

Holmleigh Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter



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A message from Kevin Ward

A big welcome to the new school year which, even a few weeks in, has seen lots of exciting activity. Each class have included their news below. The new playground equipment has, of course, created lots of excitement! Once again, we thank the Friends of Holmleigh parent's group for their efforts in raising the money for this. We have also enjoyed the third visit in our Erasmus + Project; three teachers and 5 children having spent last week in a school in Estonia.

Spotlight on Reading

We all work hard to try and ensure that all Holmleigh children gain the reading skills that are so vital to their future education. Parents have a huge role to play, and in several ways. Please **READ at HOME** with your child every day. Lots of enjoyment and progress will follow. Please fill in **Reading Records** and encourage your child to practice reading. Also, **buy books as presents** and **visit Stamford Hill Library** to borrow books for free!



Holmleigh children by the Baltic Sea in Estonia

Year 6 Welcome to the new academic year. Our topics for this half term include:

Science: Circulation and Keeping Healthy

Literacy: Informal and Procedural texts

Maths: reading and writing numbers, partitioning, rounding, mental strategies for all four operations and written methods.

We are also thinking about the importance of our attitude and mind set and focusing on being the very best that we can in whatever we do. For Black history month we are going to focus on black inventors and scientists including Katherine Johnson, Mae C Jemison and Dr Harold Moody.

Miss Boateng and Miss Karen

Year 5 Year 5 have had a good start to the new academic year. In English we are reading "The boy in

the girl's bathroom" which we are really enjoying. In Maths the children have been studying number, in particular place value. They are learning about Buddhism in RE. Tae Kwon Do is continuing. The children have also started their weekly swimming lessons. Yesterday we had a visit from the London Friday Brigade about preventing fires in the home.

Ms Keogh, Ms Ercan and Ms Debbie

Year 4 Year 4, and our top 5 readers in KS2 last year, enjoyed an incredible trip to see The Lion King in the West End. They were blown away by the costumes, puppets and singing. In art we have made our own masks linked to the Lion King and in music we are composing/playing music also based on the Lion King. We have also been to the British Museum where we learnt about mummies and mummification.

We are focusing on reading successfully and the children have really responded to this. Our class average pass rate on AR quizzes is at an impressive 94%. We will need to work hard to maintain this.

In literacy we are reading the brilliant Varjak Paw and in maths we are focusing on understanding numbers and knowing the 2x and 4x tables.

Ms Gaylor and Ms Amena

Year 3

Year 3 have nearly settled into Key Stage 2 life. There are many more expectations but most children are flourishing and they love having the extra responsibilities. Some children need a little more time to adapt, but they will get there in the end. Some of the highlights so far have been making partitioning cups in Maths; writing interesting scary stories in Literacy; drawing maps of our local area in Geography and creating shadow puppets in Science.

Ms Innie and Ms Leyla



Story Club enjoying a dramatic moment from Wawel's Dragon.

Year 2 We have had an excellent start to the year. The children are working hard in all their lessons and are having fun doing so! We've made cultural figures in art, studied simulations in ICT. We have written stories and letters based on books we read in class, and been learning our times tables in maths. In our history lessons we've been studying 'The Great Fire of London' and have an impending visit to see the exhibition at The Museum of London. We're looking forward a fantastic year and fun in year 2.

Miss Rose and Miss Monica.



Ms Ercan's sewing club at work.

Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been doing a fantastic job at settling into their new class. We have been doing lots of counting, adding and learning how to tell the time in Maths. We have been reading and writing about the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' in Literacy. We also really enjoyed our trip to the Little Angel Theatre this week, where we got to watch the story, 'Wow said the Owl'.

Year 1 are all set and ready for the new school year!

Ms Esma and Ms Srur

Reception Welcome to all the children in reception class. Most children are settled and are now doing the full day, but there are still a few who still go home after lunch. The children that have come from outside have really gelled together and all the boys share a common interest in transport, especially trains. The children from the nursery seem to have grown so much which makes the room seem smaller! We're looking forward to having a fantastic year.

Ms Claire, Ms Farzana and Ms Freeha

Nursery A big welcome to all our new nursery children and families who have settled well. Practitioners observed an interest of children putting paper into envelopes. This has since been developed progressing to children working with practitioners to find their address, placing a stamp on their envelope and visiting the post box in Dunsmure Road! Some of the children have now received their letters at home.

The nursery also welcomes the following students; Miss Celetia and Miss Hilal who are both from City and Islington College. They are currently doing their

level 3 childcare certificate and will both attend the nursery for most of the Year. If you see them...say hello. **Ms Angie, Ms Debbie and Ms Nurit**

Other important news

Secondary Transfer applications for Year 6 pupils must be completed online by 31st October. Please see separate letter.

Our **Rohingya Crisis Appeal** raised **£150**, which we have sent off to the Ummala Welfare Trust. Thanks to all who contributed, and to Zayna's nan who cooked delicious Burmese food for the staff.

Harvest Festival will be on 17th October at 10 am. Each class will also be making Soup that day! There will be a **Black History Month Assembly** on Oct 19th at 2pm.

The Tempest comes to Holmleigh!



The Italia Conti School came to Holmleigh again this week and staged a wonderfully entertaining production of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. It was full of comic drama, music and song. The children loved it.



Cookery Club is parent run and takes place every Tuesday 3.30-4.30. Each week a parent, aided by a member of staff, cooks something healthy and delicious with a small group. Sophie, Iris and Edith's mum, is the parent organiser. If you would like to volunteer to help, please talk to her or to Mr Ward.

After School clubs are now in full swing. Below you can see Ms Rose's gymnastics club. We have reorganised our clubs and most are now run by school staff. If you are interested please ask the school office and find out which club might suit your child.



Holmleigh children enjoying the new playground equipment. Friends of Holmleigh parent's group were successful in gaining £10,000 towards the cost of this great addition to our playground. **THANK YOU Friends of Holmleigh!**

WEEK STARTING 9 th October 2017					
Main Meal	SWEET AND SOUR TURKEY	MAC AND CHEESE	ROAST CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS	LAMB CURRY	CHICKEN STRIPS
Veggie Meal	RED KIDNEY BEAN STEW	CANNELLONI WITH SPINACH	BUTTER BEANS WITH PUNA YAM AND VEGETABLES	JOLLOF RICE	TOMATO STUFFED WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH STEAMED POTATO
Vegetable	BABY CARROTS PEAS	SWEET CORN GREEN BEANS	BROCCOLI RED CABBAGE	CAULIFLOWER MIXED VEGETABLES	MUSHROOMS BAKED BEANS
Salad	MIXED SALAD	TOMATO BASIL AND CHEESE CUCUMBER	RADISH CELERY AND GREEN APPLE LETTUCE	CARROT AND BEETROOT	COLESLAW
Dessert	RICE PUDDING FRESH FRUIT	MIXED SLICED FRUIT FRESH FRUIT	PLAIN FRUIT FRESH FRUIT	MIXED FRUIT CRUMBLE FRESH FRUIT	YOGURT FRESH FRUIT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Please check for updates as dates may change or new events/trips may be added)		
Wednesday 11 th October	Yr 2	The Museum of London
Friday 13 th October	5 CHILDREN	The House of Lords at the Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 17 th October	ALL SCHOOL	Harvest Festival – 10am
Wednesday 18 th October	Yr1	Class Assembly – 10am
Thursday 19 th October		Black History Assembly – 2pm
Friday 20 th October	ALL SCHOOL	INSET DAY
Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	ALL SCHOOL	AUTUMN HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd October	Age 6-11	ONE DAY FOOTBALL COURSE 9am- 12 noon
Wednesday 1 st November	Yr 6	Class Assembly – 10am
Friday 17 th November	ALL SCHOOL	Children in Need
Wednesday 22 nd November	Yr 3	Class Assembly – 10 am
Thursday 23 rd November	ALL SCHOOL	Parents Evening
Friday 8 th December	ALL SCHOOL	Winter Fair
Tuesday 12 th December	ALL SCHOOL	Christmas Show
Friday 15 th December	ALL SCHOOL	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 18 th December	ALL SCHOOL	Christmas Party

