

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful fortnight!

It is simply fantastic to report so many great events and impressive achievements alongside the other important information that parents/carers need to be aware of.

SCHOOL MEALS

In my last letter I forgot to detail all the measures that the schools will be implementing following responses in the parents' questionnaire. In addition to the items I mentioned two weeks ago, the schools will:

1. Introduce a "Meat Free Monday". This will provide a healthy diet for the pupils and also be part of the school's sustainability focus.
2. Reduce and phase out the use of processed meat.
3. Welcome parents to try the school meals for themselves and eat with their children. Tasting dates to be confirmed shortly.

THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

I will be informing the successful contractor at the start of next week after I have looked at the responses from the children, parents and staff. If you still wish to comment on the proposed plans please send me an email by Monday at the latest.

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 -4.00.

This will continue until the end of the Spring term.

PTFA NEWS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND THANK YOU!

A tremendous night was had on Friday 22nd at Brixton Town Hall. The place was packed, the PTFA helpers were primed and ready for action and the bar was stocked.

The result?

An incredible £70,000 was raised for the schools; yep SEVENTY THOUSAND POUNDS.....and whilst expenses

have to be taken out from this amount this is an amazing total.

On behalf of the school can I express my sincere thanks to all those who donated promises, to all those who made bids, to all those parents/carers/ friends of Honeywell whose bids were successful and finally to **Michal Tadmor-Hatte, Hendo Walsh, Laura Reijnders-Dörr, Sophie Gordon & Katie Godman** who were superb organisers.

Future PTFA events include:

- Bug Busting Fortnight (last wk - 1st, 4th April)
- PTFA Film Night (Wed 3rd April at 7.30)
- Litter Pick Fundraiser (Wed 3rd April)
- Easter Bake Sale (Thurs 4th April)

Please check the PTFA website for further details:

www.honeywellptfa.org.uk

BUILDING WORKS

I am sorry to inform parents that the building works will now be concluded over the Easter holidays and this will mean that the temporary arrangements for the children entering and exiting the school building will continue.

Namely, the school will be open from **8.50am EVERY DAY** and the children are to make their way into the building via the Main Entrance and **NOT** line up once they arrive in school.

In addition to the roofing and brick repairs the school has also commissioned a drainage company to sort out the problems that occur when we have any heavy rain. In particular, the playground drains near the entrance to the school and by the double gates often flood which cause huge puddles to quickly appear.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

As you know the school is committed to the Rights Respecting Schools 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 29 (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



ANTI – BULLYING COMMITTEE

In tandem with Rights Respecting Children, Honeywell Junior School Anti-Bullying Committee has been set up to raise awareness throughout the school on all issues relating to bullying. Mydie Herz and Marie Kelly will head up a team of children who will meet regularly to discuss bullying – what it is, why it happens, how to prevent it and how to deal with it. There will be assemblies to educate children about bullying and to ensure that all children are aware of school procedures. The aim is to create a team who will be a support system both inside school and the playground through a network of staff and peers who can effectively communicate on any bullying issues. Each class has two representatives, whose names are displayed in the classroom, and there is a notice-board outside the staffroom to highlight what we are focusing on.

STAFFING NEWS

The school is delighted to announce that Mr. Eammon Carron has been appointed as the Senior Administration Officer for the Honeywell Schools. After a rigorous selection process, Mr. Carron was duly appointed and he starts work next week, working alongside Adam.

I am sure that the school community will make Eammon very welcome in his new role at Honeywell.

MATHS WEEK

The school had a fantastic Maths week and my thanks go to all the staff, especially Ms Hunt and Ms Grant, for organising such an enjoyable and interesting week. The highlight had to be the Inter – House maths quiz, which all pupils took part in and was extremely well received.

Well done to Broomwood House for, once again, winning the competition.

SCOOTERS AND BIKES- REPEAT NOTICE

Please can parents/carers encourage the children to put the scooters/bikes away neatly in the correct area and not let them be dumped, especially in the playground.

Many thanks

COMIC RELIEF

This was a hugely enjoyable day and I am delighted to report that £284.24 was collected for this very deserving cause.

I was especially pleased to see so many children in 'red' outfits, which showed some very active imaginations.

BUG BUSTING

I do hope that all parents/carers will support this initiative as nits can be a real nuisance in both school and home – they can also cause considerable distress.



Bug Busting is still continuing next week

Please keep combing from 25th Mar up to 5 Apr but please comb on:

Monday 1 st April	Thursday 4 th April
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SUCCESS STORIES

Once again the sheer volume of sporting activities has defeated me and I am afraid I can only briefly mention how our teams got on and sadly, not go into great detail.

A full report of the school's sporting achievements can be found [here](#)

FOOTBALL

Honeywell boys' team were again crowned Battersea League champions after a fantastic season. The team were unbeaten, drawing 1 game, winning the rest and only conceding 1 goal. Our last match was against The Roche who we beat 6-0 ensuring that we won the league on goal difference. Well done to all the boys, especially Josh who was nominated as player of the tournament. Thanks to our supporters and Mr McMullan and Pete our coaches.



Well done also to the Honeywell girls Year 5/6 footballers who did so well in The Roche School football tournament.

This was a "friendly" tournament and didn't have any winners or losers. However, I can report that overall the A team won 5 and drew one game and the B team won 3, drew 1 and lost 1.

The teams played with great skill, purpose and enthusiasm and I am very thankful to Lou and Maddie for their help and coaching expertise.

LACROSSE

Honeywell's PopLax players arrived at Battersea Sports Centre for the London Regional PopLax Tournament last week with Brandlehow, Heathbrook, and Fircroft schools who also fielded teams. We played a round robin style, 10 minute matches against all three schools.

Our team played superbly showing passion and commitment in their play on court, and this ensured they made it to the final, against Fircroft, which

Honeywell won with conviction.

Thank you to the many parent supporters who chauffeured our team to/from the Sports Centre; this was very much appreciated.



NETBALL

The sun shone down on our Girls Yr 5 & 6 Netballers this afternoon at Streatham & Clapham Prep School. After a loss in the first quarter (0-2) for the Yr 5's, Chris reminded our netballers that we'd spent last Thursday's training session working through order of play. That talk helped, it was as though another team had walked on court for the rest of the match! Focused defense, some confident shooting and regular interceptions from Alex, Olivia and Nicole meant that we were back in the game and with an extra effort we ran out winners (7-4) .

Smiles all round from the girls and from Chris with a well-earned win!



An excellent first quarter saw our Yr 6 girls storm to an impressive lead of 5-2. However, what followed next was like watching a different team. SCSH came out even stronger and for some reason our girls seemed to start doubting themselves and by the end of the third quarter the score was 6-7.

An inspired team talk by Sarah electrified the team and what had gone wrong in the previous two quarters was now suddenly put right. Honeywell simply fought for every ball and eventually won a

thrilling match 10-8.

Our final netball match of the week saw the Yr 6 team play a league game against JAPS.

Although we lost 3 – 13 this does not tell the whole story and a JAPS parent watching the game came up to Sarah and commented that the score line did not reflect how evenly matched the teams were. The JAPS parent made a real point of saying how well our Honeywell girls played, and Sarah agreed.

Hard luck girls: we move onto our next match!

LAMDA

Congratulations to Saya in 5B who achieved a distinction in her grade 3 acting duo exam.

ART

It is lovely to report that three of our pupils have had their artwork selected to be displayed at the Royal College of Art in May. Furthermore the parents/carers of **Aryan (5R), Ruby (4I) and Elizabeth (3GH)** have been invited along with their children to a private gallery viewing. This is a wonderful achievement and the school is very proud of its three talented students

KEEP HONEYWELL TIDY

When we return from the Easter break the school will begin a 'Keep Honeywell Tidy' initiative. The school is already working to ensure that the local environment is tidy (as part of its RRS commitment) and we felt it would be good to extend this initiative in to the school site and buildings as well.

Therefore, I would be very grateful if parents could assist by:

1. Reminding their children to put any rubbish in the bins provided.
2. Reminding their children to hang up their coats and PE bags every day.
3. Remind the pupils not to leave items discarded in the playground at the end of playtime or at the end of the day.
4. To make sure packed lunch bags and left over packed lunch rubbish are taken home.
5. Ensure that the children's clothes are named so that we can return any lost property quickly and easily.

Thank you for your help with this matter.



ARE YOU CONSIDERING A CAREER CHANGE?

Are you interested in training to become a primary or early years' teacher?

Do you know anyone who might be?

Have you heard about our very well established SCITT – School Centred Initial Teacher Training - based in Sacred Heart School, Battersea, SW8 4EN.

If you would like to know more about the course which still has vacancies for September 2019 entry, please attend either a Drop-in Q&A session on Monday, 1st April or Thursday 9th May (both events run from 1pm -6pm) or contact SCITT for a bespoke, one to one consultation. Please go to the SCITT website www.scitt.co.uk if you require further information.

Both Honeywell Schools are active supporters of SCITT and we both receive SCITT students. If you would like to find out about Wandsworth SCITT and what it can offer, please feel free to contact me.

SPORT

As we near the end of term, please would you check your children's kit bags for any school team sports kit? We are particularly missing the maroon football socks and shirts as well as our netball polo shirts and shorts.

We will be having a kit count on Wednesday next week, so please return ASAP to Mr McMullan.

The school is very happy to publicise the following Easter Sporting Courses which may be of interest to parents/carers.

1. Spencer NC (8th - 11th April) email membership@spencerclub.org for details
2. Wayfarers HC
<https://www.londonwayfarers.com/events-post/easter-holiday-camp/>
3. Spencer HC
http://hockey.spencerclub.org/juniors/holiday_courses/
4. Spencer CC
<http://cricket.spencerclub.org/juniors/holiday-courses/>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April		
Tue	2	Spring Concert 2.00pm or 6.00pm at St Luke's Church.
Wed	3	PTFA Film night 7.30pm in the Middle Hall Litter Pick Fundraiser
Thursday	4	Easter assembly PTFA Easter cake sale
Fri	5	School closes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays
Tues	23	INSET for staff
Wed	24	Children back to school

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

Finally, as this is my last newsletter before the Easter break, may I wish you and your families a happy and restful holiday?



DJR
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