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Headteacher's Corner

We're nearly there! With only a week to go before the end of term, this is the last newsletter of 2019 and Christmas is just around the corner.

There's a line in a famous carol that goes "Oh hush the noise, ye men of strife and hear the angels sing." I've always loved the faintly patronising tone in which the leaders of the world are told, like misbehaving children, to "hush the noise."

And, let's face it, there's been quite a lot of noise recently! Many of the traditional Christmas messages have been drowned out by the rancour of the election. Now, though, the seasonal holiday is almost here. There's time for some peace, for some quiet, for some reflection on the year that's past and some pondering of the year to come. We may not necessarily be "men of strife" but this is still a time of year to slow down, to take a break from the busy lives we lead, to "hush the noise" for a moment and "hear the angels sing."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Year 9 Parents' Evening

In pupil planners the Year 9 Parents' Evening is listed as taking place on the 25th June 2020. We have had to reschedule this to **Thursday 2nd July 2020**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

EARLY FINISH - FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2019

School will be finishing at 1.10pm on Friday 20 December. All buses and taxis have been informed and are collecting at 1.10pm. Please can you ensure that pupils can be collected from their bus drop off points at the earlier time.

Uniform plea

Thanks to all parents and students for the fantastic presentation by the majority; visitors to the school frequently comment on the great appearance of our pupils. However, a gentle reminder for some: skirts and trousers should be the appropriate length; socks should only be black; there should be no trainer-style shoes; coats should be plain grey, blue or black. Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable.

School Festive Day

On Friday 20th December we are having a festive day and ask that pupils wear something festive and put £2 towards charities. This money should be brought into school and not paid via the School Gateway so that it can be sent to the nominated charities.

Food Bank Donations.

We are now a designated drop off point and will be throughout the year. However we are having a particular drive at Christmas. Please bring any donations into school and place in the collection box located in Reception.



Mrs N Thompson

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 13 December 2019

Forthcoming Dates:

Year 11 BTEC Alice Showcase
Tuesday 17 December 2019 at 5.00pm

School finishes on Friday 20 December at 1.10pm and returns on Tuesday 7 January 2020

Teacher Training Day
Monday 6 January 2020

www.henleyschool.com

Henley School in the local community

Town Christmas Light Fundraiser Dinner

Waiting at tables for this fundraising evening were Eleanor Mula Young, Dylan Samani and Honor Yeoman. They all worked extremely hard, were very smartly dressed and were a great credit to the school. The townspeople that attended were all very impressed, so much so, that they had a collection and they received £40 each in tips! "They were a joy and a pleasure to work with," said the organiser.



Tree Planting

Under the watchful eye of councillor Roger Hubbocks, Honor Yeoman and Tom Smith planted a tree on behalf of the school in the Jubilee Play Area of Henley in Arden.

The Maintenance Working Party of the JPC have written to thank us for taking part in Henley's contribution to the Big Climate Fightback: "Trees play a huge role in absorbing the carbon emissions that threaten to destroy the planet as well as working wonders for biodiversity and preventing flooding."



Henley Christmas Lights Competition

Congratulations to Chloe Carty who was the competition winner for this year's Christmas Lights Competition. Chloe's winning design was added to the Carol Sheet and she also helped to turn on the lights at the Carol Service on 7th December.

Reading at Henley in Arden School

Biblionasium

All Year 7 and 8 students should now have a login for Biblionasium. This programme allows students to keep a record of what they are reading and teachers can assign suggested reads for each group. Please talk to your child about what he/she is reading each week.



Bookaholics Book Club

It is lovely to see so many students attending our Reading Club on a Monday lunchtime in Room K. Students are reading in small groups, or individually if they wish, and we discuss their chosen books. Students receive a bonus point each week: certificates and prizes will be awarded for regular attendance in assemblies next week.



Mrs Jones

Suggested Reads:

- 'The Island of Dr. Libris' by Chris Brabenstein
- 'The World's Worst Teachers' by David Walliams
- 'The Book of Dust' by Phillip Pullman
- 'Crossfire' by Malorie Blackman
- 'The Dark Lady' by Akala
- 'Children of Virtue and Vengeance' by Tom Adeyemi.



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Tree Bombing

Our incredible Chair of Governors, Sue Westmacott, provided homemade mince pies, drinks & Christmas cheer as Mr McCulley, Ms Thompson & Mrs Messett bombed our tree in style on Saturday ahead of the lights switch on! Our tree's outside the Bluebell; see your knitted items displayed!



Conspiracy of Ravens

Rehearsal Schedule 1

Thurs 9th Jan 2020

9 ~~Rhyanna Ricahrds~~ 12 ~~Olivia humphries~~

~~Seigneur de Saint-Ps~~ Dan Mall

~~Witches Ines Hampson~~ Lucie Klein

~~Little Murgin~~ Lucie Klien

Thurs 16th Jan

Pierre Marcus Potter

Christian Shaw Ines Hampson

Catherine Campbell Keira Taylor

Thomas Lindsay Benjamin Hunt

Thurs 23rd Jan

Johanna Tyler Eleanor Mula Young

Sarah Carrier Tabitha Morris

Han Schuh Liam Cosgrove

Maren Olsdatter Madison Field

Devil

Thursday 30th Jan

Helena Curtens Charlotte Stacy Stonehouse

~~Loyse Maillat~~ Tilly Clarke

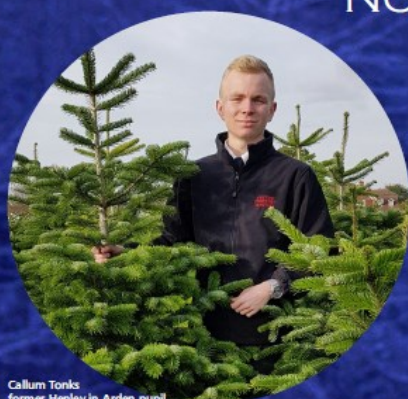
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Thanks all

Mr Eagles

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former Henley in Arden pupil

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ON SALE IN THE CAR PARK OF HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL

30th November, 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th December 2019
10am until 3.30pm



Henley Sports News

Smiles all round for the U13 netball team who won all of their matches this week at AGS in the South Warwickshire tournament. They put on an amazing performance and did not concede a goal! They have secured their place in the level 3 School Games held in 2020



The Henley U16 netball team also competed in the South Warwickshire tournament held at AGS. There was some fantastic skills on display and the girls clearly enjoyed the experience. They achieved 3rd place overall and Frankie was awarded player of the whole tournament!



Both Year 7 & Year 10 played Stratford upon Avon High School at netball recently. The girls performed well but Stratford came out winners in both. There was some great netball on show from both teams - well done to all involved.

Our year 7 netball team played two great games recently. They have really improved since the start of term! Well done all of you.



Congratulations also go to all the Henley cross country runners who represented South Warwickshire County in the inter-area race!

Mr McDowell was very proud of your performances.



A huge well done to Austin and Bailey who represented Henley in a Southern Warwickshire School Games 'Winning on Wheels' event! Not only did they come back with certificates and medals, they also won the '2019 Values Award'. They loved meeting triple Paralympian Mandip Sehmi.



There was also a fantastic performance from the newly formed Henley year 7 rugby team who came second to Shipston in the South Warwickshire tournament held at AGS. Captain Callum Davis scored 6 of Henley's tries!



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“A KINGDOM FOR A STAGE”

Henry V

Performed by Henley In Arden School

At The The Mac, Birmingham, 11/5/2019

Appraised by Paul Jenkins

I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to Henley In Arden School for their tremendous production of Henry V as part of the 2019 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was an excellent night of theatre, and I'd like to highlight a few aspects that really stood out. Set in the world of a computer game, this was an ensemble piece that was filled with action, telling the tale of England's great King with a real sense of creativity. The cast was absolutely brilliant at taking direction - both from their teacher and from the theatre staff who guided them through their technical run. There are many professional companies that could learn a lot from this group!

I was very impressed with the way the cast used the framing of the computer game as a narrative for the story - bringing a lightness to the narrative and giving it a context outside of the original play. The cast was never phased when altering between the two realities and this helped the audience understand exactly what was going on in the play.

The contrast between the French and English armies was great to see, both in their use of accent and in the affected attitudes they displayed towards their English enemies. As we crossed back and forth over the channel the tension rose; particularly in Henry's rousing speeches and in the well-coordinated battle scenes performed by the whole cast.

One of the strengths of this piece was the ensemble moments that built tension, for example during the battle of Agincourt there was a marvellous moment when the cast interwove the reality of the boy playing the computer game with the bloody and gory battle. It was a pivotal moment in the play and the shocked reaction of the whole cast was really effective.

Overall, this was a brilliantly told story, from a committed and very talented cast. Thank you for sharing it with us!

Performing Shakespeare's words on a professional stage takes bravery, resilience, and creativity. You should be immensely proud of what you and your teachers have achieved in this Season of Infinite Variety.

I hope to see Henley In Arden School in the 2020 Festival!

Paul Jenkins

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