



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week the school has been absolutely buzzing with the excitement of Charity Week. We have seen pupils sprinting across the playground in relay races; testing their accuracy at the crossbar challenge; testing their comic book knowledge in the 'MARVELous Quiz' and engaged in a 'Lip-Sync Battle' (Ms Ling had to talk me through that one...). The highlight for me was the Staff v Students basketball match. All week, both staff and our Year 10 team have been training and planning for this momentous event. I loved seeing the sportsmanship of both teams and I was delighted with

the result. Most importantly, this week has raised over £1000 for our nominated charities. It is important to me that pupils have a say in how we donate this money therefore we voted in Houses for our House charity for this year. Charity Week is always a time when we can take a moment to reflect on the importance of being grateful for what we have.

Charity Week

As Mr Wilson, said this week The Hurlingham Academy has dedicated itself to charity. Led by our Heads of Houses, this has been an action-packed week of sport, drama, debate, enterprise and much more. The week started with an assembly from Ms Ling, outlining the centrality of charity to the ethos of The Hurlingham Academy, before the events kicked off at Monday lunch time with a House Lip Sync battle hosted by Ms Hateley and Aequitas House. Tuesday was a busy day with two events. At lunch time Ms Grubb and Caritas House hosted House relay races, and after school, it was the big money maker (no idea why), sponge a teacher. It's fair to say the pupils were more than happy to donate their money to charity on Tuesday afternoon! Wednesday was the turn of Ms Subhan and Veritas, who hosted the annual crossbar challenge and Thursday was a MARVELous Quiz hosted by Mr Charkham and Unitas. Friday was the grand finale with a charity bake sale at breaktime and the biggest sporting event of 2019 during lunch; THA Staff v Students basketball match. The week has been competitively contested in the name of securing valuable House points, but the students have also been eager to contribute money in order that we raise as much as possible. The money raised throughout the week will go

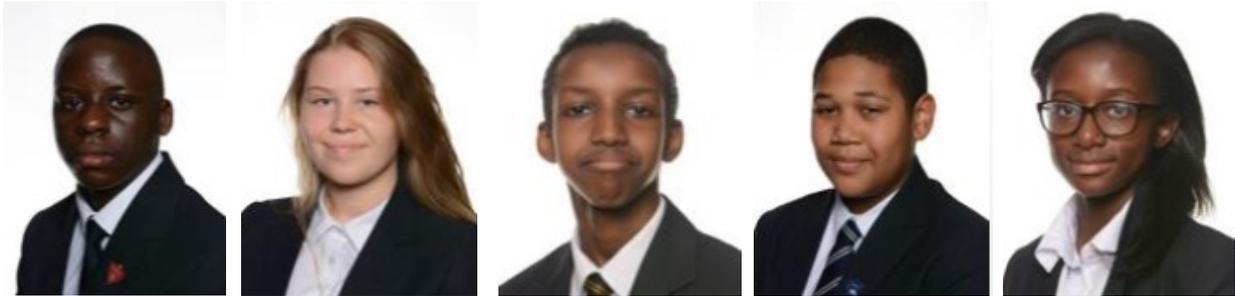
to each House's chosen charity. Aequitas are raising money for the Mozambique Crisis for Red Cross; Caritas have chosen to continue their work with Forever Angels Baby Home, Tanzania; Unitas to Barnardos Fostering and Adoption; and Veritas to Children with Cancer UK. All very worthy charities and we are proud to support each one.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

Despite the week being busy with charity events, our pupils continue to work incredibly hard both in lessons and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and English leaderboards this week:
Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - Trevor
Year 10 - Uma
Year 9 - Abdulahi
Year 8 - Ryan
Year 7 - Rihanna



Unitas stole the title as top readers this week, having read over 1,300,000 words. Our top readers this week are Khayriyyah, Adem, Jabel and Precious. Well done to all and keep up the hard work.



There has been little change in the Tassomai leaderboard this week. Our top students for the second week running are Susana, Samuel, Machi, Tiago, Mark and Joao. Well done to these pupils.



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Easter Egg Challenge

With only a week to go until the winners of the Easter Egg Challenge are announced, the race is on. A reminder to all pupils that to win an egg they must complete at least 12 hours of Hegarty Maths and 4 English quizzes. There is also an extra special chocolatey prize for the pupils who have completed the most Hegarty and reading quizzes over the past 3 weeks.



Getting to know you - Ms Lestrade-Thomas

Name: Ms Lestrade-Thomas

Job: Teacher of Mathematics

Favourite Book: 1984 by George Orwell because I think the way he portrays this dystopian society is captivating.

Interesting fact about me: I also run a cake baking business so I've really enjoyed taking part in the charity bake off this week!

Favourite thing about working at THA: I love how friendly all the staff and pupils are.

House: Veritas



Key dates for week beginning April 1st - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 1 st April	08:30 - 09:00
Thorpe Park Rewards Trip	Tuesday 2 nd April	08:30 - 16:00
Year 11 Art GCSE	Wednesday 3 rd April - Thursday 4 th April	08:30 - 15:30
Bridging The Gap	Wednesday 3 rd April	17:00 - 18:00
Break Up For Easter	Friday 5th April	13:05
INSET Day No School For Students (Only Year 11 Back To School)	Tuesday 23 rd April	08:25 - 15:25
Back To School	Wednesday 24th April	08:25 - 15:25



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