



Holywell Primary School

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13 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We have resumed the beloved sessions of Holywell Explorers for Y1 and Y2.

Holywell Explorers is about exploring and experiencing the natural world through practical activities designed to develop children's confidence, self-esteem, independence, self-awareness, motor and social skills. The children are split into 5 groups and they will rotate between 5 different activities over the course of 5 weeks. The activities are:

- Natural paintings;
- Fruit hedgehogs
- Nature wreaths;
- Bug hotels;
- Team building – cross the river.

Here are some photos from last week's session. We were grateful for the lovely weather and the enthusiasm brought in by both adults and children.

Mrs Lazar - Y1 Sycamore



Year 2 SATS

The Year 2 SATS are from Monday 16th May 2022 until Friday 20th May 2022. Whilst these will be completed in a much more informal way than Key Stage 2 SATS, we still ask that pupils arrive on time please and be well prepared and rested. A good healthy breakfast will be a good way to start the school day.

Year 6 SATS

Congratulations and well done to all our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATS this week. I would also like to thank all staff who supported the children.

Whilst we have not had to complete SATS for some time, the pupils demonstrated great resilience this week in completing these national assessments.

Children Transferring to Secondary School in September 2023

If you are considering applying under the academic or music criteria for a place for your child at the following schools, please register with the South West Herts Schools Consortium by Friday 17 June. Please be aware that no late registrations will be accepted.

- **Croxley Danes School**
- **Parmiter's School**
- **Queen's School**
- **Rickmansworth School**
- **St Clement Danes School**
- **Watford Grammar School for Boys**
- **Watford Grammar School for Girls**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Friday 27th May, we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with an Afternoon Tea on the Field from 2:00pm. I would like to invite you to join us for this event; we will be issuing tickets to those of you who would like to attend in the next week.

Can I ask you to provide your child with a small plate of picnic food to share with their class; for further details, please see the poster attached to this newsletter? Please bring your fresh food contributions on the morning of the event.

Children in Nursery are welcome to come back at 2:00 but they must accompanied by you.

Occasional day for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A friendly reminder to you that school will be closed to all pupils and staff on Monday 6th June.

Walk to School Week

Holywell is joining the 'Walk to school' week (16th -20th May). During the week, to raise awareness about sustainability, we will record pupil's mode of commute to school. They could walk, cycle or use a scooter instead of coming to school in a car. If you have to come by car, you could park a few blocks away and walk the last part.

Summer Place - Car Parking

Unfortunately, we have had complaints from the staff in Summer Place. Some of our parents are using their car park while dropping off and collecting their children. This inconsiderate parking is causing carers, who visit elderly residents, to waste their valuable time looking for alternative parking. Please can I ask you to refrain from parking in or blocking Summer Place Car Park? Thank you for your respect in this matter.

COVID-19 Vaccination Expanded to all 5-11 Year Olds

From this week parents and carers of children aged 5 to 11 can book their child's first COVID-19 vaccination.

Bookings can be made at the national booking service for some pharmacies and GP surgeries as well as weekend appointments at vaccination centres. Some GP surgeries will also be offering bookings directly. Vaccination centres have been made child friendly with a range of fun activities available and staff have decorated the centres to make them welcoming for children. Appointment slots have been made longer so that parents and carers have plenty of time to talk to vaccinators and ask questions.

We would be grateful if you could share this with your parents and carers so they know, should they wish to vaccinate their children. To find out more, go to <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>.

Wizard Theatre

Wizard theatre returns next week to work with pupils across the school on confidence and resilience.

Trips

There are many trips going out next week. Can I encourage you to look at the morning weather report and ensure that your children are ready for the day? Please apply sun cream if needed before dropping your child at school in the morning and ensure that they have a hat if the weather is going to be sunny and warm.

School Photographs

Can we please ask that you order your photographs by Friday 20th May. The easiest way is via their on-line ordering system but if you would like to pay by cash, please bring your proofs to the School Office by Friday morning.

Watford Colour Run

The Peace Hospice are organising a fun run on Father's Day, Sunday 19th June at Aldenham Country Park and the famous Hundred Acre Woods. As this event will be held on Father's Day, it will be a special opportunity for those who like to run or walk to do so in the memory of their Dad, Grandad, Uncle or other important men in their lives.

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

UNICEF ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 6 (life, survival and development): Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potentials.

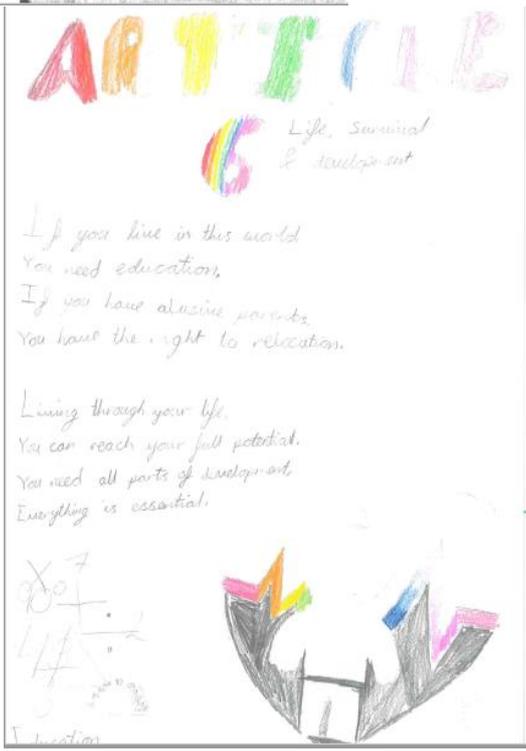
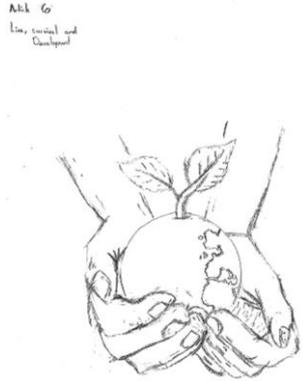
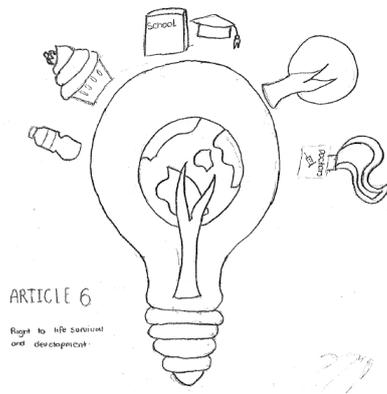
What are all the things that you need to survive and to develop?

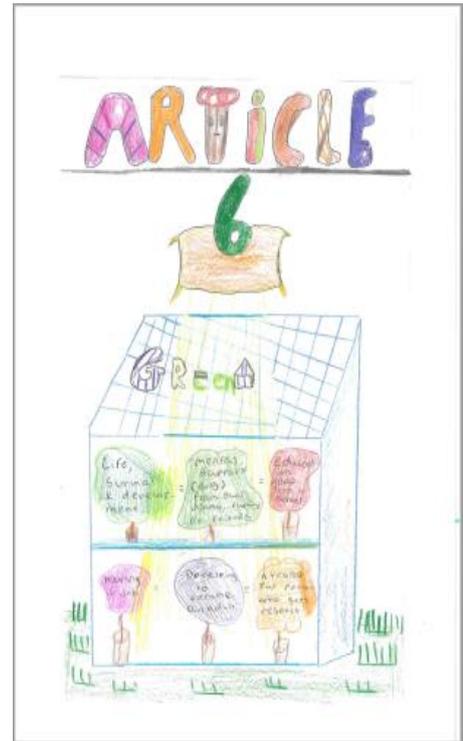
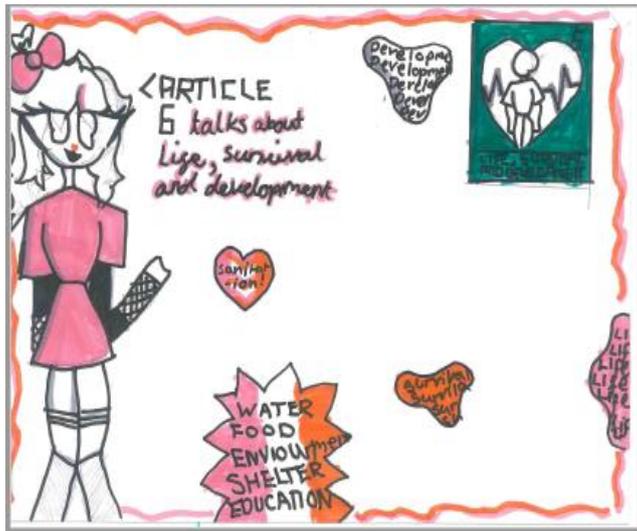


DID YOU THINK OF THESE?

- Good health – physical and mental
- Education
- Nutritious food
- Clean water
- Somewhere to live
- People to look after you
- A name and an identity so you can be registered for healthcare and education
- Protection so you are safe from abuse and neglect
- A good standard of living including water and sanitation facilities
- Clean environment
- Time and space to relax and play
- Knowledge of your rights

Year 6 Birch and Elm class children enjoyed creating some posters about Article 6





WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

92%

Week Commencing 3 May - 6 May 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	90%	Mulberry	88%
Reception	90%	Y4 Cedar	89%
Y1 Sycamore	91%	Y5 Chestnut	96%
Y2 Hawthorn	92%	Y5 Elder	90%
Y2 Hazel	95%	Y6 Elm	92%
Y3 Rowan	97%	Y6 Birch	93%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y2 Hazel
Key Stage 2	Y3 Rowan

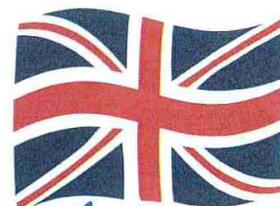
Star & Charter Certificates - 13 May 2022		
	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
Reception	L-Jay	Alishba
Y1 Sycamore	Andres	Christeena
Y2 Hawthorn	Muaaz	Amelia-Rose
Y2 Hazel	Zareesh	Maryam
Y3 Rowan	Noah	Sarah
Y4 Cedar	Mahira	Robert
Y4 Mulberry	Kaleem	Lacey
Y5 Chestnut	Methuli	Benita
Y5 Elder	Kyran	Hasnain
Y6 Birch	Adn	Parneet
Y6 Elm	David	Raisa

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
SUMMER TERM 2022**

May

Monday 16th May	Y5 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Monday 16th May	Y3 & Y4 Watford Heritage Trail
Tuesday 17th May	Cricket Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 17th May	Nursery Trip to Cheslyn House & Gardens (9:45 - 12:00)
Tuesday 17th May	Y1 & Y2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 18th May	Reception Class Visit to Cheslyn House & Gardens (9:45 - 1:30)
Wednesday 18th May	KS2 Netball Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 18th May	U9 Football - Holywell v Saffron Green (3:15 - 4:15)
Thursday 19th May	Multi Sports Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 19th May	Y5 Elder Swimming Lessons
Thursday 19th May	Y3 & 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 20th May	Y1 Sycamore & Y2 Hawthorn and Hazel - Visit to Cassiobury Park
Friday 20th May	Y6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Monday 23rd May	Y6 Leave for the Isle of Wight
Monday 23rd May	Y5 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Tuesday 24th May	Cricket Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Tuesday 24th May	Y1 & Y2 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Wednesday 25th May	KS2 Netball Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Thursday 26th May	Multi Sports Club (7:50 - 8:50)
Thursday 26th May	Y5 Science Workshop
Thursday 26th May	Y5 Elder Swimming Lessons
Thursday 26th May	Y3 & 4 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 27th May	Y6 Cineworld
Friday 27th May	Y6 Return from the Isle of Wight
Friday 27th May	Y6 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30)
Friday 27th May	Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea (2:00 - 3:00) - On the School Field
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term - School Finishes @ 3:15pm
Monday 6th June	Queen's Jubilee Occasional Day - School Closed to Parents & Staff

*Dear Parents and Carers,
You are cordially invited to*



Afternoon Tea at Holywell Primary School



Where: Holywell Primary School Field

When: Friday 26th May 2022 at 2:00– 3:00pm

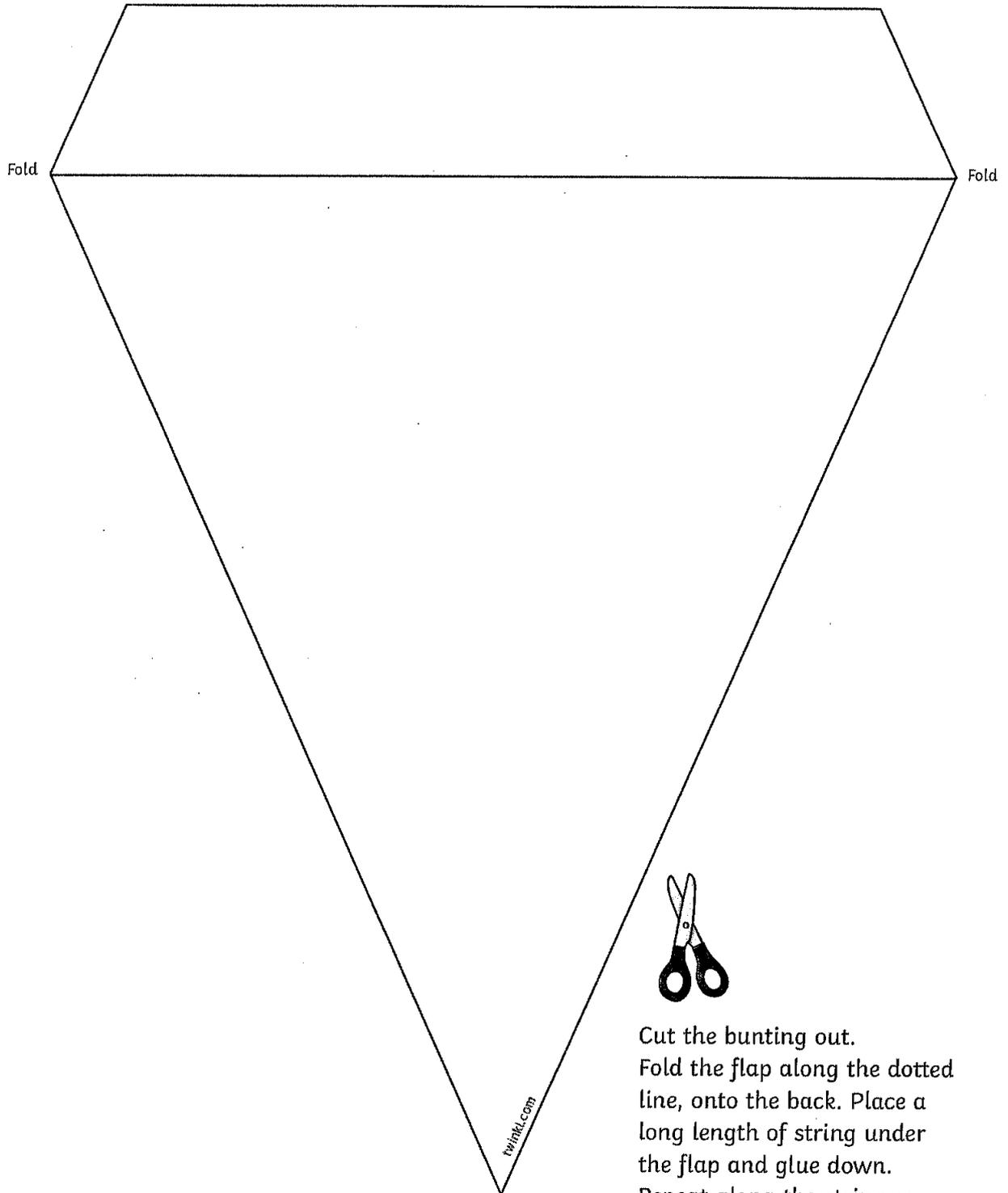
Please come and join us to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the School Field at 2:00-3:00pm on Friday 27th May 2022.

On Thursday please send your child in with some food to share for your child's class Afternoon Tea table (please clearly label the ingredients). If you would like to bring in fresh food, please send this in on Friday morning and take to your child's classroom or bring it with you when you join us at 2:00pm . No nuts please.

Please also send your children in to school with some lovely clothes to wear to celebrate (in a named carrier bag) on the day of the Afternoon Tea.

Don't forget your picnic blankets!

Any questions then please email Mrs McLaughlin on mclaughlina@holywell.herts.sch.uk



Cut the bunting out.
Fold the flap along the dotted
line, onto the back. Place a
long length of string under
the flap and glue down.
Repeat along the string so
you make a string of bunting.



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