

7 April 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

### **HMS WEEKLY UPDATE**

#### **Update on life in school**

I always say this, but time really does fly - I can't believe we are at the end of the spring term already! This half term has been full of varied enrichment opportunities, and I thank the staff for working so hard to provide such memorable learning experiences and our pupils for getting involved in all aspects of school life. I wish you all a fantastic Easter break. I hope the spring sunshine makes an appearance and you all enjoy the holiday!

It is with enormous pride (and sadness!) that I can tell you that Mr Barry has been successful in securing a promotion to a new role and will be leaving HMS at the end of the school year. Mr Barry plays a significant part in life at HMS and will be a huge miss in school. We will say proper goodbyes and thank you to Mr Barry at the end of the summer term. For now, I know he is looking forward to his final term as Head of KS3 and SENDCo at HMS. I know that the school community will be keen to hear about our arrangements going forward and I will update you all on our staffing for September in due course. I know you will all join me in sending very well-deserved congratulations to Mr Barry!

#### **HMS 'Go Green' Uniform Recycling Initiative**

We are launching a new eco-friendly school uniform recycling service at HMS. The aim is to reduce waste and to recycle uniform items with the school logo. We are working with the brilliant local charity, Rosie's Corner, who are currently unable to store branded uniform items. Please see full details on our ['School Uniform Recycling' webpage](#). You can make a request for items [here](#).

#### **Year 5 and 6 Residential Information Evening**

This will take place on Wednesday 4 May, from 5-5.20pm, online. We will send a link out closer to the time.

#### **This week's assembly theme**

This week, we held our termly 'Celebration Assemblies'. It is always a difficult decision to select nominees and winners and we emphasised our pride in all of our pupils for their hard work this term. It was such a lovely atmosphere, and it was great to see and hear the warm, celebratory atmosphere between the year groups. Well done everyone!

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	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8
<b>English</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Annabelle R <b>Runner up:</b> Harriet A	<b>Winner:</b> Luke G <b>Runner up:</b> Isla R	<b>Winner:</b> Betsy B <b>Runner up:</b> Josh C	<b>Winner:</b> Arthur D-L <b>Runner up:</b> Ben C
<b>Maths</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Freddie W <b>Runner up:</b> Poppy K	<b>Winner:</b> Charlie H <b>Runner up:</b> Abbie W	<b>Winner:</b> Laura W <b>Runner up:</b> Lewis D	<b>Winner:</b> C-J B-P <b>Runner up:</b> Lili H N
<b>Science</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Clara H <b>Runner up:</b> Peter M	<b>Winner:</b> Emily B <b>Runner up:</b> Madelyn C	<b>Winner:</b> Jack T <b>Runner up:</b> Maisie M	<b>Winner:</b> Ben C <b>Runner up:</b> Molly L
<b>Art</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Ossie D <b>Runner up:</b> Ivy M	<b>Winner:</b> Christian T <b>Runner up:</b> Olivia L	<b>Winner:</b> Lorna D <b>Runner up:</b> Louis R	<b>Winner:</b> Noah M <b>Runner up:</b> Violet B
<b>Music</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Gaby R <b>Runner up:</b> Alex W	<b>Winner:</b> Isla M <b>Runner up:</b> Abigail B	<b>Winner:</b> Josiah I <b>Runner up:</b> Poppy A	<b>Winner:</b> Georgia L <b>Runner up:</b> Ruth J
<b>PE (joint winners)</b>	Benson H Abigail H	Lucy M Anthony C	Anya C Thomas H	Daisy C Freddie C
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Tyler B <b>Runner up:</b> Lucas S	<b>Winner:</b> Lorien V <b>Runner up:</b> Gabriel W	<b>Winner:</b> Robin B-M <b>Runner up:</b> Abbi M	<b>Winner:</b> Nathaniel T <b>Runner up:</b> Olivia H
<b>Design Technology</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Daysi B <b>Runner up:</b> Zach D	<b>Winner:</b> Hope C <b>Runner up:</b> Harvey C-F	<b>Winner:</b> Samuel F <b>Runner up:</b> Halle P	<b>Winner:</b> Ruth J <b>Runner up:</b> Orla O'F
<b>Food Technology</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Mila B <b>Runner up:</b> Magnus C	<b>Winner:</b> Daisy B <b>Runner up:</b> Thomas E	<b>Winner:</b> Charlotte A <b>Runner up:</b> Robson B	<b>Winner:</b> Jacob F <b>Runner up:</b> Lola R-H
<b>History</b>	<b>Winner:</b> George W <b>Runner up:</b> Shona R	<b>Winner:</b> Sophie S <b>Runner up:</b> Alex G	<b>Winner:</b> Lincoln S <b>Runner up:</b> Imogen B	<b>Winner:</b> Megan H <b>Runner up:</b> Oscar F
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Jack H <b>Runner up:</b> Sianna R	<b>Winner:</b> Harry R <b>Runner up:</b> Eliza F	<b>Winner:</b> Chloe W <b>Runner up:</b> Cameron B	<b>Winner:</b> James M-D <b>Runner up:</b> Max B
<b>French</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Shontelle B <b>Runner up:</b> Esme B	<b>Winner:</b> Beth N <b>Runner up:</b> Hudson R-C	<b>Winner:</b> Jade L <b>Runner up:</b> Morgan W	<b>Winner:</b> Lexie B <b>Runner up:</b> Sasha F

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<b>Spanish</b>			<b>Winner:</b> Darcy S <b>Runner up:</b> Harrison P	
<b>RE</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Toby C <b>Runner up:</b> Lily Nellis	<b>Winner:</b> Amber L <b>Runner up:</b> Poppy C	<b>Winner:</b> Caitlyn L <b>Runner up:</b> Cole H	<b>Winner:</b> Ralph D <b>Runner up:</b> Theo C
<b>PSHE</b>			<b>Winner:</b> Pia P <b>Runner up:</b> Bruce K	<b>Winner:</b> Charlie H <b>Runner up:</b> Elvis W
<b>Form Tutor Award</b>	<b>5EKI:</b> Bobby E Bess D <b>5FHA:</b> Ben F Shona R <b>5HCO:</b> Charlie M Sarah N <b>5JNI:</b> Estella F Tristan J	<b>6FHI:</b> Robbie L Beatrice W <b>6JJO:</b> Esther A Alex L <b>6MDO:</b> Ellie B Joseph O <b>6RAL:</b> Alistair W Evie W	<b>7AMG:</b> Darcy S Sam B <b>7BLA:</b> Finlay W Eaden-Rae B <b>7JKW:</b> Josh C Esme W <b>7IBO:</b> Iris A Nathaniel O	<b>8EST:</b> Julian B Caleb R-S <b>8IHO:</b> Ruth J Mack O'B <b>8PGA:</b> Lucas J Olivia H <b>8ETA:</b> William S Hudson C
<b>Head of Year Award</b>	<b>Winner:</b> Layla S	<b>Winner:</b> Freddie H	<b>Winner:</b> Hannah S <b>Runner up:</b> Neve S	<b>Winner:</b> Brogan R <b>Runner up:</b> Isaac H

## 'CO Crew' Workshop

Year 5 pupils had a fantastic time learning all about how to keep safe gaining an awareness of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO). This took place through a variety of interactive activities in a half day workshop, delivered by arts practitioners from Bonanza Creative (for more information see [thecocrew.co.uk](http://thecocrew.co.uk)).

Activities included drama tasks, games, and fun videos which demonstrated the basic facts of how the gas is created and how we can all keep safe, in a child friendly way. The practitioners were so impressed with the creativity and imagination of the year 5 pupils, particularly in the developments of fab adverts which demonstrated how much they had learned and enjoyed the sessions.



Well done to all those who took part, and we hope some of the pupils will consider entering some of their creative ideas into the exciting competition where pupils are encouraged to help spread the

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important safety message by creating a story, poem, or poster, or making a short film! Find out how to enter at: [thecrew.co.uk/competition](http://thecrew.co.uk/competition).

### Northumbria Police – Northumbria Connected

We have attached a leaflet on behalf of Northumbria Police. Northumbria Connected is a new tool to ensure that Northumbria Police are delivering on the issues that affect all communities across the North East. Northumbria Police want to understand the issues that most impact you, so that they can shape their Neighbourhood Policing to tackle those issues where you live.

On sign up you can decide on the information updates you want to receive in either text or email. You will receive information that you want on matters that affect you and your community most. You will then receive a short survey to better understand what is impacting you and your community.

To subscribe, follow the steps below:

- Visit <http://admin.northumbriacconnected.co.uk>
- Request account
- Complete personal details
- Save account details
- An authorised admin user will review and authorise your request



### House Point Totals

Below are this week's House Point totals as well as the **'Top 4' pupils in each year group this week**. P points are awarded for character value such as **resilience, respect, engagement and responsibility**. Well done to each and every one of them.

House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
<b>Aln</b>	39,691	1	Lucia L	1	Joseph O	1	Thomas H	1	Ben C
<b>Coquet</b>	43,119	2	Connie R	2	Ella H	2	Samuel F	2	Daniel L
<b>Tweed</b>	39,734	3	Lily N	3	Sarah M	3	Jade L	3	Tess A
<b>Wansbeck</b>	42,980	4	Marc B	4	Alastair W	4	Harrison P	4	Georgia L

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**Respect, Engage, Aspire: Pupil Awards**

To capture our school's ethos more prominently, we are now focusing on three key words: **Respect, Engage, Aspire**. Each week, staff will make nominations in recognition of pupils showing these characteristics in and around school.

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
<b>Respect</b>	James L	Eliza R	Janey A	Edie L
<b>Engage</b>	Jack H	Pippa B	Abigail A	Athon M
<b>Aspire</b>	Evie J	Charlie S	Cameron B	Amelia F

**Attendance – top form classes!**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>7IBO</b>	<b>6MDO/6FHI/8IHO/5JNI</b>	<b>6RAL</b>



**Reminders/ Key Dates**

Monday 25 April	School reopens after the Easter break	All years
Tuesday 26 April	CO Crew Workshop/Bonanza Creative – Drama Workshop about Carbon Monoxide	5HCO and 5JNI
<b>*New date*</b> Wednesday 4 May	Year 5 and 6 Residential Information Evening, 5-5.20pm, online (link to follow nearer the time)	Parents/carers of Y5 and Y6

Have a fantastic Easter break everyone!

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