

Holmleigh Primary School

Newsletter



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A message from Kevin Ward

The second half of the Autumn Term has seen lots of hard work and excitement, culminating in a very ambitious and successful school production of 'The Snow Queen'. Thank you to parents and friends of the school for your very positive feedback. It really encourages us to continue to find new ways to make your children's experience of school enjoyable and memorable. This show epitomised our belief that 'teamwork makes the dreamwork.'

All eight shows played to packed houses and an electric atmosphere. The children were amazing - a great credit to their teachers and other staff, all of whom deserve a massive thank you for making it happen. Now we look forward to the challenge of going one better with our next production!

I would like to offer you all the greetings of the season, good wishes for a happy holiday, and all the best for 2018.

Spotlight on . . . The School Choir

This Friday 15th December, as last year, the School Choir performed their Christmas repertoire at Morrison's store on Stamford Hill, raising money for the homeless charity SHELTER. Our choir meets every Tuesday lunchtime with our music teacher Kate Shortt, and they practice a wide range of songs and styles.

Having done weekly singing assemblies from their earliest days at Holmleigh, our children learn to sing really well. In fact, Kate is a professional singing teacher who also helps to organise the Hackney Schools Singing Festival. The school choir is for years 3-6. If you'd like to join, ask your teacher!

The School Choir singing at Morrisons – they raised £50 for SHELTER



Year 6 We have been working on our presentation skills. We had to deliver presentations on something we like doing. They were all really good actually. We were allowed to bring in visual aids such as props and posters to help us with our presentations. My presentation was about my love for Harry Potter films and books. I wrote about my favourite film which is Harry Potter and the



Deathly Hallows Part 2. I like Harry because he is courageous and Hermione because she is kind and caring even though she comes across as a little bit stuck up. Some of the other presentations were about: football, swimming, gymnastics and favourite things in general. I learnt a lot about my classmates and their interests. Miss Boateng and Miss Karen were very proud of us. They thought that we were very brave to do them in front of our classmates. Miss Boateng reminded us to "feel the fear and do it anyway" before our presentations which helped a little. **Julia Biney**

Year 5 In the last few weeks of the term Year 5 were out on fantastic trips organized by staff and the Variety Club. One visit was to Kidzania with Year 6 and everyone had a fantastic time participating in activities such as being a member of the ambulance service or being interviewed for a TV news bulletin. Another visit was to the British Library and their fabulous Harry Potter Exhibition. Of course everybody enjoyed the panto at the Hackney Empire. Maths and English assessments went well and our spelling is getting stronger every week. The class really enjoys PE lessons with Ms Sullivan on Wednesday afternoons. **Ms Ercan, Mrs Keogh and Ms Debbie.**

Year 4 Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Winter Wonderland thanks to the generosity of the Variety Club, parent contributions and year 4's class fund. We were wowed by the amazingly detailed ice sculptures, entranced by the death-defying stunts performed at Zippo's Circus and delighted by the panoramic views from the Big Wheel. Year 4 wrote fantastic thank you letters which really conveyed how much they enjoyed the day. December has also seen the sad farewell to Miss Tahrim who had worked with us for over seven weeks. We wish her all the best for her future. Thank you to all the parents who came in to watch our fantastic tae-kwon-do performance. We apologise for the late change in date. The children demonstrated what a great activity tae-kwon-do is in terms of flexibility, discipline, confidence building and memory skills. We really appreciate the £1 contribution that the parents make each week. Lastly, well done to Alim who has become a reading millionaire already! He is only the third pupil from KS2 to achieve this impressive milestone. Fantastic! **Ms Gaylor and Ms Amena**

Year 3 Year 3 have had a wonderful month! It has been full of party hats, singing, agitated squirrels, singing roses, grumpy mushrooms, list poems of all the things they wanted for Christmas which went on and on and on; We had a Turkish teacher come in and teach us a lovely Turkish song. Ali then got up and performed an amazing Turkish dance. Max then

felt inspired and joined in and danced an Irish jig. We have had a lovely time and learnt lots too.

Ms Innie and Ms Leyla

Year 2 In year 2, we've been writing information texts about animals and created a class book of all our research. We are continuing



to learn our times tables, how to tell the time and use different number strategies. We were lucky enough to spend the day at London Zoo with year 1, seeing all the animals in their different habitats. There we learnt about the nativity story by being escorted around by different characters, and even met Father Christmas at the end! **Miss Rose and Miss Monica.**

Year 1

In year 1 we have been reading and performing a range of poems and rhymes in Literacy. We even had a go at writing our own poems that rhyme! In Maths we have been working on our number bonds



to find numbers that make 10. We particularly enjoyed our trip to London Zoo where we watched a living Nativity show and were so excited to see all the different animals. We even had a special surprise at the end where we met Father Christmas! **Ms**

Esma and Ms Srur

Reception

Shapes, shapes everywhere...The children in the reception class have been finding out about the properties of shapes all around them. They have sung songs with Miss Kate, made shapes with their bodies and sorted shapes. They have looked for shapes in the reception class garden and played

shape guessing games. **'A hexagon has 6 sides'**
Lottie **'I know 3d shapes...hexagon, cuboid, cylinders, sphere and cube!'** **Kenji** Ms Claire, Ms Farzana and Ms Freeha

Nursery 'Party Hats Galore'



In preparation for the whole school party the nursery have been making party hats. They have practised the handwriting pattern of zigzags and persevered to cut out their own designs!!

They look amazing. **'I have fire on mine'** **Alfie** **'It has sparkles on it'** **Emily** **'Mine is sparkly it has colourful decorations and drawing'** **Mia**

Ms Angie, Ms Debbie and Ms Nurit

THE SNOW QUEEN'S PALACE



Other important news

SEAL GD

We have been focusing on SEALGD (Social Emotional Aspects of Learning&Global Dimension), which is an integral part of the school curriculum during our Monday whole school assemblies. During these assemblies, the children have been introduced to a word of the week which is linked to a theme. Last

term's theme was Social Skills, and the words associated with the theme were: choice, responsibility respect, compromise and problem solving. The words were discussed through stories, scenarios and role play. The assemblies were followed up in class with circle time and other whole class activities. Next term's theme will be Motivation, and we will be focusing on these words: challenge/goal, barriers, persistence, success and celebrate. **Miss Boateng**



THE CHILDREN IN NEED PYJAMA DAY raised £111 for the charity, and was great fun for everyone. Thanks to everyone for their effort and their contributions.

The Winter Fair

This was a great success, with approximately £800 taken on the day. We thank everyone for their support with this event.



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