

### Head Talk

Here we are at the end of the first half of the summer term. I really can't believe how quickly the year has gone. For Year 6 there is only 7 weeks of school left before they move on to new schools. For Year 2 there are only 7 weeks until they become junior pupil. Over the last half term, we have a massive number of events taking place. We have celebration Evening on Wednesday 13 June, there are the Sports Days for infants on 18 June and for the juniors on 25 June. We have the PSA Summer Fayre on Saturday 7 July. We have the transition morning on 5 July for children to spend time in their new classes and with their new teachers. This is also a morning for our new Reception children to come in to school. Not to mention the Speech Competition and Poetry Cup and the Year 6 leavers party on 19 July. Over the summer holidays we will be updating the Reception playground with a £10,000 grant from the National Lottery and £6,000 of school money. The PSA are also making a substantial donation for a new shed, playhouse and sand and water trays. So lots going on!! Do keep an eye on the newsletter and website for dates and times of events.

I would like to wish all of the families associated with the school a restful half term and remind you that children are back to school on **Tuesday 5 June**.

### PSA Raffle

This year the summer fayre will be taking place on Saturday 7 July. Details on the afternoon will be released soon. To whet your appetites, there will be a raffle with some amazing prizes. At the moment the top five look like this:

- 1) A two week's stay in a one-bedroom poolside apartment in Phuket.
- 2) £300 Fortnum and Mason hamper donated by Crafted.
- 3) An overnight stay incl. breakfast at Greyfriars Hotel in a luxury room.

4) £100 Fenwick vouchers donated by Blowers and Mowers.

5) A two week family pass to David Lloyd Health Club.

I hope you agree that these are incredible prizes. And not only that, there are many more awesome prizes on the raffle list. In every newsletter, we will be spotlighting one of the companies who have donated a top 5 prize.

Harrods Food Hamper worth £250 - Donated by Crafted ([www.crafted.co.uk](http://www.crafted.co.uk)).

Crafted is an independent, full service digital agency whose services include web design, digital strategy and marketing campaigns. Thank you to the Hamilton Parent, who works for Crafted and was able to organise this generous donation.

### Summer Fayre donations

This half term, why not spend some time with your child/ren sorting out unwanted toys, books, games, DVDs, teddies etc? Any items in GOOD CONDITION will be gratefully received by the school to sell at the fayre. Please bag up your items and place them in the Junior Playground shelter next to the sports pitch. Please note-this year we will **not** be selling second-hand uniform.

### Scooters and Bicycles

Can I please remind all children and parents that scooters and bicycles are not to be ridden on the school grounds. This is to ensure the safety of all people on the site.

### Year 5 performance of Macbeth

The Year 5 children performed an adapted version of Macbeth this week. It was brilliant. The whole play was performed through rhyming couplets and with the professionalism of a West End Production. Well done to all involved.

## Parent Governor

I am very pleased to announce that Tara Townend has been appointed as a Parent Governor. Tara has experience of education as she works within a school in the tending area. I am sure you all join me in welcoming her to the team.

## Pick up at the end of the school day

Can I please remind parents that if you are asking another adult to collect your child at the end of the school day, that you write a note to the class teacher. We are getting lots of requests on the door in the morning and the member of staff on duty is finding it hard to inform all staff. In the case of an emergency, please call the school office as soon as possible so that they can inform the class teacher.

## Walking With the Wounded

This week Duncan and Naomi visited us at school to talk to us about the charity they work for and to help us start the 1,000 mile walk that the children are aiming to complete. Both Duncan and Naomi were inspiring and talked about the achievements they have accomplished since being injured. Naomi has also just been selected for the Invictus Games in Sydney this year! Please can I ask that all sponsorship money is returned to the school as soon as possible. If you want to see a couple of pictures of the week, have a look at our website!

## WW2 Tea Party

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 9:30am – 10:45am, Year 6 will host a World War 2 Tea Party. They would like to invite anyone with personal or family memories of the war to come and share them at the event. You don't have to have experienced the war first-hand, just to have a story to share.

Cakes and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

## Rotary Club Speech Competition

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Oliver Gannon, Celia Horobin and Emily Wong represented Hamilton Primary School at the annual Rotary Club Speech Competition. The competition took place in the Council Chambers and the children made their speech in front of a number of dignitaries, including the Mayor. We were one of eleven schools to take part on the day. The children planned, rehearsed and performed their speech independently and were an absolute credit to our school. Also, the children spent time in the Mayor's parlour and had their photograph taken with the Mayor. Well done!



## Calendar Dates

Summer Term 2018	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Non Pupil Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Celebration Evening
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	KS1 – Sports Day at the Garrison Athletic Track
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	KS2 – Sports Day at the Garrison Athletic Track
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Rainbow Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Sunshine Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Production at 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Production at 7.00pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Non Pupil Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	Non Pupil Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Half Term
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Learning Conferences
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Last Day of Term
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019	Christmas Holiday

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