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**Holywell Primary School**

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Black History Month**

Over the past month pupils have been learning about Black History as part of Black History Month. This week we had a visit from Big Foot Theatre Company and pupils looked in particular at the influences of music by many famous artists.



**Festival of Learning**

Next week is our Festival of Learning week. Please come and visit your child's class and look at the work they have been doing during the first half term. I know pupils are looking forward to welcoming you into their classes.

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 – Year 5 at 3:00pm
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Year 2 at 9:00am
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Year 3 at 3:00pm
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 4 at 3:00pm
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 1 at 9:00am
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Reception and Nursery at 9:30am
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 6 at 3:00pm

**Parents' Evening**

Please remember Parents' Evening next week on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm and on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. Please book your appointments as soon as possible - if you have not done so already. If the times available do not suit you please remember that teachers are very keen to see all parents. Please approach your class teacher and make an appointment with them directly.

**Open Morning – Reception Class September 2019**

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 are due to start in Reception class September 2019. Please join us for one of our Open Days.

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 9:30am
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2:00pm

**Pupils As Leaders**

We will be in a position to announce all our pupil leaders by next Friday, including the School Council. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the introduction attached from our Head Boy Gabby and Head Girl Luana.



## Football

Our football teams have had their first two matches of the season this week. On Monday they played against Little Green Junior School and on Wednesday against Kingsway Junior School. Even though the results of both fixtures did not go our way, we are proud of their improved performances over the two games. Well done to all the players involved and thank you to Miss Hampton and Miss Camarota who are coaching the team.

## Half Term

Remember that half term is between Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. School reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

## Musical Theatre

We would like to remind you that there is no Musical Theatre next week, it will recommence Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. A letter with further details will follow shortly.

## Erasmus +

A letter will go out today informing parents in Year 5 about the international work the school is doing. There will be a meeting at school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 2:00pm to give parents more information. The project leads to some of our pupils being offered the opportunity to visit a school in Spain. Please look closely at the letter for more information.

## Secondary School – September 2019

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Wednesday 31st October 2018** but Hertfordshire County Council recommend parents complete it by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, as there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying. Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version from the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

## Winners of The Golden Ticket for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Tickets!



KEY STAGE 1 WINNERS	KEY STAGE 2 WINNERS
Alizah – Sycamore	Chloe Mae – Beech
Qasim – Maple	Luis – Pine
Jennifer – Maple	Danae – Cedar
Dilan – Hawthorn	Diana – Mulberry
Laxshan – Hawthorn	David – Ash
Christopher – Hazel	Dinesh – Elder
Selena – Hazel	Alysha – Elm

## Class Assembly Olympic Hall at 9:10am

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Friday 26 October	Mulberry	Diwali
Half Term		
Friday 9 November	Beech	Remembrance Day
Friday 16 November	Pine	Anti-bullying week
Friday 23 November	Aspen	Road Safety Week
Friday 30 November	Hawthorn	St Andrews Day (30th November)
Friday 7 December	Hazel	Advent
Friday 14 December	Maple	Hanukkah

Whole school Attendance and Punctuality, best classes are:

Attendance:	Punctuality:
<b>KS1</b> Hawthorn	<b>KS1</b> Red Base
<b>KS2</b> Pine	<b>KS2</b> Beech, Pine

## Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for  
this academic year is 94.8%

<b>Nursery am</b>	93.4%	<b>Pine</b>	100%
<b>Blue base</b>	95.5%	<b>Mulberry</b>	94.8%
<b>Red base</b>	95.2%	<b>Cedar</b>	91%
<b>Maple</b>	90.8%	<b>Ash</b>	95%
<b>Sycamore</b>	95%	<b>Elder</b>	98.6%
<b>Hawthorn</b>	95.8%	<b>Chestnut</b>	96.1%
<b>Hazel</b>	92.5%	<b>Birch</b>	98.6%
<b>Aspen</b>	97.1%	<b>Elm</b>	97.1%
<b>Beech</b>	95.9%	<b>Rowan</b>	96.4%

## Holywell Charter and Star Certificates!

Congratulations go to:

Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award	Class	Charter certificate	Star Learner of the Week award
Blue Base	-	-	Mulberry	Charity	Donnell
Red Base	-	-	Cedar	<u>Eduarda</u>	Ayesha
Sycamore	Reece	<u>Shailah</u>	Elder	<u>Aylssa</u>	Stephen
Maple	<u>Hailea</u>	<u>Benaiah</u>	Ash	<u>Asim</u>	Angelina
Hawthorn	<u>Anushka</u>	<u>Amadou</u>	Chestnut	<u>Ebrima</u>	Daniella
Hazel	<u>Amna</u>	Amber	Rowan	Gabriel G	<u>Irinel</u>
Pine	Hussain	<u>Rahana</u>	Elm	Mercia	Isa
Beech	Cristiana	Ayman	Birch	<u>Joree</u>	Alisha
Aspen	Richard	<u>Temilola</u>			



## Dates for your Diary

### October 2018

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Festival of Learning week  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 – Year 5 Festival of Learning at 3:00pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Year 2 Festival of Learning at 9:00am  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Year 3 Festival of Learning at 3:00pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Reception Blue – Cassiobury Park  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 (15:30 – 18:00) – Parents Evening  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 4 Festival of Learning at 3:00pm  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Reception Red – Cassiobury Park  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 1 Festival of Learning  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Year 4 Cedar swimming  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (17:00 – 19:30) – Parents Evening  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Nursery & Reception Festival of Learning  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – Half term  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 – Secondary school applications for September 2019 – Close

### November 2018

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Reception Class applications for September 2019 - Open  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Start of Poppy Appeal  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Wizard Theatre  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 5  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Whole school Assessment Week  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 2 Paradise Wildlife Park  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry Cassiobury Park  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Cedar Cassiobury Park  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – School Photographer – Individual and family photos  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 1 Assessments continue  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 3 Verulamium Museum  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 – Reception Open Day – 9:15a.m  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – Year 6 World War 1 Workshop  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in bottles and jars  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Christmas Decoration Day

### December 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Reception Class 2019 Open Day at 2:00pm  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Non Uniform Day – Please bring in raffle prizes and 'nearly new'  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Mulberry swimming  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Jumper Day  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 11:15am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Dinner  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Concert to Parents – 6:00pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 Parents - 10:00am  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 Parents – 2:00pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Christmas Fete – 3:30pm to 5:00pm  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Nursery finishes at midday  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – End of Autumn Term – school closes at 1:30pm

### January 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 INSET Day  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 First Day of Term

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Looking to enter a rewarding career?  
Then it is time to think about ...***

# **TRAINING TO TEACH WITH HILLINGDON SCITT**

## **Recruiting for September 2019**

### **Why train with us?**

We provide a school centred learning experience based on Teachers' Standards:

- QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) award
- PGCE qualification available with Brunel University
- Summer Induction to prepare you for the training course ahead
- Training in schools from Day 1 of the school year
- Experienced Mentor/Coaches to support you every step of the way
- Dedicated day for professional learning development sessions every week
- Tax free bursaries available for some subjects and phases
- Variety of school experiences

**Trainees of 2016-17**



**100% pass rate**

**Trainees of 2017-18**



**100% employment rate**



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# TRAINING PHASES FOR 2019-20

## **Placement Schools:**

School placements will be in 2 schools in Hillingdon (North West London) or neighbouring London Boroughs

## **What do trainees actually think of Hillingdon SCITT?**

*As well as providing trainee teachers with complete immersion into school life, SCITT training provides a supportive network of people who will help see you through your training year*

*I am incredibly grateful for how Hillingdon SCITT has prepared me for the NQT year and the knowledge it has given me compared to other colleagues who followed other ITT routes.*

## **Entry Requirements:** **Qualifications**

- GCSE English Language (Grade C or 4)
- GCSE Mathematics (Grade C or 4)
- GCSE Science (Grade C) needed for
- Primary teaching
- Undergraduate Degree

## **Training Phases:** **Primary**

- General Primary (option of training in Special Schools)
- Primary Mathematics

## **Secondary Subjects:**

- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Computing
- Drama
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Modern Foreign Languages: (French & Spanish)
- Music
- PE
- PE with EBacc
- RE
- Science: (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Social Sciences: (Psychology, Sociology)

## **Experience:**

We recommend gaining experience of working with the age group that you intend to train for and visit schools where possible.

# Online Safety News



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## NSPCC Net Aware

The internet is an amazing place, a world of exciting possibilities where children can play, learn, create, connect and have fun. It is important that we empower children with the skills and knowledge to navigate this online world safely. The NSPCC and O2 Net Aware guide for parents can help make sure your child is staying safe online. This guide highlights the most popular sites, apps and games that young people use. It equips parents with information about these sites, including the recommended age, the safety features and settings available and the types of risks that young people might encounter. Visit the NSPCC website for further information.

[bit.ly/NSPCCOnlineSafety](http://bit.ly/NSPCCOnlineSafety)

## Webcams and live streaming

Live streaming is a visual broadcast live over the internet using any smart phone or tablet with a camera. It is increasingly becoming one of the most popular online activities for children and young people. Apps such as Musical.ly, Live.me, Periscope and YouNow are all growing in popularity. Live streamed videos are broadcast unedited and shared without delay or editing. Most live stream apps, according to the terms of service, are for 13s and over.

The main risks of live streaming are two-fold, what children might see and also what they might share. With live videoing there is no editing and with this comes the potential for children to see inappropriate, upsetting content. There is also the risk that children will share too much personal information whilst live streaming their own content.

Have a conversation with your child: Are they using livestreaming apps? Are they just watching or are they live streaming their own lives? Have they checked the privacy settings?

For further guidance visit: [bit.ly/ChildnetLiveStreaming](http://bit.ly/ChildnetLiveStreaming)

## Nude selfies and sexting

Sharing a personal image, video or text containing sexually explicit content is referred to as sending 'a nude selfie' or 'sexting'. The content of a message, either a nude or partially nude image, is usually created to be sent to a partner.

If a young person under the age of 18 engages in sexting by creating an explicit photo or video of themselves then they have potentially created an indecent image of a child. By sending this content on to another person, they have distributed an indecent image of a child. By receiving content of this kind from another young person, they are then in possession of an indecent image of a child. All these actions are against the law.

It is important to **talk to your child about:**

**Thinking before they post online.**

**Online privacy and sharing content.** Once a child sends an image, it is then out of their control. Even if they think they can trust the person that it was sent to, it could be shared with others or posted elsewhere online.

**Sharing intimate images** over electronic devices. It never a good idea, the risks are high.

**Peer pressure** is it pushing your child into activities they are uncomfortable with, or know to be against the law?

Think You Know have created four animated 'Nude Selfies' films (2-3 minutes each) to offer parents and carers advice on how to keep their children safe from the risks associated with the sharing of nude and nearly nude images. Visit the Think You Know website to view these short films.

[bit.ly/ThinkuKnowParents](http://bit.ly/ThinkuKnowParents)



## Digiduck: An educational, online safety story app for 3-7 year olds

Based on the story book of Digiducks adventures, the Digiduck tablet app enables parents and children to enjoy the story of Digiduck and his friends.

The story explores the themes of friendship and responsibility online and is a great way to start a conversation with a young child about what they should expect from the online world and how to stay safe.



## Fortnite

### A survival game



The multiplayer action survival game, Fortnite: Battle Royale, has received a lot of media coverage recently both positive and negative. It is a game growing in popularity amongst children and involves 100 players fighting each other in real time to be the final survivor. To survive players collect weapons and armory and build structures to defend or hide in, while battling everyone else in the game. Epic Games: Fortnite Battle Royale says it does not direct the game to children under the age of 13 in the UK. As with other multiplayer games, there have been online safety concerns raised regarding Fortnite including: chat via text or voice, violent imagery, in-app purchases and possible game addiction. Visit the net aware site for further information about the game and how to keep your children safe while playing it. [bit.ly/NetAwareNews](http://bit.ly/NetAwareNews)

#### Help keep your child safe online when playing online games:

- **Talk** to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen
- **Use digital devices together:** Get involved in your child's online activities. Have fun, play games, and learn together online
- **Set clear expectations:** Agree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games
- **Set time limits:** Games can be addictive
- **Be informed:** Set appropriate parental controls


## Internet safety resources for parents/carers

Childnet has compiled a list of our resources that can be accessed for free about internet safety.

[bit.ly/ChildnetResources](http://bit.ly/ChildnetResources)

Watch out for parent/carer online safety meetings in primary and secondary schools in Hertfordshire run by Herts for Learning's CEOP ambassadors.



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## **GABBY – YEAR 6 ROWAN**

Good morning everybody.

I am going to tell you about why I think I am a good Head Boy for our school. I am also going to tell you a little about myself.

For me, becoming the Head Boy of our successful school has always been something I have looked forward to and I would like to use this opportunity to explore my intention.

The first reason why I think I am capable of being a great Head Boy of Holywell Primary School is because I feel that I am confident to take visitors around our wonderful school. In my opinion, I have the potential to speak to them even if I may or may not know them very well. I would tell them all the amazing things about the school.

Another reason why I think I am the right person to be Head Boy, is because basically I have been in the school for 7 years now. I have loved it ever since; I am always enthusiastic to get to school from when I go to bed and when I wake up. This school has been one of the passions of my life.

Now I will tell you a little bit about myself. Firstly, my full name is Gabriel but most people call me Gabby. I am 10 years old and I will be 11 years on 17<sup>th</sup> December. I have a mum and a dad, two sisters, who are twins and they are 23 years old. I also have a brother who is 19 years old. My sisters are called Kenny and Tai and my brother's name is AD. Kenny went to Oxford University and she is presently working at AMV, an advertising company, in London. Tai is still studying at UEA. She wants to be a doctor and requires extra years of study. She has only 1 more year! My brother, AD goes to Leeds Arts University. He is studying Fine Arts because he wants to be an Artist.

I have told you about myself. I am looking forward to serving our school in the future.

Thank you.

Gabby – Year 6 Rowan



## **LUANA – YEAR 6 ELM**

Good morning everyone, I am Luana and I come from Portugal. I was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2008. This morning I would like to tell you why I think I am ready to take on the role of Head Girl.

I am very respectful to all members of staff. I can listen and give advice to pupils who are upset. I like to make everyone smile on the playground. I have made a lot of people happy when they have been crying. I am super confident speaking in front of a lot of people.

So far, I have enjoyed peer mediating and I think if I am Head Girl I will enjoy it even more.

I have been at Holywell Primary School for almost 3 years. I enjoy welcoming and showing visitors and pupils around our school. I am happy with the opportunities that Holywell has given me. I treat others how I would like to be treated. After pupils have earned a Spirit to Succeed Medal or a Certificate I like to congratulate them. I spend my free time with my friends.

Thank you for listening.

Luana – Year 6 Elm