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Dear Parent/Carer

HMS WEEKLY UPDATE

An update on life in school

I am sorry the update is late in arriving – I totally forgot to get this sent home on Friday afternoon! It was a typically busy week at HMS with Year 6 pupils sitting their End of Key Stage 2 assessments, Year 5 pupils enjoying their Bikeability course, pupils across all years enjoying jazz workshops and a special concert from the Ushaw Ensemble (thank you to Queen's Hall) and a special morning of sport in the KS3 Summer Games!



Well done to our amazing Year 6 children who have been absolute stars! They are such a positive, engaged and vibrant group of pupils and their approach to the national assessments this week has been outstanding. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them! On Friday, we surprised them with a visit from Tyne Valley Ices - a very well-deserved treat for the children and the staff and there'll be more special treats to follow this week. Today, Year 6 will enjoy a special reward breakfast in the dining hall followed by a morning of outdoor activity!



HMS PTA Summer Fair 2023

The HMS PTA are delighted to announce that Eurovision is coming to HMS this June for our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 10 June, 12-3pm. Please save the date - the whole community is welcome for an afternoon of fun at HMS. To support the Summer Fair, we would really appreciate:

- Donations of tombola prizes
- Donations of raffle prizes
- Anyone who could make cakes/scones for our afternoon tea

All prize donations can be dropped at the HMS Office. We hope you can all make it. Please share our poster far and wide! Thank you all.

HMS celebrate the King's Coronation

A huge thank you to our catering team, who prepared a delightful 'afternoon tea' fit for the King last week! On the menu there was a range of sandwiches, the King's choice - Coronation Quiche, and other delicious savoury and sweet treats. There was



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a great buzz in the dining hall which was decorated with bunting and balloons. Another huge thanks to the staff who helped support the service of our picnic lunch!

Personal Development Assemblies

In our assembly programme next week, we are focussing on protected characteristics. Each year group will have an assembly delivered by either Miss Liddle or Mr Scott on the following themes:

Key Stage 2	Key Stage 3
Year 5: Age and disability Year 6: Religion or belief system	Year 7: Marriage and civil partnership/ pregnancy and maternity Year 8: Sexual orientation and gender identity

This is part of our strategy to ensure pupils understand The Equality Act (2020). We have taken an age-appropriate approach for each year group. Our Heads of Key Stage will refer to guidance provided by the Department for Education in their delivery.

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	
Aln	81,390	1	Lily H	1	Robbie S	1	Alastair W	1	Nathaniel O
Coquet	74,881	2	Archie D	2	Emmie R	2	Carley B	2	Thomas W
Tweed	77,142	3	Lilly R-B	3	Harry J	3	Max H	3	Arthur D
Wansbeck	75,983	4	Gwilym H-D & Ella R	4	Alex G	4	Wilfred P	4	Ryan D

Attendance – top 3!

1	2	3
6-EKI	6-RAL/7-EST/-6-FHI/7-ETA/5-MDO	5-MDO/5-JNI

Message regarding Adrenaline Pens

On 9 May, the NHS issued an urgent drug recall for the Emerade brand of adrenaline pens. Healthcare professionals should now be informing patients, or carers of patients, who carry Emerade 300 or 500 microgram auto-injector pens to obtain a prescription for and be supplied with an alternative brand. They should then be informed to return their Emerade 300 or 500 microgram pens to their local pharmacy. For more details, please see [here](#).

Community News

Half-Term Holiday Club

If you're looking for a holiday club for your 4-12-year-old this half term, Full of Beans is offering a holiday club from Tuesday 30 May to Friday 3 June from 9am - 3pm at Riding Mill Cricket Club. Prices are £30/day or £100 for all 4 days and there is a 10% sibling discount. To book, visit <http://fullofbeansfitness.co.uk/northeastengland>



Queen's Hall Arts Centre – Hexham Pride Event

Queen's Hall has organized an inclusive programme to highlight Pride Month in June. Events start on 3 June with a book club launch, a film fest on 4 June, showcasing films such as Strange World (PG) and God's Own Country (15). On 6 June Northumberland Archives will be presenting 'Looking for Ethal', about Dr Ethel Williams. There will also be music, a pop-up museums event and a creative youth challenge for children aged between 11 and 19 years old. To see the whole schedule of events and to book tickets, click [here](#).

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 15 May	Royal Marines Band Visit	Groups of pupils
Wednesday 17 May	NU Futures Careers Programme	Year 7 & Year 8
Thursday 18 May	NHS Height & Weight Checks	Year 6
Monday 22 May	Festival of Engineering (Careers Event)	KS3 group
Tuesday 23 May	Year Group Photograph	Year 5 and Year 8
Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 June	Year 5 Residential	Year 5

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Mr Watters
Head of School

Pupil Support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mr Stephenson/ **Deputy Leaders:** Mr Scott and Mr Freeman-Myers
Heads of Key Stage: Mr Scott and Miss Liddle **SENDCo/Assistant**
SENDCo: Mr Stephenson and Mrs Adams
Pupil Support Workers: Mrs Dodds and Mrs Richards

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time. You can contact us via the main office (phone) or by email (admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk).