

# Holmleigh Primary School

## Fortnightly Newsletter



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### A message from Kevin Ward

The first half of the Autumn Term has seen our new Reception Class and Nursery children settle in beautifully. Reception have shown us that they will be a great class going through the school; they have displayed excellent ability and a real sense of togetherness.

As well as the daily work in classrooms, we have enjoyed a full programme of enrichment activities – I have included a full list below. After school clubs have gone well, now mostly run by school staff. We absolutely depend on your support (including financial contributions) at a time of huge challenges to school budgets due to funding cuts and rising costs. We thank you for that support and the benefit it brings to Holmleigh children.

### Spotlight on . . . Sugar Smart

Holmleigh has signed up to the **National Sugar Smart Campaign**, which aims to increase awareness amongst children, families and the community about the issues around sugar consumption and health. We have met with the Hackney Project Co-ordinator who provided us with lots of great resources for the children. – some of which we used in a Year 5 and 6 awareness conference last week. We have also agreed to attend the **Hackney Sugar Smart Launch at Urswick School** between 4-6pm on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Any interested parents with children are invited, and we hope to take a reasonably sized group to represent the school. Let Mr Ward or Sophie Persson know if you would like to go along. Healthy snacks will be provided! Also, have a look at the **Sugar Smart website**, and download the **Sugar Smart App**, both really full of useful information and practical advice .

### Children working on Sugar Smart last week

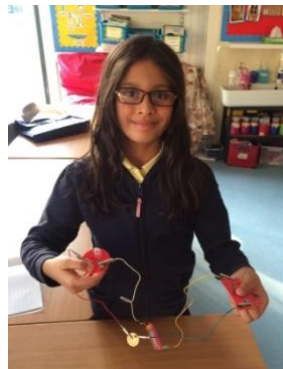


**Holmleigh Staff enjoy a well earned lunch cooked outdoors on a half term grounds and garden work day.**

**Year 6** Since the beginning of the academic year, we have been learning a new word each week; we call it Word of the Week. My favourite word so far is 'flamboyant', which means 'very showy in appearance or manner.' Every Monday as a class, we write the Word of the Week in our glossary books. In our glossary books, we write down the definition of the word alongside a sentence which Miss Boateng gives us. Miss Boateng texts the word to our parents too and we are encouraged to use the word during the week and use it our sentences. When we have our weekly spelling test, we are tested on the Word of the Week too. So far we have learned eight new words including amble, cajole and gruelling, and of course my favourite, flamboyant. **Ruth Ogu**

**Year 5** Year 5 have had a great start to the year. This talented, bright, friendly class have participated in Black History month and performed wonderfully at the assembly. They informed us all about incredible black mathematicians. We watched an amazing production of Beowulf at the Unicorn Theatre last week. In Year 5 we have a sewing club after school and a talk and draw club. Both clubs are going extremely well and are well attended. **Ms Ercan Mrs Keogh and Ms Debbie**

**Year 4** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laika (the first dog in space) being launched into the Earth's orbit and year 4 were lucky enough to enjoy the fantastic show Laika at the Unicorn Theatre. We also thought about whether we'd like a one-way ticket to Mars as part of an exciting space mission (NASA are advertising!). In literacy we are looking at non-fiction texts and we will be making our own ancient Egyptian pop-up books. Electricity is our current science topic and well done to all the children who produced and presented their electricity half-term homework to class. We had, posters, poems, leaflets and Zayna brought in a circuit that she'd made at home. The work is now proudly on display in class 4. We are very lucky to have an extra teacher, Miss Tahrim, in class at the moment and she is doing some great work with the children. Two pupils, Alim and Tammy, have already earnt over 20 points in Accelerating Reader and met their half-term target.



**Ms Gaylor and Ms Amena**

### Year 3

This Autumn, the class have been up to some really interesting things. They have been searching for rocks at the Chislehurst Caves; helping Miss Innle to 'Robot make' sandwiches; thinking about space at The Unicorn Theatre; creating their own characters and animations on Scratch; making pop up books for Paddington Bear - and these are just a few of the amazing things they are doing! There are even more exciting things coming up! Also I must say a huge well done to the class, as they are now starting to act more like a team. **Ms Innle and Ms Leyla**

### Year 2

This term has been very good for year 2. We've hit the ground running and are working really hard in every lesson. In science, we are learning about

'Living things And Their Habitats', working out what is necessary for something to be alive and what its environment must have to enable its survival. We are looking at 'Traditional Tales' in literacy and are writing our own with proverbs. We're studying Kenya in our geography lessons and linking this to the work we do in art. For PE, we have started to learn gymnastics and are improving our hockey skills. All in all, it's been a fantastic start to a new half term. **Miss Rose and Miss Monica.**

### Year 1

We have been very busy learning lots of new things in Year 1! In Literacy we have been looking at 'Songs and repetitive poems' and have had a go at writing our own poems about things that we love and hate! We have started to learn about animals in Science, where we have been identifying common mammals, birds and reptiles that can be found in the UK. We also went for a walk around Stamford Hill as part of



our new topic in Geography, to find the different shops and facilities that can be found in our local area. A big well done to everyone in class 1 for their continuing hard work! **Ms Esma and Ms Srur**

**Reception** This term has started off very well as all the children are settled and have made some good friendship connections. We have also welcomed a new member to the class; he has fitted in really well. The class is looking forward to their first trip to the Little Angel theatre as they are really into dressing up and acting. This term we will be doing printing and patterns so there will be lots of messy play and painting going on!

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

## Nursery Large movements in a gallery!!!

This week the nursery went to the National gallery in Trafalgar Square. The children looked at and spoke about a famous painting which was of Mary Magdalene surrounded by angels. They then used feathers and scarves to move rhythmically to music in the gallery. Children developed their hand eye coordination, spatial awareness and balancing skills. We had a fantastic time with Miss Cheryl and Miss Georgina who were impressed by the nursery's participation and enthusiasm. **Have you been to the National gallery recently? Look out for the nursery's favourite painting; 'Surprised!' by Henri Rousseau. Ms Angie, Ms Debbie and Ms Nurit**

## Other important news

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Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November is **Anti- Bullying Week**

Wear your pyjamas and help to raise some money for **Children In Need** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Save the Children's **Christmas Jumper Day**



**Mr Ian's Soccer Academy during Half Term**

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR SO FAR

**Weekly Fencing and Tai Kwon Do lessons Y3/4/5**

**17 After School Clubs**

**Weekly swimming Y3/4/5**

**Sep INSET – Reading and First Aid**

**Oct INSET School Grounds Day and Food Safety training**

**CATS Tests Y6**

**Y4/5 The Lion King**

**Fire Safety Workshops Y5/2**

**Y4 British Museum - Mummies**

**Y1/2 Hackney Museum Black History Month**

**Black History Month Assembly – Whole School**

**Harvest Festival and Soup day**

**Italia Conti Shakespeare – The Tempest Y2-6**

**Y3 Polka Theatre**

**Helen O'Grady drama workshops Y1/2/3**

**Y2 Museum of London Great Fire Exhibition**

**Y4 Dino Science Natural History Museum**

**Y3 Chislehurst Caves**

**Y3/4/5 Unicorn Theatre Trips**

**Flu Immunisation Y R-4**

**Firework Display**

**Into Film Cineworld Paddington premiere Y3-6**

**Nursery – National Gallery Visit**

## Hackney Forest Schools for children with additional needs

This is an after school Forest Schools club for children with additional needs between the ages of 5 and 16 accompanied by a carer.

The sessions are on Wednesdays (term time only)

Cost: £60 for 6 weeks or £10 per session

Where: Meet at Clapton Park Children's Centre

Time: 3:45 pm - 5:45pm

The children will then travel down to the marshes, which are wheelchair accessible and approximately a 5 minute walk for non-wheelchair users.

To find out more please contact the HIT squad: [hitsquad@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:hitsquad@homerton.nhs.uk) or call 020 7014 7174 or 020 8356 6796



<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b> (Please check for updates as dates may change or new events/trips may be added)		
Friday <b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	ALL SCHOOL	Children in Need
Wednesday <b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Yr 3	Class Assembly – 10 am
Thursday <b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	ALL SCHOOL	Parents Evening
Thursday <b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Change of Date</b>	<b>Winter Fair</b>
Tues/Wed <b>12 13 December</b>	ALL SCHOOL	Christmas Show
Friday <b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	ALL SCHOOL	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday <b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	ALL SCHOOL	Christmas Party

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK STARTING 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2017					
<b>Main Meal</b>	SPAGHETTI WITH TURKEY	LAMB PIE	CARIBBEAN CHICKEN THIGHS	TURKEY MEAT BALLS	FISH FINGERS
<b>Veggie Meal</b>	FUSILLI ARRABIATA	MUSHROOM AND WHITE BEAN PIE NEW POTATOES	SPANISH OMELETTE COUSCOUS	STIR FRIED NOODLES	ONION AND CHEESE ROLL OVEN CHIPS
<b>Vegetable</b>	BROCCOLI RED CABBAGE	PEAS SWEET CORN	MIXED VEGETABLES MUSHROOMS	CAULIFLOWER GREEN BEANS	BAKED BEANS CARROT AND PARSNIPS
<b>Salad</b>	CARROT CUCUMBER	LETTUCE TOMATO AND FETA CHEESE	MIXED SALAD RICE SALAD	LETTUCE AND ORANGE RED CABBAGE SALAD	COLESLAW CHERRY TOMATO AND BASIL
<b>Dessert</b>	BANANA CAKE FRESH FRUIT	SLICED FRUIT FRESH FRUIT	MIXED FRUIT FRESH FRUIT	VANILLA CAKE FRESH FRUIT	YOGURT FRESH FRUIT
WEEK STARTING 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2017					
<b>Main Meal</b>	SWEET AND SOUR TURKEY	MAC AND CHEESE	ROAST CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS	LAMB CURRY	CHICKEN STRIPS
<b>Veggie Meal</b>	RED KIDNEY BEAN STEW	CANNELLONI WITH SPINACH	BUTTER BEANS WITH PUNA YAM AND VEGETABLES JOLLOF RICE	TOMATO STUFFED WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH STEAMED POTATO	VEGETARIAN SAMOSA OVEN CHIPS
<b>Vegetable</b>	BABY CARROTS PEAS	SWEET CORN GREEN BEANS	BROCCOLI RED CABBAGE	CAULIFLOWER MIXED VEGETABLES	MUSHROOMS BAKED BEANS
<b>Salad</b>	MIXED SALAD	TOMATO BASIL AND CHEESE CUCUMBER	RADISH CELERY AND GREEN APPLE LETTUCE	CARROT AND BEET RAW	COLESLAW
<b>Dessert</b>	RICE PUDDING FRESH FRUIT	MIXED SLICED FRUIT FRESH FRUIT	PLAIN FRUIT FRESH FRUIT	MIXED FRUIT CRUMBLE FRESH FRUIT	YOGURT FRESH FRUIT