

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2018/19

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

History Week: In October we shall be exploring the past and taking part in History Week with the theme of Ancient Egypt. There will be multiple activities on offer to the pupils including art, food tasting and music activities. We also have two workshops taking place including Egyptian Cartouche Making and Egyptian Dancing. Pupils will have the opportunity to research into the Ancient Egyptians and explore the times in which they lived!



Anti-Bullying Week – 12th – 16th November 2018

Odd Socks Day is being held on the 12th November – an opportunity for staff and pupils to contribute £1 towards the charity The Anti Bullying Alliance (<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>). A simple, yet fun way to raise money for a worthy cause – pupils will also have the opportunity to match the socks hanging around the school.

The rest of the week will involve activities based around the theme “Choose and Respect” with an emphasis on Cyber Bullying Day (Stop Speak Support) on Thursday 15th November.

The week is rounded off with Children In Need Day being celebrated on Friday 16th November. It’s going to be a busy week!

Music for Autism - 28th November 2018: Jo May (percussionist) will be joining us at Jigsaw School for a Music for Autism concert! We have always had great success with these concerts with the pupils joining in by singing, dancing and choosing which songs they want to hear! We are very much looking forward to their visit in November!



Cinderella Pantomime – 12th December 2018 :

Our Sixth Form pupils will be going to the ball this year in the form of a panto at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. Oh no they won’t. ... Oh yes they will! Cinderella will be performed and we are sure they will enjoy the performance.



Head2Head Theatre Sensory Pantomime – 14th December 2018 : We are delighted to welcome back the crew of Head2Head Theatre to perform this year’s sensory pantomime Snow White at Jigsaw. The performances are made accessible to all via reduced dialogue, sensory experiences, amusing sound effects and songs, role play & interaction opportunities, strong sense of sequence using rhyme, rhythm and repetition, brightly coloured sets with puppets, props and costumes that will stimulate and encourage participation and some signing and voice output communication aids.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

AUTUMN TERM	
1 st half term	Tuesday 4 th & Wednesday 5 th September - Inset Days
	Thursday 6 th September – Pupils return
	Friday 14 th September – Horrible Histories Terrible Tudors at The Capitol Theatre, Horhsam
	Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th October – History Week: Ancient Egyptians
	Monday 15 th October – Egyptian Cartouche Making & Egyptian Dancing workshops
	Friday 19 th October – 2pm finish for pupils, school breaks up for half-term
HALF TERM WEEK 22 ND TO 26 TH OCTOBER	
2 nd half term	Monday 29 th October – Inset Day
	Tuesday 30 th October – Pupils Return
	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th November – Anti-Bullying Week
	Monday 12 th November – Odd Socks Day fundraising for anti-bullying charity
	Thursday 15 th November – ‘Stop Speak Support’ Cyberbullying Day
	Friday 16 th November – Children in Need
	Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd November – Road Safety Week
	Wednesday 28 th November – Music for Autism concerts
	Wednesday 12 th December - 6th Form visit to Yvonne Arnaud Pantomime - Cinderella
	Friday 14 th December – Snow White, Head2Head Theatre Pantomime at Jigsaw
	Friday 14 th December – Christmas Jumper Day fundraising for Save the Children charity
	Monday 17 th December – Hilton and School Christmas Parties
	Wednesday 19 th December – School Christmas Productions
	Thursday 20 th December – Last day of term, 2pm finish for pupils

TOPIC CURRICULUM (KS1 TO KS3):

This term in topic, pupils will be learning about people who help us during the first half term where pupils will get to experience what it is like to be someone that helps in the community, such as firefighter, nurse, rubbish collector, post person or police officer. Pupils will learn how to do some simple first aid and think about what our parents or carers do to help us. They will learn where these people fit into our circle of relationships and how we can interact with these people such as family, friends, acquaintances, professionals and strangers. In RE, the questions being focused on will be ‘what is the Buddhist way of life?’ and ‘why is harvest a worldwide celebration?’ Pupils will look at the story of the Buddha and learn why the harvest is important and how we can celebrate harvest. The French focus will be on time, looking at the days of the week and months of the year during calendar time.





In the second part of the term, pupils will be learning about the uses of materials in our environment with a special focus on recycling. Pupils will sort and describe items, and will have the opportunity to make new items out of junk items. They will be able to compare materials and look at opposites, using their senses to decide how something feels. In RE, we will be asking the question 'what can we find out about the birth of Jesus?' Pupils will learn about the Christmas story, ordering and re-enacting parts of the story, with pupils getting to take part in a Christmas play. The French focus will be weather and clothes, learning some words for weather, seasons, and can match the clothes we need to wear to the weather.

PE (KS1-4)

We are all looking forward to our 'modern dance' topic in PE this half term and activities are differentiated according to Key Stage.

Pupils in Key Stage 1 will focus on skills relating to increasing control and co-ordination, describing and imitating the actions of others and changing the rhythm, speed, level and directions of their movements. Pupils will be engaging in expressive dance where they relate dance to emotions, thinking and exploring how they would dance if they were feeling happy/sad/angry and surprised. They will also be learning about the different animals found at the zoo and the different ways that they move.

In Key Stage 2, classes will be taking part in activities where they will explore different ways of moving to music. One activity that they will be working on is watching and listening to a peer making different sporting actions to imitate. Pupils will then play a game to guess what the sport is.



The pupils in Key Stages 3 and 4 will work on following the dance routines demonstrated by a teacher and will focus on music related to Funk, Zumba and Salsa.

Throughout all Key Stages, pupils will be encouraged to recognise some of the benefits of regular exercise and good hygiene, talking about what they have accomplished and what improvements they could make in future lessons.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



The school council will take an active role in deciding the fundraising activities for our nominated charity for the school year. There will be a focus on completing surveys and work related learning activities. Moreover, the school council will work closely with the fundraising department of Jigsaw Trust to help with making decisions regarding donations for the school. What a busy term!

WIDER COMMUNITY & CHARITY EVENTS



The Born Free Foundation was chosen as the nominated charity for the 2018-19 academic year. It's a wildlife charity supporting animals in their natural habitat and looking after the welfare of the animals in captivity. The School Council will decide on fundraising activities to take place across the whole year; they are likely to include an art project, a dressing up day and a bake off. We'll keep you posted!

Road Safety Week – 19th – 23rd November 2018

Road Safety Week is the UK's biggest road safety event, coordinated annually by Brake, the road safety charity. This is the perfect time for us to teach our pupils about road safety through lessons and assemblies! The charity Brake aims to raise awareness about road safety and helping save lives.



KS4 ASDAN CURRICULUM

This term KS4 pupils will be working towards completion of the Taking the Lead (TL) module. They will be learning about dates important to their family members and their classmates and making a display about it or birthday cards. In the Science session they will be experiencing reversible and irreversible changes by cooking (e.g. making a toast, making jelly, cutting vegetables), using technology (creating changes on the interactive whiteboard, pressing switches on the CD/DVD player) and through performing various art activities. They will also learn about logos and create one for themselves. Some pupils will design posters to inform others about activities taking place at school during anti-bullying week. To complete the R.E. part of the module, the pupils will explore what makes them feel peaceful; whether it's a hand massage, sensory activities or spending time in the soft play. The pupils will also take part in a new art activity, peg looming, and continue to work on making choices to complete their Citizenship part of the module. It will be a busy and enjoyable term!

SIXTH FORM NEWS

This term the sixth form pupils will be taking part in Yogacise sessions as part of their Jigsaw College focus. Our qualified yoga instructor, Mark Davies, will be teaching relaxation techniques and yoga poses whilst working on improving muscle flexibility, strength and posture. These sessions will link to our Yogacise ASDAN Towards Independence module.



Pupils will also take part in some performing arts sessions in the build up to the whole school Christmas production. This will include pupils taking an active role in the preparation for a performance as well as performing to an audience. They will also work on audience skills such as sitting, listening and appropriate behaviour for different events. Some of our pupils will also have the opportunity to visit the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford to watch a pantomime this term – which is always great fun! These sessions will link closely with our Performing Arts ASDAN module. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS



This term our sixth form pupils will be helping to write the script for our whole school production in December. So the title of the show is still to be decided! They are looking forward to the rehearsal process and can't wait to show you all of their talents!

Our youngest pupils in classes 6 & 14 will be putting on their own little production based on the Nativity.

Watch out for more information coming soon!

Christmas Parties - 17th December 2017

Our last week of term kicks off with two Christmas parties! Our KS1-3 pupils have once again been invited to The Hilton Hotel for lots of fun and games. We have all our fingers crossed that Father Christmas will once again take time out of his busy schedule and make an appearance at the party!

The KS4 and 5 pupils will be having their Christmas party at school with lots of dancing, games and gifts donated by the Hilton Hotel (with help from Father Christmas of course!).

