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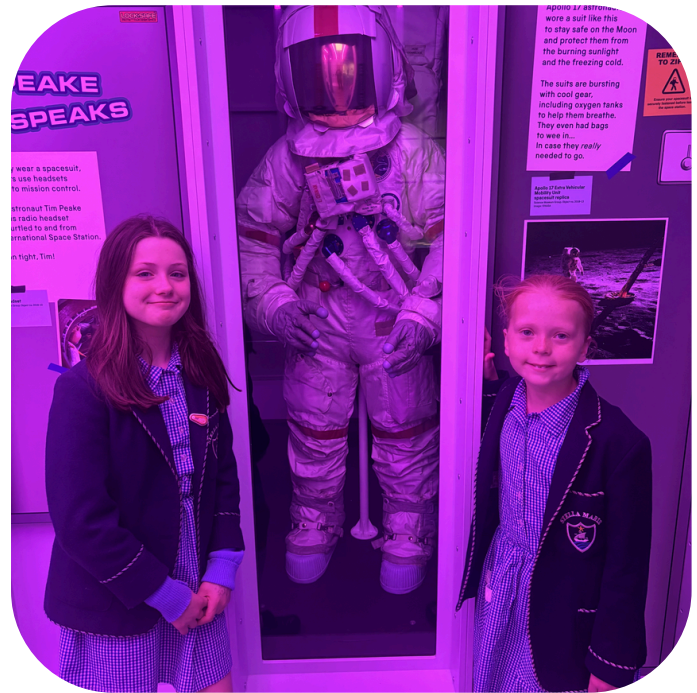


NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

During assembly this morning, we reflected on the Gospel Value of Friendship. We heard the story of Jesus leaving His friends and ascending into Heaven, reminding us that His friendship is always with us. We thought about how good friendships help us support one another, share joy and challenges, and grow together in faith and kindness.

As always, we were delighted to celebrate our Merit Award recipients for living out our Gospel Values both inside and outside the classroom this week. A big well done to these pupils for the positive example they have set and for making their teachers incredibly proud.



COSMIC CHAOS

On Monday, our Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester, where they were praised by museum staff and members of the public for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. The children particularly enjoyed the exciting BBC Horrible Science: Cosmic Chaos exhibition, exploring interactive activities and discovering fascinating facts about space, planets and the wonders of science.

ANNIE THE MUSICAL

A letter was sent home yesterday giving further details about the Key Stage 2 trip to the Palace Theatre on Wednesday 17th June.



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SUMMER PRODUCTION

Preparations for our summer production, 'School-O-Vision Song Contest', are progressing brilliantly, with rehearsals now in full swing! The children have been working hard with great enthusiasm, and all pupils have received their roles and scripts to begin learning their lines.

We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to practise regularly at home and be punctual each morning as some rehearsals start at 9:00am. These regular rehearsals will help boost their confidence and contribute to a successful performance.

The performance will be held on Tuesday 30th June at 6:00pm in the Community Hall.

Tickets will be available to purchase from Monday 8th June. Prices are £10 for adults and £5 for students and senior citizens. The ticket price will also include access to a downloadable multi-camera recording of the show, which will be shared with parents via a link after the performance.

VENTURE OUT

Year 6 will be having their final session at Venture Out on the afternoon of Monday 18th May. The activity will be kayaking on the River Mersey. It will be Forest School in the morning so they are asked to come into school suitably dressed and to bring a change of clothes in case they get wet during Kayaking!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Thank you to everyone who helped make last week's PTA Quiz Night such a success. Together, we raised an amazing £230, with all proceeds going towards exciting learning opportunities for the children in school. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout, and we are very grateful for your continued support.



SOCIAL MEDIA

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ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

Hulme Hall Grammar School are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our Year 5 pupils to take part in a Year 5 Taster Day on Wednesday 17th June. This special event is designed to give children a fun, engaging and confidence-building introduction to life at Hulme Hall. Parents can find full details, including the event schedule and registration information, via the email forwarded to Year 5 parents yesterday.

Please let Mr Brown know if your child will be attending the Hulme Hall Taster Day so he can record the appropriate code on the register.



ANYONE FOR THE BEACH?

The staff have come together to choose a wonderful venue for this year's whole-school end of year trip and we are delighted to announce that we're heading for a classic day by the seaside!

Mrs Coen has very kindly arranged a 50-seater coach for our visit to beautiful Formby Beach on Wednesday 1st July. We're sure the children will be thrilled with a day of fresh sea air, sand, and seaside fun!

As you will appreciate, coach hire for school trips during the Summer Term has become increasingly costly; however, we are extremely grateful that the PTA has generously agreed to subsidise the coach. Their continued support is hugely appreciated. Thanks to this, the cost of the trip will be just £15 per pupil.

We are aware that there will be a small number of spare seats available on the coach. These will be offered to one parent per family on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to register your interest in accompanying us on this exciting trip, please email the school office.



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CLASS NEWS



Pre-Prep

We have had a great week learning all about rhubarb. The children harvested it, drew it, measured it and even turned the leaves into enormous hats before making and tasting a delicious rhubarb crumble. We also created beautiful ladybird collages after spotting some in the garden during our outdoor exploring on Monday.

Year 1/2

What a busy week we have had. In Maths, the children have been developing their measuring skills using both non-standard units and centimetres to estimate and measure objects around the classroom. Some even challenged themselves to measure the classroom door, using counting and addition skills to work out the total. In Geography, we began our new topic on maps, using Google Maps to locate the school and the Daily Mile route. In Art, the class learned about Georgia O'Keeffe and created beautiful flower pictures inspired by her work using chalk pastels and acrylic pens.

Year 4/5

This week in Maths, the children have been exploring geometry, learning how to use protractors to measure and draw angles accurately. They have also been identifying and classifying acute, right, obtuse and reflex angles. In Geography, the class has been researching the 48 teams qualifying for the upcoming World Cup, learning about different countries, their flags and the stories behind their national team nicknames. The children especially enjoyed discovering unusual nicknames such as Uzbekistan's "White Wolves," helping them see how geography connects with culture and national identity.

Year 6

Year 6 have had an exciting and productive week! In Maths, they have been learning how to read and interpret pie charts as part of their statistics unit. In English, they have written their first draft of a "pitch your passion" script, which they will edit before performing to the class next week. During their performance poetry lesson, they explored rhythm and how poems can flow with a beat.

Extra Activities

Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE
After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)

Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE
After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)
Please note - NOT on 19th May and June 9th

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE
(Lunchtime for all ages)

Wednesday

Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led
by coaches
from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and
upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £8 per sessions
(Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session
(Lunchtime club for all ages.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time and further details
Monday 18th May	Year 6 – Venture Out	1:00-3:00pm
Wednesday 20th May	‘Mathemagic Challenge’ @ St. Bede’s for 4 Year 5 pupils	9:00-4:00pm
Friday 22nd May	LAMDA examinations	
Friday 22nd May	3:05pm School closes for Whit holiday	School closes for 2 weeks
Monday 8th June	School opens for Summer 2	8:00am
Wednesday 10th June	Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 educational visit to the Bridgewater Hall to see the Halle Orchestra	Leave school at 11:00am Return to school at 3:00pm Packed lunch required
Wednesday 17th June	Key Stage 2 go to the Palace Theatre to watch Annie	Leave school at 1:30pm Return to school at 6:00pm
Tuesday 9th June	Greater Manchester Fire Service workshop for KS2	2:00pm (re-arranged date)
Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day	1:30pm St. John’s playing field
Friday 26th June	Dress rehearsal for the Summer Production	12:00-2:00pm at the Community Hall (No KS2 swimming today)
Tuesday 30th June	Summer Production-The School-O-Vision Song Contest	6:00pm @ Heaton Mersey Community Hall
Wednesday 1st July	Whole school trip to Formby Beach	9:30am depart 3:00pm return. £15 per pupil
Thursday 2nd July	Transition morning	Children to meet their new teacher
Tuesday 7th July	Pre-Prep + Key Stage 1 Assembly	9:30am School hall
Wednesday 8th July	Year 4+5 Assembly	9:30am School hall
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Assembly	2:00pm School hall
Thursday 9th July	End of year pupil progress reports to go home	
Friday 10th July	Year 6 bowling at Parris Wood	9:30-11:00am
Friday 10th July	School closes for the Summer Holiday	12:00 noon