



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

Cornet Concert

I would like to apologise to parents about the mix-up and cancellation of the performance this week. We have managed to arrange a new performance time for next Thursday 24th March 2022 at 9:15 and we would like to invite our Year 4 parents to attend.

Our Sporting Highlights

On Monday, the U9 football team played a football match against Woodlands School. The players really worked well in a team with much more passing the ball around and staying in formation, which enabled us to score two goals. Unfortunately, Woodlands were also a good side and took the win 4-2. Well done to the whole team!

Most Valuable Player - Adam K (Mulberry) for his fantastic drives down the pitch, which lead to scoring 2 goals!

On Wednesday morning, the Year 6 Hockey Team played in their first ever tournament. The tournament saw Holywell play against Cassiobury, Fair Field and St Anthony's. I am extremely proud of the players for getting involved in all of the games, keeping their heads up and playing to the best of their ability.

Most Valuable player - Leira for being EVERYWHERE on the pitch, making multiple tackles and scoring a fantastic goal!



Miss Whiting
PE Sports Lead



Reception Helpers

I would like to thank those parents who have offered their time to read with our Reception children. If you are interested in helping, please come to the school office for an Application form.

Nursery Applications for September 2022

The deadline for applying to our Nursery class for next year has passed, but we are still able to accept late applications. Please find all the information from our school website or alternatively, please call the School Office who will be able to help you with applications forms.

Herts School Partner Visit

Yesterday, we had a visit from our Herts School Partner. During the visit, we looked at the provision of Maths and Religious Education in the school. I am pleased to report that that pupils who were part of the visit spoke excellently about their RE education in school. They confidently reported on the range of religions they had learnt about so far and how they appreciate being able to learn and understand different religions and cultures.

Silly Science Workshop

On Tuesday, we will have a special visitor for pupils in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.

Red Nose Day Fundraising

Thank you for the donations we have received so far for the Red Nose Day appeal. We have already raised over £100.00 but we will keep the on-line payment link open for the remainder of the day to allow you to make your donation.

Year 5 Performance at the Watford School for Music

Over the last 3 weeks, Year 5 have been working with Adam Saunders from the Watford Music School. Pupils have composed some music, which they will perform at the Music School along with other local schools next Friday, 25th March. A letter will go to Year 5 parents about this event early next week.

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

Science Week

This week, Holywell School had a fantastic time celebrating their love of Science for 2022's 'Science Week'.

Each class took on a challenge to complete such as designing a creature to live on Mars, exploring worms, height age correlation and many more. To celebrate the success of the week we held a 'Holywell Groovy Gallery' where the children of Holywell could showcase their fabulous learning from the week. Each class had an opportunity to go to the gallery and write some feedback on some of the work they saw or write about something that they had enjoyed doing in Science Week.

To close our Science Week, we had a whole school aerobics and dance class on the school playground. The theme of this year's Science Week is growth and we wanted to grow our fitness, stamina and muscles. Everyone had a great time getting their hearts pumping with some quick moves to some fast music. The children are really excited to do this again - Mrs McLaughlin just needs to get her breath back first!

Mrs Abi McLaughlin
Y2 Hazel



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2021
92%

Week Commencing 28 February - 4 March 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	82%	Mulberry	95%
Reception	90%	Y4 Cedar	87%
Y1 Sycamore	98%	Y5 Chestnut	100%
Y2 Hawthorn	92%	Y5 Elder	97%
Y2 Hazel	92%	Y6 Elm	99%
Y3 Rowan	95%	Y6 Birch	97%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Y5 Chestnut

Star & Charter Certificates		
	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
Reception	Aden	Abel
Y1 Sycamore	Salma	Aarav
Y2 Hawthorn	Isaiah	Jay-Jay
Y2 Hazel	Mathieu	Carolina
Y3 Rowan	Melisa	Sathuja
Y4 Cedar	Poppy	Amol
Y4 Mulberry	Shailah	Amol
Y5 Chestnut	Kevin	Maddison
Y5 Elder	Jaiyeoni	Samuel
Y6 Birch	Shamil	Tiana
Y6 Elm	David	Jonah

House Points	
Vicarage	202
Cassio	246
Brightwell	140
Ebury	134

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
SPRING TERM 2022

March

Monday 21 st March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 Football
Tuesday 22 nd March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Tuesday 22 nd March	Y1-Y3 Silly Science Workshops
Tuesday 22 nd March	New Entrants meeting @ 11:15
Tuesday 22 nd March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball
Thursday 24 th March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Thursday 24 th March	Year 5 Chestnut - Year 6 Elm Swimming
Thursday 24 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football
Friday 25 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 - 4:30) - Year 6 Football
Monday 28 th March	Festival of Learning Week
Monday 28 th March	Y5 Football Club (3:30 - 4:30) Catch Up Session
Tuesday 29 th March	New Entrants Meeting @ 11.15
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)

April

Friday 1 st April	Whole School Presentation Assembly (9:05)
Friday 1 st April	Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 1st April 2022 – End of Spring Term – School Closes at 1:30pm

Summer Term Starts Wednesday 20th April @ 8.55 am