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## This week's attendance

Whole school attendance: 73.08%

Authorised absences: 23.23%

Unauthorised absences: 3.69%

"Books are a uniquely portable magic." -Stephen King

Reading has very much been at the forefront of our minds over the last week at HSD. All students have been working on assessments and engaging with Accelerated Reader in school. Alongside the work they do with texts in writing lessons, students at HSD have time in their daily timetables to engage with reading and make progress. For some students, this is easier than others but staff at HSD remain committed to overcoming barriers to reading for all. Some students struggle to see value in reading and it is our job to be able to answer the question, convincingly, "What is the point of reading if I can already read?"

"Great books help you understand, and they help you feel understood." - John Green

Along with supporting brain development, the impact of high levels of reading engagement on the progress of communication skills is well documented. It can open thought process, literally and figuratively, to new vocabulary.

"Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere." – Mary Schmuch

Books can also offer an escape or adventure. Exposure to new cultures, events and people, previously never otherwise heard of, can adopt methods of thinking that help to reshape or enhance identity.

"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope." -Kofi Annan

So, thank you to all at home and in school, that work daily to inspire our children and young people to read; you may never know the difference that you are making.

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## BIG THANKYOU!

Last Friday the school was bursting with cakes galore for our cake sale! Lots of students and staff baked and brought cakes, cookies and muffins.

Our School Council members collected monies from students in exchange for a cake or two! As I write this, we have currently raised

**£50.69**

We will let you know the total amount raised in the next newsletter.

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## November

Part of the Movember movement encourages men to become clean shaven on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov and grow the best moustache they can in a month. We continue to wait with bated breath to see the amazing moustaches they can grow.

We will be covering women's health in the future.

A couple more photos of our HSD team supporting the Movember campaign. You can make donations online by clicking [here](#) or cash donations are accepted at the main office.



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This week's staff insight for the week (in just 100 words) is Larissa Booker, our HSD Administrator & Receptionist

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There is so much to share after just a few weeks into the new term, the student council organised Children in Need cake sale, staff are raising awareness by taking part in the Movember challenge, many AQA awards have been achieved with Aweigh school (climbing + mountain biking) and the school kitchen passed the Environmental Health inspection with an outstanding 5! Last term we welcomed many new staff and students, I must admit I was intrigued and found it difficult to vision what it was going to be like with over double the numbers and feared the general atmosphere would not be the same. Rightly, the atmosphere is not the same, it is amazing, the support and teamwork between staff and students is phenomenal. Positioned in the main office, it is very satisfying to hear positive feedback from staff, students, visitors and families.

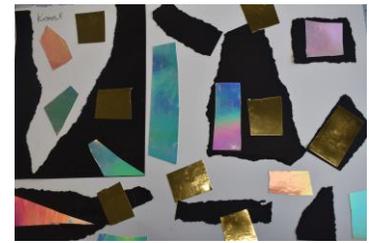
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## School Art Snapshots

Some amazing snapshots from our students during Art sessions.



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### Upcoming Events

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Family Friday

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

End of term

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Students return to school