

THE HCP CHRONICLE

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Go Green!

A few students and staff members helped the site staff plant some trees on 19th March, Wednesday. With Mark, our site staff, we did some gardening. We planted trees on the field. We used shovels and other gardening tools. We dug some holes, then we used a garden fork to make the soil soft to plant the trees. We put the saplings in and covered it back with soil. We saw some little worms inside the earth. Everyone should plant trees to help the nature.

Imagination Gaming!

On 18th March, Tuesday, HCP students at Temple Moor High School participated in an exciting imagination gaming session with Nigel. We played different board games like guessing the animals, pop-up Mario, memo-monster, etc.

Playing those games made us feel really calm as well as happy. It was pretty exciting. The activity was a fun and creative opportunity for students to check their memory.

Throughout the session, students had the chance to socialise.

One of the highlights of the day was when students worked together to play games and not study.

We do imagination gaming once every half term and it's always new and different. It is because Nigel brings different games very time. Overall, the imagination gaming session was a huge success, and it provided an excellent opportunity for students to build teamwork. 'Team work makes dream work!'



Happy Holi!

On Friday, 14th March 2025, we celebrated Holi, the Festival of Colours. Millions of people around the world take part in Holi, which marks the arrival of spring.

Holi is an important Hindu festival, especially in Southeast Asia. It is a time to welcome the new season, express joy, renew relationships, and let go of past grudges.

We learned about India and its capital, New Delhi. We also got to know about famous landmarks like the Taj Mahal and the Golden Temple. The Golden Temple is made of gold!

We watched videos showing how and why Holi is celebrated. At the end of the celebration, we threw coloured powder at each other to mark the festival with joy and excitement.

Our celebration was full of colour, happiness, and togetherness!



Holocaust Survivor Visits School!

On 20th January 2025, a Holocaust survivor came to speak to students Temple Moor High School. This visit was in memory of Holocaust Memorial Day, marked on 27th January.

The speaker talked about his family's experience. His father, aunt, and grandparents were affected. His father and one aunt escaped from the Czech Republic to England by train. Sadly, his other aunt was left behind and died.

The speaker also talked about Nicholas Winton, who saved 669 children by arranging trains to take them to safety.

A student named Lizzie asked many questions about the Holocaust. The speaker said he tells his story to help people understand how sad it was that so many people died in the Holocaust.

The Holocaust happened mostly in Poland.

Nicholas Winton was born in West Hampstead, London, on 19th May 1909, and later lived in Western Australia.

Chinese New Year!



For Chinese New Year, we had a fun party with a delicious buffet, including noodles, prawn crackers, and fortune cookies. Different groups of students worked together to make spring rolls, noodles, and Chinese stir fry, which made the celebration even more special. Before the event, Mr. Sangra organized shopping trips to Lidl on the 27th and 29th of January to get everything ready, ensuring we had all the ingredients we needed.

As part of the celebration, we also learned about the traditions behind Chinese New Year and why it's such an important holiday. We discovered the significance of different foods, symbols, and customs. To make the event even more fun, we wrote special messages to place inside the fortune cookies.

It was a fantastic way to learn more about Chinese culture while enjoying delicious food and good company!

Taiko Drums Concert!

In February, we had the Taiko Drum Concert at our school. It was very loud but also really fun. We got to watch all the groups playing with the Taiko drums. The sound was big and strong, and we had a lot of fun. Some people covered their ears, but we all enjoyed playing those.

Mr. Hext taught us how to play the Taiko drums. He showed us how to hold the sticks properly and hit the drum in time with the beat. At first, it was hard, but then it became easier. Before the concert, we played Taiko drums in class on so many songs. It was an amazing experience.

We also learned a lot about Japanese culture. I really like anime, so it was exciting to learn more about Japan. We found out that Japan uses yen as money, and we also learned a new word: 'arigato,' which means thank you. I think it's a nice word to say.

During the concert, everyone was really happy. Some people smiled a lot while playing, and others looked very focused. I liked watching the different groups because each one had its own way of playing. Some were super-fast, and some were slow and strong. Everyone got a chance to play in the group, but they were also asked to play solo for a few minutes. The audience clapped along, and it felt like we were all part of the music together.

At the end, we all cheered. It was a good day because we got to learn new things, feel the music, and see everyone enjoying themselves.

Lots of Socks Day!

On March 21st, our school took part in 'Lots of Socks' Day, also known as Odd Socks Day, to raise awareness for World Down Syndrome Day. Everyone wore mismatched socks to celebrate differences and show support for people with Down syndrome.

As part of the event, we also collected £1 each for 'Sunshine and Smiles,' an NGO that supports people with Down syndrome. It felt good to contribute to such an important cause and help make a difference.

We learned that people with Down syndrome have a bonus chromosome, which makes them unique and special. This day was a reminder that differences should be celebrated, and everyone deserves kindness and inclusion.

Seeing everyone in their colourful and mismatched socks made the day extra fun, and we were all proud to be part of something meaningful!



World Book Day!

On Thursday, 6th March 2025, HCP celebrated World Book Day with a range of fun activities. Students listened to a story in the sensory room and took part in a quiz with Miss Starr.

Mr. Hext dressed up as Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! Miss Cavalla led a poetry session where students could create a song or rap. We also had the chance to create trailers for movies. It was a fantastic day full of creativity and storytelling!

Fun trip to Skelton Grange!



Over two weeks, students got to visit Skelton Grange for an exciting outdoor adventure. The trip was full of fun activities and learning experiences.

One of the best parts was sleeping in a hammock, which many students found exciting and relaxing. They also explored nature, finding worms, trees, and different camping equipment. A special moment was seeing a beautiful rainbow after the weather suddenly changed from rain to sunshine.

Students learned useful survival skills, like setting up a fire and building a shelter. Another exciting activity was pond dipping, where they used fishing nets to find animals living in the pond.

There were also fun teamwork activities, like lifting parachutes and playing a special version of hide and seek. After each round, students had to copy an action shown by the guide, making the game even more fun.

The trip to Skelton Grange was a great experience. Students got to enjoy nature, learn new skills, and have lots of fun. Everyone is excited for the next school trip!



Trip to Manchester City Stadium!

Some students from HCP attend a variety of mainstream lessons. On February 4th, 2025, students who attend mainstream Business and Enterprise lessons had the chance to go on a special trip to Etihad Stadium, Manchester City. This course trip gave them a hands-on learning experience outside the classroom.

During the visit, students attended a workshop where they explored different aspects of business and enterprise. They also learned about the stadium's business model, gaining insight into how such a large organization operates successfully. The tour was informative and helped students connect their classroom lessons to real-world business practices.

Students also got to see t-shirts of some of their favourite football players and watch interactive videos about them. Another fascinating part of the visit was learning about the stadium's rental costs and how it generates profits not only on match days but also through concerts and other events held at the venue.

The trip was a great learning experience, making business lessons more engaging and practical. Students returned with a better understanding of business concepts and are looking forward to applying what they learned in their studies!

Popstar: A 90s-Themed Musical Performance!

The mainstream students recently put on an incredible 90s-themed musical called Popstar, and the HCP students had the opportunity to attend and enjoy the show. The story followed a boy band and a girl band competing in a high-energy music contest.

The musical brought the 90s to life through vibrant music, dance, and drama, with the audience dancing along to many familiar songs. It was a fun and lively experience for everyone.

The cast did an outstanding job, delivering powerful performances with great singing and energetic dance routines. The set and costumes were perfectly designed to capture the 90s vibe, adding to the excitement of the show.

Overall, Popstar was a huge success. The HCP students, along with the rest of the audience, left the performance feeling happy and impressed. It was a wonderful celebration of the hard work and creativity of the mainstream students.



This year's school musical is 'Popstars: The 90s musical'.
It's Girlband Vs Boyband in this 90s pop sensation!

Performances on the 17th, 18th and 19th March

Mental Health Week!

As part of Mental Health Week, our school organized a Mental Health Social Café. This event aimed to help students understand mental health in a fun and engaging way.

Students came together and played various games that focused on peace and calm. These activities helped them learn about mindfulness and the importance of mental well-being.

In addition to the games, students took part in a calming DIY activity where they made their own plant heads. This hands-on project allowed them to create something unique while also learning about the benefits of caring for plants and how it can be a relaxing activity.

The Mental Health Social Café was a great way for students to connect, relax, and learn more about mental health in an enjoyable way. It was a meaningful experience, and everyone had a great time!

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A Message from the Staff!

As we come to the end of a wonderful and eventful term, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation to all our students, parents, and staff. Your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm have made this term truly special. It has been filled with exciting learning experiences, creative activities, and unforgettable memories.

We encourage everyone to use this break to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. Whether you're taking a holiday, spending time outdoors, or simply unwinding at home, we hope you find joy and rest in the little moments.

We are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved this term, and we look forward to welcoming you all back with renewed energy for another fantastic term of learning and fun!

Wishing you a peaceful, joyful, and refreshing Easter break. Stay safe, have fun, and see you all soon!

Happy Easter!

Fun Trip To Leeds Grand Theatre!



As a part of their Arts Awards, Group 3 students went to the Leeds Grand Theatre on 26th March, Wednesday. They did a tour of the backstage and then watched the play. It was an immersive experience for everyone watching a production of Joseph. These are the thoughts of students who visited the theatre:

"It made me feel happy because we knew the songs" Poppy said.

Jayden Pennock said, "I felt excited to see Joseph and Pharaoh."

Kianna excitedly expressed, "I was really happy to be in the Leeds Grand Theatre."

Caden felt it was "amazing to watch!"

And finally, Ava P. suggested, "I felt really anxious to be there at first, but then I felt better and enjoyed it a lot."

