

# Holmleigh Primary School

## Newsletter



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### A message from Mr Ward

The start of term three has seen the usual buzz of activity around Holmleigh. Fourteen children travelled to Turkey to take part in an international dance festival, and we have hosted a special event in school to celebrate 23 April Children's Day in Turkey. Our Junior Road Safety Officers have been really busy working on our school travel plan, and a group of staff and parents cleared the area behind the stage in preparation for re-wilding. We are also ready to resume work on the garden house garden. Year 6 are working hard in the final build up to their SATs exams, and Year 2 are also ready for theirs! In this newsletter you can read about a wide range of other great activities throughout the school.



### Turkish songs and treats in school this week!

On the minus side, our end of year financial position confirms that the school's current provision is underfunded by more than £150,000. This puts that provision at serious risk. This is of course a position faced by most schools in Hackney and many throughout the UK. We are determined to maintain our quality and enrichment, but we are increasingly dependent on your support. Last year we received only 56% of parental contributions that we asked for to support activities in school, including swimming

lessons. We are also faced with the need to renew our computer suite computers which will become obsolete within the next 18 months. The cost (£12,000) could perhaps become a fund raising target for the school, with parental support.

### Kevin Ward



### Setting off for Turkey

**Year 6** We have only got 5 more days until our SATs, so we have been doing lots of revision during lessons and after school (Tuesdays and Wednesdays). I am feeling quite calm about taking the tests but I think that some of my classmates are feeling a little bit worried. The subjects I am looking forward to the most are the arithmetic paper and grammar paper. I am going to do my best and I hope that we all get above 100, which is the expected score. Here are some questions from previous SATs papers. Can you do them? Give me the answers when you see me!

### Grammar

Circle the **adverb** in the sentence below.

*Of all the toys in his large collection, Karl's*

*little brother liked the cuddly rabbit the best.*

Underline the **relative pronoun** in this sentence.

*The boy who I met in the park is in my class.*

### Maths

$$\frac{3}{5} \times 300$$

Work out the value of  $3^2 + 4^2 =$

**Mouhamed Khalile Zamouche**

**Year 5** After the Easter break eight children from year 5 travelled to Turkey to partake in an international dance festival. **The weeks of rehearsal paid off!!** They were outstanding in the way they conducted themselves both on and off the stage. All of them made friends for life and thought the whole event was fantastic and an invaluable experience. In science we have been making delicious fruit yogurt as part of our irreversible changes subject. There was nothing left for other teachers to sample ... sorry. Five of our girls (Zeren, Jasmine, Alara, Heaven and Elizabeth) have become **Junior Travel Ambassadors**. A team supervised by Miss Innies that will encourage us all to think about the types of transport we use to get to and from school – **biking is king**. The five of them presented an amazing assembly - with a great rap - we are proud of them, and looking forward to implementing their ideas into our school community.

**Ms Ercan, Ms Debbie, Mrs Keogh**

### **Year 4**

Year 4 have enjoyed some very inspiring and informative trips. We visited the Royal Albert Hall to take part in a suffragette workshop and we also enjoyed a tour of the venue. At the Royal Institution we learnt about acids and alkalines as well as solids, liquids and gases. We made our own bath bombs and lip balms. As a reward for reaching 1000 points, we went to the Sobell Centre where half the class ice-skated whilst the other half enjoyed the trampoline park. In maths we are

currently learning about fractions and in literacy we are focusing on advertisements. Our history topic is the Romans which you can tell as our classroom is adorned with fantastic



Roman Easter homework. Children have made armour, villas, posters, quizzes and their own books. **Ms Gaylor and Ms Amena**

**Year 3** Excitedly, Class 3 have been watching the caterpillars grow and change. Soon it will be time set them free as butterflies at Abney Park cemetery. Thank you Jasmine and family for the great present. In Maths we have been cutting up toast to learn about fractions and in English we have been learning about Poetry. Everybody in the class wrote an amazing poem for a competition – fingers crossed we will have the winner.

**Ms Innies and Ms Leyla**

**Year 2** We have begun this term with full gusto and enthusiasm. We've begun to take our SAT's tests and this will continue throughout this month. We take tests in reading and maths, about what we have been learning about in Year 2. The Key Stage 1 SAT's are done in whole class, small group or individual setting, in a quiet space where it is best possible to work without distractions and be fully concentrated.

We have begun a new topic in science learning about seeds and bulbs, which we will investigate, as well as growing a few plants of our own. There will be an upcoming trip to Kew Gardens. In literacy, we're studying Anthony Browne and learning amazing facts about this exciting award winning author. In maths we are continuously working hard to improve our understanding in all areas. It has

been a great start to the summer term. **Miss Rose and Miss Monica.**

**Year 1** We have been very busy in Year 1 learning lots of new things! In Literacy we have been looking at poems about nature and will soon be writing our own poems. We have just started our new topic of fractions in Maths, where we have been dividing different shapes into halves and quarters. In Science we have been learning about plants and we are looking forward to planting our own seeds and watching them grow! **Ms Esma and Ms Srur**

**Reception** In Reception we have been learning about money! We are also working hard on our phonics and our reading, and invite more parents to join us for Friday reading sessions. This month we are looking forward to a visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum! A big thank you to all for a very enjoyable parent's consultation this week.

**Ms Claire, Ms Farzana and Ms Freeha**

**Nursery** Nursery have been having great fun with their animals shop and with cutting up leaves! We are exploring the language around 'more' and 'less'. We are also seeking to encourage children to walk in from the gate by themselves. Thanks parents for a very helpful consultation evening. ' **Ms Angie, Ms Debbie and Ms Nurit**

### Other important news

#### SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

Friends of Holmleigh and the STP Champion with parents support started a small petition about Dunsmure Road being unsafe. There was no 20 sign and so the speed of the road was unclear. They were very successful, as a new 20 sign was put up. Thanks all.

Ms Innie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
(Please check for updates as dates may change or new events/trips may be added)		
7 <sup>th</sup> May	All SHOOL	Bank Holiday
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4	The Wallace Collection- Trip
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year Y5	Lord's Cricket Ground
14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	SAT's week
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3	The Wallace Collection
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery/Reception	Victoria and Albert Museum
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	ALL SCHOOL	Sports for school assembly
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 1	Hackney City Farm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL SCHOOL	SUMMER HALF TERM
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	ALL SCHOOL	School re-opens
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	ALL SCHOOL	Whole School Photos
11 <sup>th</sup> June – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Kench Hill
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	ALL SCHOOL	Inset Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 1 - 6	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL SCHOOL	CLOSE FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY



## 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY DANCE FESTIVAL 2018 – BURSA, ANKARA, TURKEY.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 14 children from Classes 5 and 6 at Holmleigh School set off at 6am to catch their Turkish Airlines flight from Gatwick to Istanbul. On arrival they took a 5 hour bus journey to the city of Bursa, where the children lodged with Turkish families and went to school with the Turkish children. Over the next week they performed 2 traditional English dances at 3 large events in Bursa and Ankara, all of which were screened live on Turkish TV and online. The festival, held every year as part of the **23<sup>rd</sup> April Children's Day** in Turkey, included schools from 40 countries; from Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. We were there as sole representatives of the UK!



The basketball stadium venue in Bursa



On stage in Bursa



All



### dressed ready for action!

### Breakfast near Uludag mountain

Our children had an amazing time; the hospitality of the Turkish families and school was fantastic. Our children also did us proud with their excellent behaviour and their bravery and confidence, performing as they did in front of thousands of people. The school also made great contacts, and we very much hope to be invited to take part in next year's festival!

Crossing the Marmara Sea on our way home.

