



HARRIS NEWS

Thursday 04 March 2010

08 March—
12 March
WEEK 1

DATES

**Monday 8th
March**
Year 10
Work Experience
begins
(for 2 weeks)

**Thursday 11th
March**
Year 11 Photos

**Thursday 11th
March**
Year 7
Parents evening
5pm till 8pm

Friday 19th March
Curriculum
Enrichment Day.

Progress Review
Day for Year 11
only.

Friday 26th March
Easter Service
time (tba)



HARRIS SINGS 2010

Just before half term we had a week of auditions for this year's 'Harris Sings', a singing competition open to all Harris students. This year every audition slot was filled with the overall quality much higher than last year. As a result the competition this year will be split into two separate finals for KS3 and KS4

The Finals, to be held in May, will showcase a range of musical styles from pop to rock. As with last year there will also be group numbers. All finalists have been allocated a staff mentor who will work with them to facilitate practice.

One difference from last year is that every act will have an opportunity to work with a singing coach in the lead up to the competition.

GOSPEL CHOIR

We are pleased to welcome Gladstone Wilson to the school. Gladstone is helping us start a Harris Gospel Choir. Practices are held on Wednesday lunchtimes in the music room and are open to all students and staff. Students who attended the first session were full of praise and excited about being able to participate in such a dynamic singing group.

We were put in touch with Gladstone through Chris Mulley at the Diocese who has responsibility for ensuring we make the most of our links. We're looking forward to the first performance.



So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:31

PTA QUIZ 7.30—10PM FRIDAY MARCH 12TH 2010

The PTA is delighted to announce that they will be hosting their annual quiz in a few week's time. The cost of entry will be £15 per team. There will be a cash prize for the winning team along with other attractions such as a raffle, back to front bingo and a bar. This is a very popular event so please book your team's table now to avoid disappointment by emailing me at cbarnett@harris-school.co.uk.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE EVENING.

If you would like to support this event but are unable to attend, any donations for the raffle will be gratefully accepted and can be left for me at the main school reception.

Miss Barnett



WORLD BOOK DAY

Dear Parents/Carers

This year World Book Day is on 4th March. This day marks the biggest celebration of books and reading for children.

As in previous years, all Harris pupils will have received a *free £1 Book token, which can be exchanged in all participating bookshops for one of six specially published books, listed on the back of the book token or you can have £1 off your next purchase. (The redemption period of the book tokens is from the 1st March to the 28th of March)*

We are also running a World Book Day Book Club. For every £1 spent Scholastic books will give: 20p to our school in Free Books. (C2C World Book Day leaflets have been distributed to pupils during registration)

You can find lots of great books from fantasy adventure and thrillers to the latest books which have inspired films.

Orders must be returned to the School Library by 12th April 2010. (Scholastic's will be accepting World Book day tokens.)

To find out more about World Book Day, Please visit the website at www.worldbookday.com

N Parmar

BOOKS OF YOUR LIFETIME

This week all students will receive a gift. It is an invitation to enjoyment and knowledge. The World Book Day token is a great chance to try something new and something different: a passport to other worlds, other places, other times; an invitation to laugh, cry, experience and learn. Finding a book that is right for you can make a difference to you as a learner and as an individual.

Every week the recommendations for book of the week are written to help suggest books that might appeal to different types of readers. There are a world of books out there ready for you to try. You might be someone who needs books like fish need water. You might be someone who hasn't yet found the right book for you – but keep looking. If you like cartoons, you might try a Manga comic book or a Graphic novel. You could dip into a short story. Non-fiction books might appeal to you more. There are so many books out there – do try.

Have fun using your voucher.

Ms Magner, Literacy Coordinator.

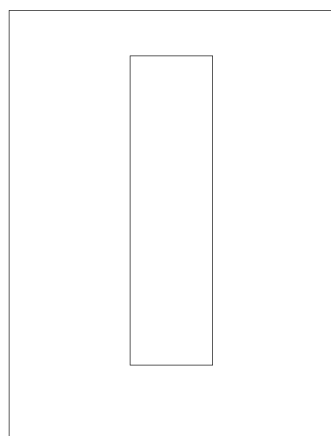
DESIGN A BOOKMARK
Sponsor National Book Tokens

The Winning Design will be made into bookmark and distributed to bookshops nationwide.

First Prize: £100 National Book Tokens for the pupil and £250 National Tokens for the School. Runner up Prize :£50 National Book Tokens for the pupil and £150 for the school.

To enter the competition design the front of a bookmark with a book theme using template. All entries should be produced on A4 paper portrait format.

Bookmark Template: Height 160mm x Width 42mm



Entries to be handed to Mrs Parmar/Mrs Edmonds in the Library. Closing date for entries is 16th April 2010

RECOMMENDED READS!

All these titles are available to loan from the School Library.

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| Just Henry | By Michelle Magorian |
| Hoot | By Carl Hiaasen |
| Alone on a Wide Wide Sea | By Michael Morporgo |
| Blood Ties | By SophieMcKenzie |
| In the Nick of Time | By Robert Swindells |
| Ostrich Boys | By Keith Gray |
| Shadow Web | By N M Browne |
| The Scarecrows | By Robert Westall |

If you would like to find out more about these Recommended Reads, **Visit the School Library.**

Mrs N Parmar



YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING FEEDBACK

Thank you to parents who took time to fill in our questionnaire at last week's parents evening. The responses are outlined below.

Section One – Attitudes to school

Does your child like being at Harris?	39.1	Strongly agree	52.2	Agree	4.3	Disagree	4.3	Strongly disagree
Does your child find lessons interesting?	17.4	Strongly agree	69.6	Agree	8.7	Disagree	0.0	Strongly disagree
Does your child feel safe from bullying and from people calling him/her names?	78.3	Yes			21.7	No		
If your child has a problem and need to talk to someone, do you feel that there is an adult they can go to?	87.0	Yes			13.0	No		

Section Two – Healthy Schools

The school lunches are healthy and well balanced	0.0	Strongly agree	78.3	Agree	4.3	Disagree	4.3	Strongly disagree
The school provides good opportunities for physical exercise (PE, playtimes, clubs)	47.8	Strongly agree	52.2	Agree	0.0	Disagree	0.0	Strongly disagree
The school helps the children lead a healthy lifestyle	17.4	Strongly agree	78.3	Agree	4.3	Disagree	0.0	Strongly disagree

Section Three – Curriculum

Do you feel the school gives you a clear understanding of what is being taught?	8.7	Yes, very clear	56.5	Yes, quite clear	30.4	No, not very clear	4.3	Not at all clear
Do you feel the school enables your child to achieve a good standard of work?	30.4	Yes, very good	60.9	Yes, quite good	8.7	No, not very good	0.0	Not good at all
If your child is stuck in class, do you think they feel comfortable asking for help?	17.4	Strongly agree	56.5	Agree	17.4	Disagree	8.7	Strongly disagree
How satisfied are you with the work your child is expected to do at home?	17.4	Very satisfied	43.5	Satisfied	26.1	Not very satisfied	8.7	Not at all satisfied

Section Five – Communication

Do you feel the school keeps you well informed about your child's progress?	34.8	Strongly agree	43.5	Agree	21.7	Disagree	0.0	Strongly disagree
Do you find it easy to approach the school with questions or problems to do with your child?	30.4	Strongly agree	56.5	Agree	4.3	Disagree	4.3	Strongly disagree
How useful do you find the weekly newsletter?	56.5	Yes, very good	30.4	Yes, quite good	4.3	No, not very good	8.7	Not good at all





YEAR 7 SPRING TERM ROLL OF HONOUR

Dana	Adams	Drew	Garaghty	Thorston	Kinross	Samantha	Radburn
Tamsin	Ashmore	Jack	Garrard	Corinne	Knowles	Samantha	Ross
Rosie	Bagshaw	Thomas	Gibbs	Eleanor	Lee	Jade	Smith
Joe	Barnes	Richard	Gosling	Zoe-Hope	Maughan	Codie	Thompson
Grace	Beardshaw	Sophie	Hannah	Rayna	McNair	Grace	Thomson
Jennifer	Brook	William	Harding	Charlie	McQuillan	Amy	Townsend-Kennedy
Abigail	Carter	Emily	Haywood	Jonah	McSweeney	Joseph	Vickers
Scott	Collins	Johah	Haywood	Jack	Mennell	Georgia	Wallace-Webb
Emily-Anne	Douglas	Milly	Heathcock	Sophie	Miller	James	Webb
Katie	Edwards	Emily	Howard	Darcianne	Morrison-Warner	Josh	Whittington
Hayley	Fenemore	Rebecca	Jeyes	Nathan	Nown	Bronte	Wrist
Daniel	Foster	Katie	Kemp	Himesh	Parmer		

**These students were all awarded excellent or good effort by all their subject teachers and tutors
WELL DONE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

Parent Governors Elections

We are currently in the process of preparing for a Parent Governor Election. Please look out for voting slips which will be sent home with students in the next few days. Please see below the candidates statements for the two nominees.

Mr Huw Marshall.

After 30 years as a teacher, from teaching maths in an inner comprehensive to an independent junior school, I now live , work and worship in Rugby. My three children are very happy and fulfilled at Harris and I would like to offer my support to the school.

Mrs E Strain

My name is Liz Strain and I have two children at Harris. I would like to play an active role in helping Harris provide an outstanding education facility for your children. I would also like to contribute to the local community and offer a parent voice on the governing body.



Community Board

Please note that whilst we are happy to include the following notices as they may be of benefit for the Harris Community we take no responsibility for them.

