

A message from Kevin Ward

As we approach the halfway point in the school year we can reflect on many enjoyable activities as well as celebrate the hard work that everyone puts in everyday to make Holmleigh a successful school. I have been looking at the children's Literacy books over the past few days with our School Improvement Partner. We saw a wide range of fantastic work. From Nursery to Year 6 the children are taking on board the guidance from their teachers, and trying their very best to fulfil the high expectations put upon them. Our children write from real experience, either gained from family life, or from school visits and activities. John Keats House, The Florence Nightingale Museum, Morrisons Supermarket, Abney Park Cemetery, Goldilocks stealing porridge from Year 1, and so on, all serve to inspire the children to write well. Above all let's thank the teachers, who put in so much hard work in all subjects, day in day out.



Year 6

Politeach Project – Years 5 and 6

We have been busy in year 6 taking part in projects and extending our learning beyond the classroom.

Story Club enjoying noodles for Chinese New Year



We took part in a project called **Politeach** where we learned about politics, what politicians actually do, what a referendum is and how to be good citizens. It was great fun; we even got to do some role play as politicians. We also took part in the **Young City Poets** project. Our stimulus was John Keats, a talented 19th Century English Romantic poet who lived a very short and tragic life. We visited where he lived in Hampstead (Keats House), read some of his



Natalia posing as Keats

poems, which were very tricky but we persevered, wrote our own biographies on him and even wrote our very own odes (a kind of poem, usually praising something).

You could say that we have all become a little bit obsessed with John Keats. Our poems are displayed in our classroom, why don't you come and have a look?

*There was a naughty boy, a naughty boy was
he, for nothing would he do, but scribble poetry.*
John Keats 1818

Miss Boateng and Miss Karen

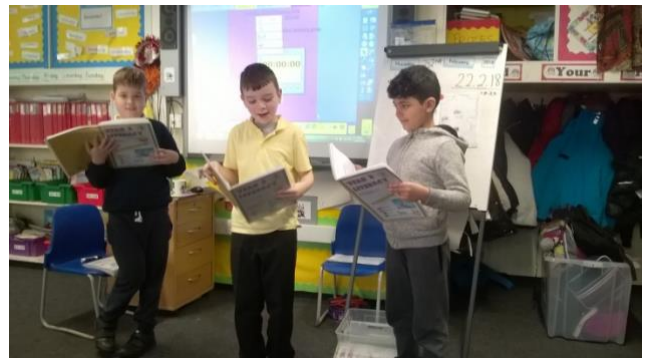
Year 5 In Year 5 we really enjoyed the **Politeach** debating project in school led by students from University College London. We have been working hard on our fractions, and learning about the Ancient Greeks. In Science we have been studying the properties of materials. Nine children in the class took part in the **Hackney Dodgeball Competition** and came 4th out of 12 – a very positive result! **Ms Ercan, Mrs Keogh and Ms Debbie.**

Year 4 During the half term holiday, year 4 researched the **Anglo-Saxon burial site at Sutton Hoo** and the children produced some amazing pieces of work ranging from: helmets, swords, shields to news reports and booklets. This work really helped the children when we visited the **British Museum** and became reporters for the day, producing a filmed news report about Sutton Hoo. We will be showing these news reports soon in an assembly. We have started learning about newspapers and over the next few weeks we will be putting our skills into action and will be publishing our own newspaper which we intend to sell to raise money for the class.



Ms Gaylor and Ms Amena

Year 3 This term year 3 will be looking at report writing. They have already written their first reports, which were about the weather. They then performed this in front of the class. They sounded very professional and used a lot of technical language. In maths they have been learning about money and have been buying some really expensive items. They also loved learning about forces especially when they got to play with magnets.



Ms Innie and Ms Leyla

Year 2 This month we have begun to learn about forces in science and how pushes and pulls can make a difference to an object when applied to in various ways. We are starting a new topic in Art about British Art and Architecture, which links to our Geography – 'Where We Live'. After half term, our class visited a **Sikh temple**, where we enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and were lucky enough to have a drink and a snack whilst there. Year 2 also visited **The Florence Nightingale Museum**, to learn about her life and achievements before we meet Miss Florence Nightingale herself!

Miss Rose and Miss Monica.

Year 1 We have been learning about Non-Fiction books, and have created our own fact sheets about space. We have been practising counting in 2s and recognising odd and even numbers in Maths. We really enjoyed performing in **Music Assembly** this week, where we used a range of instruments, such as xylophones, shakers and tambourines to perform a song. We have also just started our

new topic on **'Sculptures'** in Art, and will be creating our own sculptures using a range of materials. Please do send in any unwanted scrap/recyclable materials such as cardboard boxes and plastic bottles!



Spectacular work in a Year 1 PE lesson.
Ms Esma and Ms Srur

Reception The children made pancakes for shove Tuesday and were able to talk about healthy and unhealthy toppings (chocolate toppings were out). Our new Interest is now in paper engineering, particularly aeroplanes. All the children have tried to construct an aeroplane, they have used a variety of papers



to make their models and have tested the flight of each type.

**Ms Claire,
Ms Farzana**

and Ms Freeha

Nursery

This month we had great fun learning about Chinese New Year and preparing for our special assembly. We are also welcoming new friends to the Nursery. We have really enjoyed the book 'Hairy Bear', and learned to use new words to describe our feelings. We learnt a song about 5

little monkeys, and we have also found a great new interest in door numbers!

Ms Angie, Ms Debbie and Ms Nurit

Other important news

ERASMUS + VISIT TO SPAIN

Next week 3 teachers and 4 Y6 children will be visiting the region of **MURCIA** in southern Spain as part of our ongoing European exchange project. The children will stay with Spanish families, and also enjoy lots of activities and excursions. Look out for a detailed report in a future newsletter.

WORLD BOOK DAY is next Thursday 1st March.

Try and dress up as a favourite story character!

READATHON comes to an end next week. Please send in your sponsor money, and don't forget to sign the Gift Aid section on the form. Thanks so much for your support with this fund raising initiative.

COMING SOON



We will be taking part in Sport Relief on Friday 23rd March 2018. We are going to get active, raise money and change lives. So get your active wear ready and start limbering up. Miss Boateng

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Please check for updates as dates may change or new events/trips may be added)			
FOR CHILDREN	FOR PARENTS/CARERS	TRIPS	CLOSURES
24 th Feb – 3 rd March	Three teachers and 4 Y6 children		Erasmus + visit to Spain
Wednesday 28 th February	ALL SCHOOL		READATHON money in.
Thursday 1 st March	ALL SCHOOL		World Book Day
Wednesday 7 th March	Yr2		Gymnastics competition / Queensbridge Centre.
Wednesday 14 th March	ALL SCHOOL		Individual School Photos
Wednesday 21 st March	Yr1		The Science Museum
Thursday 29 th March	ALL SCHOOL		Close for Easter
Monday 16 th April	ALL SCHOOL		Open Monday
17 th - 25 th April	Three teachers and 14 children		Folk Dance Festival in Bursa, Turkey

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK STARTING 26/02/18					
Main Meal	CHICKEN SAUSAGES	LAMB CASSEROLE	CHICKEN IN BLACK BEANS SAUCE	HOMEMADE PIZZA WITH VARIOUS TOPPINGS	BATTERED COD FILLET
Veggie Meal	QUORN SAUSAGES WITH MUSHROOMS SAUCE	VEGETARIAN GOULASH WITH BORLOTTI BEANS	VEGETARIAN CHOW MEIN	VEGETARIAN PIZZA	SPRING ROLLS
Starchy Food	MASH POTATO	NEW POTATOES	BOILED RICE	SEASONED WEDGES	OVEN BAKED CHIPS
Vegetable	GREEN BEANS CAULIFLOWER	BROCCOLI MIX VEGETABLES	RED CABBAGE BABY CARROT	PEAS SWEET CORN	BAKED BEANS BRUSSELSPOUT
Salad	MIXED GREEN SALAD TOMATOES	CARROT CELERY AND GREEN APPLE SALAD	CUCUMBER POTATO SALAD	CHERRY TOMATO AND OLIVES LETTUCE	COLESLAW SALAD MIX LETTUCE
Dessert	APPLE CRUMBLE FRESH FRUIT	MELON FESTIVAL FRESH FRUIT	SLICED FRESH FRUIT FRESH FRUIT	LEMON CAKE FRESH FRUIT	ICE CREAM FRESH FRUIT
WEEK STARTING 05/03/18					
Main Meal	LASAGNE	ROAST TURKEY BBQ	TUNA OR CHEESE	CHICKEN KATSU	LAMB BURGER
Veggie Meal	VEG LASAGNE	BROCCOLI WITH MORNAY GRATIN	CHICK PEAS WITH VEGETABLES	POTATO AND SPINACH PIE	QUORN BURGER
Starchy Food	GARLIC BREAD	NEW POTATO WITH ROSEMARY OIL	JACKET POTATO	COLOMBIAN RISE	OVEN CHIPS
Vegetable	CARROT AND PARSNIPS MIX CABBAGE	MIX VEGETABLES CAULIFLOWER	SWEET CORN PEAS	MUSHROOMS GREEN BEANS	BAKED BEANS BABY CARROT
Salad	TOMATO AND BASIL LETTUCE	SPRING SALAD WATERCRESS AND ORANGE	CUCUMBER MIX SALAD	BEET RAW AND CARROT RED LETTUCE	COLESLAW SLICED TOMATOES
Dessert	RICE PUDDING FRESH FRUIT	FRUIT SALAD FRESH FRUIT	SLICED FRUIT FRESH FRUIT	ORANGE CAKE FRESH FRUIT	JUICE FRESH FRUIT

