



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon everyone!

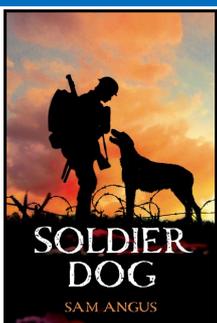
This week we commemorated Remembrance as a school community. It is important that we recognise that Remembrance is not about celebrating war. War is horrid. It is also a complex issue and many of us will have questions about some of the modern-day conflicts we see around the world. Rather, we hold Remembrance to remember with gratitude those people from many nations who willingly and sometimes unwillingly gave their lives to serve the countries they loved. We hold Remembrance to reflect on the horrors of war

and so to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past. We also hold Remembrance to reinforce British values such as courage, duty and self-sacrifice.

I want Remembrance to be an opportunity in which we all question the reasons for conflict and for students to consider their own role in shaping future peace. I am always thrilled to see many of you in history and PSHE lessons researching and thinking about the impact of war on families, local communities and entire nations. I am also aware that we have some in our school community who have been affected by war first-hand and so I want us to be a community who are empathetic in our understanding of the physical, emotional and social costs of war. I want us to be a community that understands and encourages healing and Remembrance helps us to do this.

It is my hope that Hurlingham students leave our school community as kind and tolerant citizens who fight against hate towards others; young people with a commitment to working for peace in our society and also with a gratitude for all people who serve our communities with duty and courage. It is these kinds of students who will be a force for good in the future and who our country needs more than ever.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY - Book of the week



**KS3**

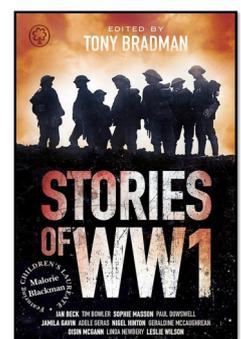
***Soldier Dog*, Sam Angus**

It's 1917. In the trenches of France, miles from home, Stanley is a boy fighting a man's war. He is a dog handler, whose dog must be so loyal that he will cross no-man's-land alone under heavy fire to return to Stanley's side, carrying a message that could save countless lives. But this journey is fraught with danger, and only the bravest will survive. As the fighting escalates and Stanley experiences the true horror of war, he comes to realize that the loyalty of his dog is the only thing he can rely on.

**KS4**

***Stories of WW1***

Tales to remember yesterday's fallen - from today's bestselling authors. Compiled by Tony Bradman, this collection of short stories chronicles the events of World War One - imagining the conflicts and emotions of those people caught up in the war and its aftermath. With stories from Malorie Blackman, Geraldine McCaughrean and Oisín McGann, among others, this anthology will be treasured for generations!



## Covid-19 testing in school

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know, the NHS is currently rolling out a series of tests that can be carried out easily and quickly to identify positive cases of Covid-19, even when no symptoms are showing. Over the next few months these tests are likely to become used frequently across our lives; when we travel, go to large events, where we work and where we study.

I am therefore writing to let you know that The Hurlingham Academy has been chosen to be one of the first schools in the country to participate in this mass testing programme.

The test we are being asked to use is one that is already being used in some other schools and across the City of Liverpool where it is being offered to all residents. Students and staff at another United Learning school, Sedgehill Academy, are already successfully taking part in the programme and I have been in close contact with them about how it is working.

**The test is non-invasive and is already proven to be perfectly safe.** It will say within minutes if your son or daughter is carrying the virus that causes Covid-19, even if they are not showing any symptoms.

We expect the first round of testing to take place next week and it will be carried out by trained medical professionals. **Taking part is entirely voluntary both for students and staff. Please click on the link to complete the consent form - [Here](#).**

We are very pleased to have been invited to participate in this important work which could ultimately improve all of our lives by allowing Covid-19 cases to be more quickly identified and, in that way, play a vital role in how we combat Covid-19.

With best wishes

Mr L. Wilson

## Battle of Hastings re-enactment

Some Year 7's enjoyed re-enacting the Battle of Hasting's in their History lessons this week. They had to consider the key strengths of each side and what the main turning points of the battle were. Fortunately we can report (unlike Harold in the actual battle, all students still had both eyes by the end of the re-enactment!).



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## Parent Survey

Thank you to all of those who have already responded to our annual parent survey. We really appreciate your feedback. Your unique link was re-sent from our survey partner, Edurio, this week, so do look out for it in your inbox or junk email folder. Remember - all those who complete the survey are entered into a draw to win an Amazon voucher! If you have not received a link, please contact Mr Ives:  
Blves@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk.

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## Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils' working to a consistently high standard both in class and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and science leader boards:

Top of the leader board for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - Chemes

Year 10 - Omar

Year 9 - Pedro

Year 8 - Megan

Year 7 - SPARX: Khadijah



The following students are at the top of the Educake science leader board this week for most correct questions answered:

Year 11 - Shqiponja

Year 10 - Julia

Year 9 - Johnny

Year 8 - Alfred

Year 7 - Alice



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## Getting to know you - Mme May

**Name:** Mme May

**Job:** Receptionist

**Favourite Book:** The Lying Game by Ruth Ware

**Interesting fact about me:** My biggest fear is the ocean

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** The students are so kind and funny!

**House:** Veritas



### Lunch menu 1 - week beginning November 16<sup>th</sup>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot food	Chicken or Quorn sausage with mash potato served with gravy	Beef burger in bap served with spicy potato wedges  Vegetable wonders (tomato and aubergine [pilau rice])	Garlic and thyme roast chicken leg served with new potatoes and gravy  Gnocchi with tomato sauce topped with parmesan	Chicken Korma served with rice and mango chutney  Chickpea curry served with rice	Breaded fillet of Pollock served with chips and tartare sauce  Macaroni cheese
	Pasta bar	<b>Panini</b> Tuna melt, Cheese and tomato, BBQ chicken	Pasta bar	<b>Panini</b> Tuna melt, Cheese and tomato, BBQ chicken	
Vegetables	Steamed Carrots Cauliflower	Broccoli Florets Red Cabbage Coleslaw	Sautéed Red Cabbage Green Beans	Roasted carrots with cumin seeds Kale	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Jackets	Various fillings on offer daily such as cheddar cheese, tuna with low calorie mayo and baked beans				
Sweet	Banana cake and chocolate custard	Apple turnover with toffee sauce	Lemon drizzle cake with custard	Mixed fruit crumble with custard	Ice Cream or Fruit Lolly
Fruit	Daily selection of seasonal fruit				

### Key dates for week beginning November 16<sup>th</sup> - week 1

Description	Date	Time
All pupils required in school at their respective start times	Monday 09 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	08:25 - 16:25
<b>No KS3 enrichment for the lock down period</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> November	15:00 - 16:15
Year 10 & 11 Mock 1 begins	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November - Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	All day

