



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



We have joined in with the UK's biggest celebration of Science in hosting National Science Week at the Academy. One of my favourite subjects at school, Science matters to everyone and everything! We aim to foster a sense of curiosity in pupils at The Hurlingham Academy and our celebrations this week have done just that. Our Science events at lunchtimes and throughout the week have been a celebration of innovation, discovery and the world around us.

Every day, I visit lessons around the academy listening out for great questions. Often, these questions are asked by teachers who are stretching pupils' thinking further and challenging them to develop their ideas. Sometimes, I hear thought-provoking questions asked by pupils. Those are my favourite questions! The ability to evaluate, to critique and to challenge the normal approach to things is not only important to your school subjects but is a valuable life skill.

## Science Week

This week the science department celebrated science week with lots of different activities.

Our key stage 3 students got the chance to research different science discoveries and design a vibrant poster to show their information off. The best 5 will go forward to the national competition. Tuesday and Wednesday we joined forces with the heads of house to run competitions to win house points; Tuesday we had slime time where houses were given materials to create a bouncy ball of slime, victory went to Aequitas. Wednesday we had an engineering activity, where students were asked to design a paper boat and hold as many marbles as they could. Victory on this occasion went to Caritas – 2 pieces of paper, 2 paperclips and they created a boat that could hold 91 marbles!

The highlight of the week was having explorer dome set up in the gym and do an amazing science workshop to our year 7 and 8 students. You only just need to speak to the students or look at their faces as they came out to know they were wowed by the experience. They spent time looking at space and our Earth and developed knowledge that will help them in KS4.

Friday our fantastic science technician did a pupil favourite of holding fire in their hands, to bring an amazing science week to an end.



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

As always I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those pupils who have gone above and beyond in their studies at home this week. It is so lovely to see so many pupils taking pride in their studies. Congratulations this week goes to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our Maths, Science and English leader boards this week:

This week's Hegarty Leader Board is as follows:

Year 11 - Elizabeth

Year 10 - Harley

Year 9 - Lian

Year 8 - Gonzalo

Year 7 - Aaliyah



A particular congratulations to Elizabeth who came top of the leader board after completing a phenomenal 32 hours in one week. An excellent achievement, I just hope you still found time to revise for your other Mocks too Elizabeth.



After four weeks reigning champion Allyssa was knocked off the top of the leader board this week by Ryad and Saima. Excellent work both of you, I look forward to seeing your Science mock results.

Once more we have a complete change in the reading leader boards. It is nice to see year 8 and pupils reappear in the top 4 as the past few weeks have been dominated by year 11. This week's top readers are Precious, Eishan, Mariska and Lisa . A particular congratulations to Mariska who came top of the school earning a bonus 100 points for units. Mr Cheetham will be pleased. Excellent work from all our readers and well done for earning so many points for your respective houses.



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## Easter Egg Challenge

The English and math's departments are pleased to announce the launch of the English and Maths Easter Egg Challenge. In order to win an Easter egg pupils have 3 weeks to complete at least 12 hours of Hegarty Maths and 4 English quizzes. Hours completed will be carefully monitored by Ms Ling and Ms Granger and all winners will be announced on Thursday 29th March. There will also be an extra special chocolate related prize for the pupil who completes the most combined Hegarty and quizzes in this time period. I'd encourage all pupils to get a head start this weekend and best of luck. Let the challenge commence!



## Getting to know you— Mr Pudney

**Name:** Mr Pudney

**Job:** PE teacher and KS4 Co-Ordinator

**Favourite Book:** The Firm by John Grisham

**Interesting fact about me:** I have a twin brother though we aren't identical (fortunately)

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** The professional relationship between pupils and staff members. There is a real sense of mutual respect.



## Key dates for week beginning March 12th —week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 26th February	8.30-9.00 am
Year 11 mocks	Monday 12th— Friday 16th March	All day
Year 9 options evening	Thursday 15th March	5.00pm



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