

Spring Term Highlights



Hospital Education Service - Building Bridges to Brighter Futures

School Newsletter

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Message from the Head Teacher

I am a great believer that from every negative experience, we can learn something positive. The pandemic has certainly tested our resolve, but it has also made us even more resilient, resourceful and creative at the Hospital Education Service.

I would like to thank you all: pupils, parents and carers for your patience, your support and your flexibility over the last 12 months. Change has been our only constant, but together, we have managed to keep our service running, albeit in a slightly different way.

As lockdown restrictions begin to lift and the weather improves, I hope you are all able to enjoy spending time with family and friends over the Spring break. We look forward to welcoming you back from Monday 19th April.



Hospital Education has a New Look Website

Behind the scenes our very own Mr T has been busy upgrading the service's website making it easier to find information and more efficient to navigate. The website shares information with our service users (pupils and parents) as well as informing other stakeholders of the wonderful support our transition service provides to so many children across the Coventry. The global pandemic accelerated the need for an effective Virtual Learning Environment for our pupils in our secure 'Pupil Zone' (so that high quality learning materials are at their fingertips) as well as providing important information for our parents and carers during lockdown and beyond (our new 'Parent Zone').

The Parent Zone is packed with resources including up to date information and letters we send out to parent/carers. We also have a page with monthly online safety newsletters and as the area develops, you can expect to see the latest information on any changes in government guidance on safeguarding and RSE as well as information about careers and enrichment opportunities for your child.

Recently we have also created a 'Report a Concern' function that will allow anyone from our school community including parents and pupils to report any concerns they have about keeping their child safe and healthy.

The website is still being updated with further links to be added. If you want to provide any feedback or comments please contact Mr Takolia

Important Dates & Holidays

April 2021	
Mon 19th	Term Begins
Wed 21st	Teacher Training Day
Thurs 29th	Parent Consultation
May 2021	
Mon 3rd	Bank Holiday
Mon 31st - 4th June	Half Term Break
June 2021	
Mon 7th	Term Begins
Mon 28th	Post-Exam Programme
July 2021	
Wed 21st	Last day of Term

Commonly used acronyms:

HES - Hospital Education Service

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Headteacher's welcome

I hope you enjoy reading about the service and that you get a sense of our core values, vision and commitment to provide the very best education and care for our pupils.

I am very privileged to be the Head Teacher of such a special service and to lead an exceptional group of staff who work hard to ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils.

The school provides high quality education for pupils in a safe and caring environment. Although the school is made up of five different types of provision, we work closely together and benefit from shared facilities and staff. Our main focus is a strong feature across the whole service, and we maintain very close relationships with other professional colleagues and the wider community who support us in providing care for our young people.

Supporting children and their families, wherever they are, is an incredibly exciting and rewarding time. It is a privilege for our team of dedicated professionals and a responsibility we take very seriously. Our motto of Building Bridges to Brighter Futures without ever losing sight of our service users in building the learning gap that can often be the result of a child's type of illness, helping young people to regain confidence, resilience and spirit for learning lies at the heart of what we do.

If you require any further information about our service after reading this website, please do not hesitate to contact us. Welcome to our website and we hope you enjoy it here in any way we can.

Sharon Carter - Head of Hospital Education Service

Report a concern

Worried about a child's safety? - let us know



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New Destinations on the Horizon for HES Learners

National Careers Week looked different this year with events having to take place online due to Coronavirus; however, this did not dampen the spirit of our Year 11's who are in the process of making crucial decisions about their chosen destinations for post 16. With all learners having to have interviews with providers online; we were particularly impressed with how our pupils have adapted to this different approach. Some of our Year 11's from Whitmore Park Annexe have managed to secure an Engineering Apprenticeship, Football Coaching Programme and an Animal Care and Welfare course. And on 1:1 (Home Tuition), one pupil has already secured a construction course at City College. Well done to all our pupils on achieving their places for September and we look forward to making sure all of our pupils who are currently applying for courses, find their preferred destination.

Pupils Paint Stones as Commitment to Learn from the Past

Hospital Education Service Pupils from UHCW and Whitmore Park Annexe have been busy designing and decorating their own pebbles as part of the Foundation Stones Holocaust Memorial Project.

A new UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre due to be built in London will remember and educate people about the Holocaust, Britain's response and also subsequent genocides. This new site will be dedicated to the six million Jewish men, women and children who were murdered in the Holocaust and also many other groups who were murdered by the Nazis because of who they were, what they believed or who they loved. This included Roma and Sinti groups, members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with physical and mental disabilities and political opponents. The Memorial will remember all of them. Pebbles are also dedicated to those who were murdered in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The painted stones are a commitment to remember the past and to build a future free from all forms of prejudice, discrimination and hatred.

Why Stones?

When Jewish people visit the graves of loved ones, they place small stones on the headstones or on the grave itself to show that the person is remembered. This is a Jewish custom.

This is an incredible project for our pupils to have been a part of and the topic forms an integral part of our History GCSE course at WPA. Additionally, when the memorial is finally finished each pupil who made one will always be able to say that their stone is there and that they helped to make it.

If there are any other Hospital Education Service pupils who haven't decorated one yet but would like to be a part of this very important project please contact Mrs Sykes .



Chelsea F.C Stars Send a Striking Present for Elijah

Back in the December Newsletter we reported on the letter that Elijah had received from Chelsea F.C. for his hard work and commitment to his studies under challenging circumstances. Our brave Elijah has had to have further brain surgery and for his bravery and courage received another special present from his favourite football club, Chelsea F.C. Football star Mason Mount wrote to Elijah commending him on his resilience during his arduous time in Hospital and was particularly impressed with how well he had recovered from his surgery. The package also included the boots of Chelsea F.C.'s very own defender Andreas Christensen. The boots I'm sure will be of the highest sentimental value for Elijah and a lifelong memento of his special football club. None of this is possible without his amazing teacher Mrs Palmer for making a dream come true. Well done to everyone involved.



Orchard Tambourine Painting brings Spring to WPA.

Pupils at WPA have been inspired by artworks currently on display at UHCW. We have been celebrating Sir Terry Frost's 'Orchard Tambourine' painting. As an abstract painter we have discussed how he used bright, bold colours and simple shapes. Students are working toward a huge collaborative canvas piece using acrylic paint which we hope to display at the Annexe after it is completed! Well done to everyone involved!

Mrs Linnecor



News from the Hospital School

During the spring term, we have enjoyed a variety of special days and themed weeks at the hospital, including Careers Week, Chinese New Year, Comic Relief and World Book Day. Teaching staff caused amusement on the Primary Ward as they dressed up as the witch from 'Room on A Broom' and Pirate Frank (sadly, there is no photographic evidence, but imagine both characters in PPE and it's likely to raise a smile!) Children engaged in a variety of book-related activities in recognition of the day. On 26th March, we joined the nursing staff in marking World Epilepsy Day by wearing purple. We raised pupils' awareness of epilepsy and taught them how to help someone with the condition. In the run up to Easter, work is themed across each subject and creativity employed to make stained glass window decorations, Easter cards and egg designs.

Children on the Primary Ward have been enjoying the addition of starter activities this term. Many of these are practical activities have a wellbeing focus. Examples include decorating 'stones of kindness' to hide in the hospital grounds or take away; creating reflective heart puzzles; making positivity paperchains and designing fun characters in the style of Jon Burgerman that represent them and their family members.

Finally, we have been able to make increasing use of technology in teaching this term, using short video clips and online activities to compliment practical and paper-based activities and to further pupil's learning.



A Y4 pupil created characters for himself and his family in the style of Jon Burgerman.

He represented himself as a football, his pizza-loving mum as a slice of mushroom and pepperoni pizza and his sister as a tablet and cheese!



A tissue paper 'stained glass' Easter cross.

Mrs Morshead

Relationship and Sex Education Consultation Launched for HES

In September 2020, the Department for Education made it compulsory for schools to implement a programme to cover Relationship and Sex Education (RSE). Due to coronavirus, schools were given the flexibility to delay this to the Summer Term 2021. We are now inviting parents to review the service's proposed curriculum plans and take this opportunity to provide us with valuable feedback.

As a school we deliver the RSE statutory components as part of our PSHE programme that we run across the 3 strands of our service. We have a dedicated page on our Parent Zone with lots of information including copies of our curriculum maps, policies and feedback form. If you would like a paper copy of any of the documents please call the main office on 02476 337734

The Half term highlights are a collection of events that have occurred at the Hospital Education Service or student approved articles. If there is something that needs correcting or you would like to add please contact Mr Takolia.