office Manager in a school near the Barbican. To say we will miss Adam is an understatement as Adam has given so much to the schools. Adam will work until the 26th April, which will be his last day. I know all of you will want to wish him the best.

The school will be advertising for a new Senior Administration Officer and if any parents/carers would be interested in the role you will find details on the schools website or alternatively you can contact Laura in the Office for more details.

laura.lockhart@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk

INTERNET SAFETY

There has been a lot of information in the press this week regarding children's online safety. Some of the reports have now been downplayed, but it is always prudent to check the parental controls on your computers at home and ensure you discuss e-safety at home with your children. We are planning a session for parents later this year to support you in doing this. More details to follow.

SUCCESS STORIES

MATHS

In the week before the half term break, Honeywell sent a Yr5 team of Mathematicians to Kings College School for a Maths challenge. There were 12 schools (3 state and 9 independent) and the school finished 2nd, pipped at the last minute by the Roche School

This was our best ever result in this competition and I am very proud of all the boys and girls and grateful to the adults (especially Ms McQuillan) for their help and support.



FOOTBALL

I was equally proud of our boys' football team who played in the SW London regional competition at the Chelsea Training ground. You may recall that the team had progressed through the local section, winning that tournament but this was a big step up for the team as they had to play other "district" winners. The boys played superbly and were not over-awed by the surroundings or the prospect of going to the Wolverhampton Wanderers FC ground if they won the tournament.

Sadly, it was not to be. After eight hard fought matches the team were runners up, just behind a school from Richmond who won the competition.

Mr McMullan and Pete were delighted with the boys who were, committed, skillful and supportive throughout. Well done boys!

NETBALL

We have entered the Cornflower League this term for our girls to have the chance to play in the 7-a-side netball league without the boys, and this was our first match.

Our pink team delivered from the first centre pass, scoring 3 goals in the first quarter and not allowing JAPS the chance to score. In fact, that pattern continued throughout the match with the final score 8-0 to Honeywell.

Our red team found things more challenging. Whilst the final score was 14-0 to JAPS, Honeywell persisted and continued with jumping for the small number of rebounds, intercepting the ball, but couldn't quite turn it around into the goal circle to score goals.

HOCKEY

Southfields Academy hosted two Honeywell Teams in the annual Quicksticks hockey tournament. A mixed Yr 5 & 6 squad played a number of matches in their respective groups in more beautiful winter sunshine, and we witnessed an afternoon of excellent hockey skills across the board!

Both teams were fully briefed on the fact that 6 minute matches meant they needed to focus on scoring quickly, and passing wide using the much lighter Quicksticks ball on the astro. It didn't take them long to work out those instructions gave them a competitive advantage, with both romping home with a 3-0 win vs Hotham (Blues) and a 2-0 win vs Furzedown(Whites). In fact those wins continued throughout the group stages.

After two separate titanic battles both teams won their respective competitions and returned to school with trophies and gold medals.

The final words come from Chris.

"Huge thanks as always to Tara & Joe who came to coach and support, the parents who helped with transport and supporting today, and of course Fi & Wells our hockey coaches who in conjunction with Tara & Joe, have given up many cold Monday mornings to develop the squad into the teams who played so successfully today!"



Full reports of the school's sporting achievements can be found at:

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/honeywell-junior-school/>

PARENTS/CARERS OF Yr 5 Pupils

Parents who might be interested in one or more of the Sutton Grammar schools have to register for the Selective Eligibility Test while their child is still in year 5. Today, every Yr 5 pupil should have brought home a document detailing the timings of the tests.

SPORT

I am delighted to announce that the partnership between the Spencer Club and Honeywell continues to develop.

From Friday 1st March and on every Friday until 29th March any Yr 5 & 6 pupil will be entitled to attend Spencer Hockey Club for an hour of free hockey coaching. The coaching will be provided by Wayfarer Hockey Club & Spencer Hockey Club coaches as part of the England Hockey Schools Initiative and will include pupils from Honeywell and Beatrix Potter Schools.

There is no charge for this generous offer but:

Children will need the correct sports kit INCLUDING a gum shield and shin pads.

Parents/carers will need to take their children to Spencer (Openview, SW18 3PE) and stay with their children for the duration of the practice.

SWIMMING

Parents of children who are strong swimmers may be interested in this information which I have been asked to pass on;

Wandsworth Swimming Club (WSC) are holding an open swim trial session on Sunday 17th March 2-4pm at the Ernest Bevin College, Beechcroft Road, Tooting, London SW17 7DF.

There is availability in all squads, from Pre-Development to Senior Performance including our new academy for 4-6 year olds which is being extended to include a Tuesday session at Wimbledon High.

If you are interested please email membership@wandsworthsc.com with the following information to arrange an assessment:

- * Your Name
- * Home Address and Post Code
- * Swimmers Name
- * Swimmers Date of Birth
- * Swimming experience to date (incl. ASA badges, certificates etc)
- * Email Address and Phone Number
- * Any disabilities or on going medications

The WSC website under the 'Squad Info' tab provides additional information about the different squads, criteria, pool location and training times - <https://uk.teamunify.com/About.jsp?tabid=194927&team=lrwsc>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March		
Tue	5	5JW and 5B classes out at "citizenship" workshop (p.m.)
Wed	6	5R class out at "citizenship" workshop (a.m.) PTFA meeting at 7.30
Thur	7	World Book Day
Mon	11	Maths week begins
Thur	14	Yr 5 to Kidzania PTFA Swedercise fundraiser 7-8
Tue	19	Sports for Schools assembly
Fri	22	PTFA Promises Auction
Mon	25	Bug Busting fortnight begins Last week for school clubs.
Wed	27	Yr 6 pupils measured and weighed.
Thur	28	Governors meeting at 6.30
April		
Tue	2	Spring Concert 2.00 or 6.00 at St Luke's Church.
Thursday	4	Easter assembly

There will be additional dates for your diary and I will pass these on in my next newsletters.

DJR
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