



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



People are often surprised to learn that I am very festive—as soon as December hits in my house, the Christmas tree goes up, in all its flashing glory. However, it is not just the decorations and food that excite me. It is also a period I really value as I was taught as a child that the build-up to Christmas is a time when we should reflect on the needs of others. Having the power to improve the lives of others is a privilege. Better yet, your own charitable donations can inspire your friends and family to do the same! Ultimately, Christmas is all about

giving back. This is why we at the academy will be very focused on this for the last three weeks of term. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be running our annual tea dance on Tuesday 10th December, and we encourage as many of our elderly local residents to come along as possible. It really is the highlight of my year. Our annual House Hamper Competition is also ongoing. Outside the assembly hall, each House has a hamper to be filled with food to donate to charity, with the House contributing the most winning 200 points. Our House Representatives and House Captains will take the food to our local food bank in Wandsworth where it will be distributed among those who need it most. We encourage all students and parents to keep on giving to help those less fortunate than ourselves. I would absolutely love to beat last year's total and ensure that all families in the local area are able to celebrate the festive period, safe in the knowledge that their loved ones will be well provided for.

Harry Potter Quiz with Mr Charkham

This week's house competition saw the first Harry Potter quiz hosted by Mr Charkham in the Library on a rainy Wednesday lunchtime. Topics ranged from the classic 'magical animals', to the less familiar 'wizarding middle names' challenge. It was as hard-fought as any Quidditch final! Caritas amassed an impressive 26 out of 29 points, with Aequitas coming close second and Vertias a competitive third. Unitas fought valiantly, but it wasn't their day. The quiz certainly brought to the surface a deep enthusiasm for the subject and particularly amongst Caritas students (and perhaps teachers!). Well done to them!



Winter Concert

We would like to invite all families and friends to The Hurlingham Academy's annual Winter Concert, which will be held on **Wednesday 11th December**. Tickets are available from reception and cost £2 for adults and £1 for children. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with each and every one of you.



Parent Survey

We would like to once again remind all parents to please ensure you have checked your inbox (including junk mail) and completed the survey. All parents should have received an email from this address: 'no-reply@edurio.com' with the subject line 'Parent Survey on behalf of United Learning'. If you have any further questions or have not received an email, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Getting to know you - Mme Tagieva

Name: Mme Tagieva

Job: Data and Office Administrator

Favourite Book: The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

Interesting fact about me: Mr Wilson once taught me Maths when I was in year 7!

Favourite thing about working at THA: I love the people I work with, they're all so friendly

House: Veritas



Key dates for week beginning December 2nd - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 2nd December	08:25 - 9:00
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 6th December	16:30 - 18:30



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