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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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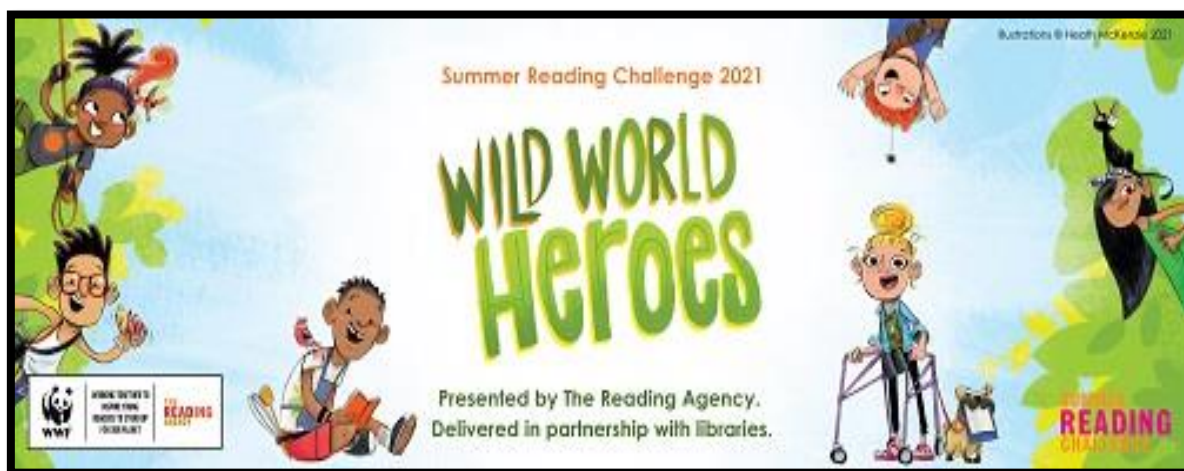
Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another extraordinary year with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic prevalent. A combination of online learning, face to face teaching and intervention sessions, have meant that we have been able to get some momentum back with children's learning. It is important for children to keep in touch with their reading and we would like to encourage them to read some books over the holiday period. Our local library is running a summer reading challenge.



For more information please click on this link

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

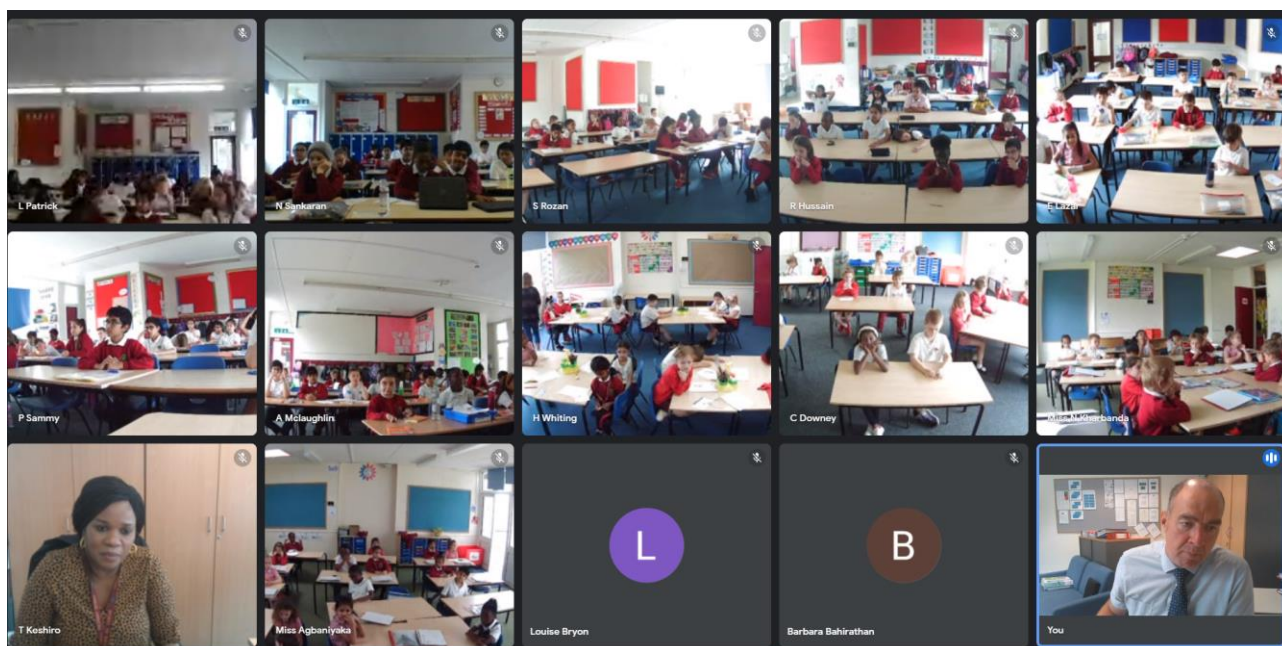


Instead of spending money on books, they can be borrowed free of charge from your local library.

Just yesterday I praised the children during our Presentation Assembly about the resilience and resourcefulness that they have shown, not only this year but last year also. They quickly learnt to adapt to doing things differently. In their classes yesterday, they sat quietly and patiently while every teacher had the opportunity to award their class Spirit to Succeed medals.

Congratulations to our winners





SPRIT TO SUCCEED WINNERS

Nursery	Paisley-Rose	For creativity and interest in all areas
	Elliott	For beginning to know how to think things through and use of his growing vocabulary
Blue	Joel	for his excellent progress in all subjects
	Gabriella	For always being kind and helpful
Red	Charlie	For his amazing attitude towards learning and exceeding progress in all areas of learning
	Aisha	For being a kind friend to all and helpful to anyone in need
Maple	Anannya	Anannya has made exceptional progress this year through her resilient attitude and hard work ethic. She has a determined mind set daily and has never given up. Anannya has pushed through with challenging tasks and is focused in lesson time. Mrs Dattani and I feel that her improvements from the beginning of Year 1 have been fantastic. She is always enthusiastic and participating across the board. Anannya has always produced great creative art work and has supported her peers in group tasks and activities. She has become resourceful and has worked on these target areas consistently. Anannya has been a warm, friendly member of Maple class and has been a great role model! Her attitude has been inspirational to both adults and peers this year and we are so proud of her! Well done Anannya!
	Bilal	The children have voted for Bilal as he has been a kind, understanding member of Maple class. He always helps others and thinks about those around him. Mrs Dattani and I feel that Bilal has been a great role model and has consistently followed the behaviour policy. Bilal is conscientious and always takes a thoughtful approach in and around the classroom. He has supported others in group work and uses his initiative in peer challenges. Bilal is always assisting and is always there to listen to his peers problems or worries. He has had a calming impact on the classroom and has demonstrated great maturity in all his undertakings. Bilal has been fantastic this year and we are very proud of him! Well done Bilal!

Sycamore	Yasmin	For having an excellent attitude toward learning and for always respecting her peers and the adults in the classroom
	Medeea	For always showing responsible behaviours around the classroom
Hawthorn	Sarah	For always being respectful and supportive to her peers and the adults in the school. She is always extremely polite and helpful inside and outside of the classroom. Sarah has worked hard this year to develop how she reflects on her work to improve it, and this has enabled her to make some great progress across the curriculum. We can always rely on Sarah to be a positive role model for all as she is an inquisitive learner who shows passion for developing her knowledge.
	Esther	For always being a responsible role model who can always rely on to do the right thing. She is a friendly and kind child who is always willing to help both her peers and adults in school. Esther has really developed her resilience in her learning this year which has allowed her to become a much more confident learner and make fantastic progress in all subjects. She always shows respect by listening to others' opinions, thoughts and beliefs and is generally a lovely girl to have in the classroom.
Hazel	Naomi	For being the best student she can be every single day. Naomi shows the 6Rs throughout the day and never hesitates to help a friend. Naomi is always looking to improve and never shies away from hard work. Naomi produces fantastic and beautiful work in all lessons and has been an outstanding student in Year 2.
	Cristiano	The children have voted for Cristiano as he is a supportive friend. Cristiano never has a bad day and is forever showing the 6Rs. Cristiano tries his hardest throughout the day to produce great work, and he is always offering his help to his friends and to the adults too. Cristiano enjoys playing with everyone and never leaves a classmate out.
Cedar	Samuel	This is awarded to Samuel. Samuel shows great enthusiasm for everything he does at school. He is always engaged in the lessons and is keen to improve his work and find out more about the topics we study. He is an excellent role model, respectful towards all and a great friend to many in the class.
	Kashvee	The winner of the pupil vote is Kashvee. The children admire Kashvee's resilience and determination and say that she is a good listener and loyal friend. Despite many months in a wheelchair, Kashvee has remained cheerful and positive and her classmates think she is a good role model
Mulberry	Amol	For progressing throughout the year both academically and socially. Amol has developed a fantastic sense of humour and individuality this year. He has been a kind and caring friend who always follows instructions
	Stefi	For being responsible and following the 6Rs all the time. She is kind and caring and wants children to always try their best in school. Stefi is a positive role model for all children in Mulberry class. She works really hard in all subjects and enjoys challenging her learning
Rowan	Nived	Nived was selected to receive a spirit to succeed medal because he has shown a fantastic attitude towards his learning. His resilience and perseverance has been wonderful to observe when he tackles challenging learning. He is a fantastic role model and always models the Holywell 6Rs
	Katherine	The children have voted for Katherine because she is always following the Holywell 6Rs. Katherine is respectful and kind towards others both inside and outside of the classroom. Katherine was chosen for her kind and friendly manner. She can always be relied on to help others who are in need.

Chestnut	Murphy	For trying hard to concentrate and improving in his learning
	Lois	For being a fantastic friend and demonstrating resilience in her learning
Elder	Megan	Megan has been a true role model to all this year. She works brilliantly in a team, goes above and beyond with her learning and, throughout lockdown, completed EVERY piece of work that was sent her way. Megan has blown me away with everything that she has done and I feel so lucky that I have been able to teach her in my class. I am expecting great things from Megan next year - she really is a role model to all!
	Hassan	Here are some of the wonderful things that Elder Class have had to say about Hassan: He is very kind and makes me laugh. He has made lots of progress. He is a real role model to all at Holywell. He has really improved this year. He is very polite and always tries his hardest. He is respectful to his peers and adults
Birch	Sana	A responsible member of Birch class, who can be mostly seen helping and supporting her friends. Resilience in completing her tasks and a respectful behaviour towards everyone are the admirable qualities we find in Sana that will make her successful in life. Well done and good luck!
	Ken	Birch children have chosen Ken as he settled down really well in Holywell; he swiftly understood and followed the values of 6Rs and has shown a great improvement in his learning journey too. All the best!
Elm	Diana	For always helping others to become successful and for generally being a good role model to Elm Class
	Ayesha	For always following the 6Rs, always producing work to a high standard and for generally being a lovely friend and role model to Elm Class

Finally I want to wish all parents and pupils a restful summer holiday. Please keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all back in September! Parents going abroad are reminded that they need to be familiar with the quarantining rules for their return and ensure that they leave enough time to quarantine, should it be necessary, ready for the first day back to school on Monday 6th September 2021.

Leavers

As is often the case at the end of the school year, we have to say goodbye to some of our staff. We are sending a farewell message to Miss Sammy and Miss Kharbanda who are moving away, and Miss Downey who is making a career change.

I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment during their time here at Holywell Primary School, and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.





We had our Leaver Assembly this morning with Year 6. Year 6 have now ended a chapter in their lives with Holywell Primary School and we wish them all the best for secondary school in September. Parents who managed to visit the assembly this morning online are reminded that they should not share this on social media platforms. The assembly is just for them.

September 2021

School restarts on Monday 6th September 2021 for the children in Year 1 to Year 6. The children in Nursery and Reception will have received a letter detailing their individual start date. We will keep an eye on government guidance and issue parents with our updated COVID-19 guidance nearer the time. Obviously there is talk of lifting all restrictions but things may change over the six week holiday.

When we return to school in the Autumn term, we will focus on

- Basic skills in English and Maths
- Building up of pupils vocabulary
- Building pupils stamina in writing and in the presentation of their writing
- Pupils emotional health and physical health will also be high on our agenda

Parent Governor

Mrs Bloomfield, who has been a Parent Governor for the past 4 ½ years is stepping down at the end of the school year. I would like to extend gratitude to her. During her time as Governor she has made valued contribution to inclusion and in particular SEND. Governors are volunteers and give up their own time to be part of this group.

This leaves us with a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If any parent feels that they would like to volunteer to become a school governor then they would be made very welcome. Please email the

school office if would like to get more information about this and what the role involves. The school relies on the support of its governors, so parents who decide to volunteer will make a valued contribution. admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Today we will send out our Governors Report.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents who have attended our online Parents' Evening on Tuesday 13th July 2021. We really value your support and looking forward to working with you again in September.

Reporting positive cases during the Summer Break

We will continue to keep track of positive cases of Coronavirus until Wednesday 21st July 2021 for pupils or staff. This means any staff and pupils who test positive for Coronavirus between now and Wednesday 21st July 2021 and those who are considered to be in close proximity should self-isolate as per current guidance.

We therefore ask that parents let us know via admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk when they or their children test positive for Coronavirus. When informing us please state the

- Name
- Class of the child
- When they started to show symptoms
- When they were tested
- When they received their results

This information will help us to determine the next actions to take to stop the spread of the virus.

ART AWARDS 2021



	Talent & Perseverance	Effort & Perseverance
Maple	Anaya & Oliver	Julio
Sycamore	Medeea & Milosz	Maya & Moriah
Hawthorn	Valentina & Adam	Skyla, Maisey & Sarah
Hazel	Hannah & Cristiano	Faith, Parmeet & Hadia
Cedar	Samuel & Madeline	Ritesh & Summer
Mulberry	Maddison & Timotei	Aliyah & Amadou
Rowan	Elif	Natasha, Adam & Nived
Chestnut	Luigi	Parneet, Keke & Raisa
Elder	Hannah	Megan M, Liam & Haashir
Birch	Omi, Neja & Ishmaeel	Ken
Elm	Ayesha & Sean	Diana & Nuredin

SPANISH AWARDS 2021



Awarded for an excellent attitude to learning and making good progress in Spanish this year

Maple	Bilal	Anaya
Sycamore	Carolina	Milosz
Hawthorn	Esther	Jason
Hazel	Aaron	Zarya
Cedar	Summer	Hasnain
Mulberry	Maddison	Rick
Rowan	Iniyah	Nived
Chestnut	Parneet	Ibrahim
Elder	Michael	Sara
Birch	Aghness	Ismaeel
Elm	Timothy	Diana

Week Commencing 5th July 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	83%	Rowan	90%
Blue	96%	Mulberry	96%
Red	87%	Cedar	89%
Maple	92%	Chestnut	96%
Sycamore	95%	Elder	98%
Hawthorn	93%	Birch	80%
Hazel	91%	Elm	94%

Whole School Attendance from September 2020

94%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Blue
Key Stage 2	Elder

PE STAR LEARNERS 2021



Maple	Mathieu	For challenging himself in all PE activities
Sycamore	Abu Bakar	For displaying resilience and trying hard to balance during gymnastics
Hawthorn	Lily-Rae	For working well in a team and helping her team mates in lessons and competitions
Hazel	Patrick	For always trying his hardest in every PE lesson
Cedar	Hamithra	This year Hamithra has developed her skills in many of the sports we have studied. She always tries her best and now she tackles challenges with confidence and resilience
Mulberry	Fozia	For being resilient in learning new skills especially in fitness
Rowan	Kayla	For being a fantastic team player when performing Athletic tasks and always encouraging other members of Rowan class
Chestnut	Lorenzo	For demonstrating good sportsmanship
Elder	Leira	For amazing focus and determination in all areas of the PE curriculum
Birch	Rajak	For always displaying brilliant sportsmanship qualities in all team sports played in Year 6
Elm	Yaavarthan	For being an excellent team player



PE CHARTER CERTIFICATES 2021

Maple	Alexia	For being resilient and reflective in PE
Sycamore	Mahdi	For always working cooperatively with other children during PE and trying hard to follow instructions
Hawthorn	Mikayla	For always showing determination in all PE lessons
Hazel	Ruby	For consistently showing resilience in every PE lesson
Cedar	Summer	The PE Charter award goes to Summer. Summer has made great progress in PE this year, especially in Athletics. She has thought carefully about the techniques taught in class and used them to improve her performance
Mulberry	Kyran	For working as part of a team and being a fantastic role model in sportsmanship
Rowan	Harvey J	For showing resilience and a fantastic attitude towards his learning in Athletics
Chestnut	Inci Su	For improving in her throwing, aiming and catching skills
Elder	Malhaar	For his amazing determination, passion and self-belief when challenging himself to complete the Daily Mile. Amazing!
Birch	Arshaq	For always supporting and being helpful to his peers in PE sessions
Elm	Donnell	For his resilience and determination during PE lessons

TERM DATES FOR 2021 - 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Thursday 2nd September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Friday 3rd September 2021 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Monday 6th September 2021 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021

Friday 26th November 2021 - Occasional Day (school closed)

Tuesday 21st December 2021 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SPRING TERM 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Thursday 6th January 2022 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 14th February 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

Friday 1st April 2022 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SUMMER TERM 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – first day of term

Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)

Covid-19 Testing - Lateral Flow Test and PCR Test

Parents are reminded that if their child shows symptoms of Coronavirus that they need to book a PCR Test, as set out in government guidance.

Using a Lateral Flow Test to rule out Coronavirus is not sufficient because these tests work differently.

The most accurate way to establish if someone has Coronavirus is through using a PCR Test. We kindly ask you always inform the school of the results please.

Coronavirus

We will keep our protocols and safeguarding the same as before half term and ask that parents continue to support us in staying safe.

Parents are reminded about Public Health England advice –

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into school if:

- They have one or more COVID-19 symptoms
- A member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble, if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- They are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- They have had a positive test
- Have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

In these circumstances

They must immediately cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- The start of their symptoms
- The test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive PCR Test. **As set out in government guidelines, a Lateral Flow test is not suitable for primary aged children.**

We must follow this process to ensure everyone's safety on site.



The Last School Photo

"Right, this is the last school photo, so everyone smile!"

They all jostle and shout to make space for their friends. Then they're finally quiet and smiling, staring ahead. It takes a moment to take a photo, it takes a moment for the realisation to dawn. *This is the last time we'll all be together.* And it takes a moment for the memories to flood. The children and teachers alike, are lost in fond memories of precious years gone by.

Remembering the friends they made in nursery and those who joined along the way.

Memories of playing in the leaves in autumn; shivering in winter and playing games to warm up.

Taking off hats and gloves for spring and sneezing, then having water fights in the summer and lying in the shade to cool down.

Remembering the frustrations with lessons and then the pride of achievement.

The shared secrets with friends, the serious conversations at break-times.

They remember all the fights, the tears, the arguments and the fears. Yet also, the laughs, the joy, the secretly shared sweets and games.

They recall a time that has gone and will never come back. It was never *just* school.

And then the photo has been taken; the moment is over. The smiles are a little sad now but slowly the chatter starts up again as they begin to move away.

"Wait! Deji your eyes were closed. Right, one last photo, smile everyone!"



Herts Fire and Rescue Summer Safety

Help us all stay safe this summer with Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's safety-focused lesson plans

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We want everyone to #StaySafe and #StayWise this summer! On the StayWise website you can find a selection of fun activities that promote safety to children and their families. You can share links to our interactive resources or download our printable PDFs where required.



StayWise