



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Peace Assembly

On the 21st September 2021 the world celebrated the International Day of Peace.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>. This morning, Year 5 Chestnut told us about Peace in assembly, making clear references to the UN Convention of Rights Article 38 and 39.

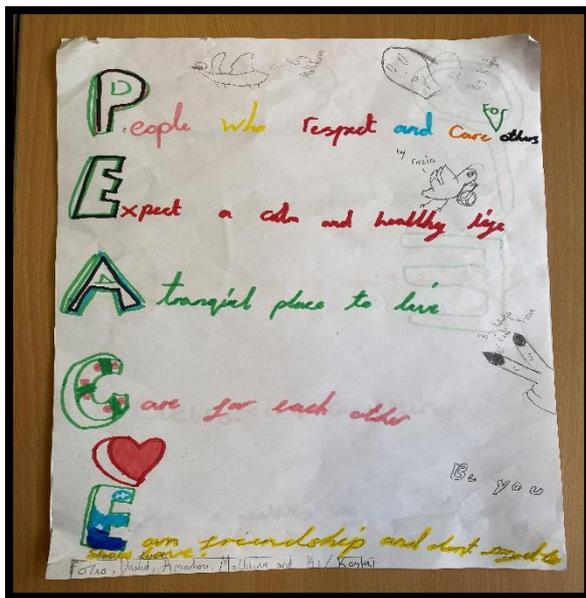
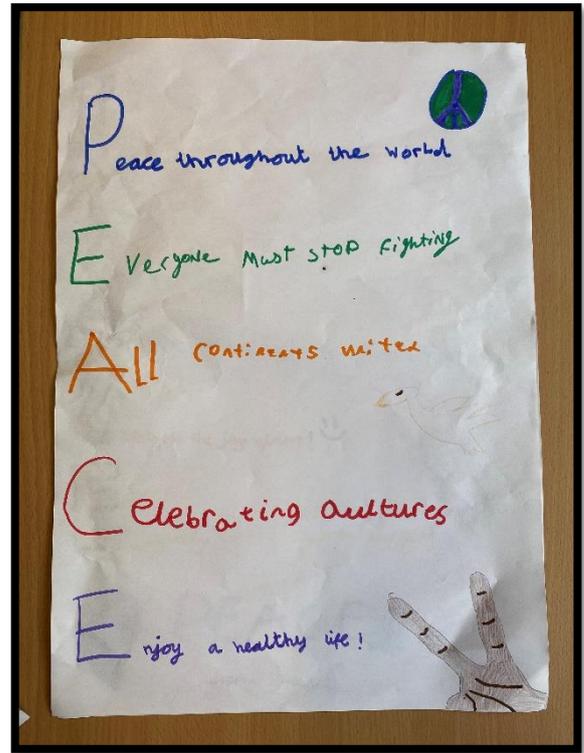
ARTICLE 38 (war and armed conflicts)
Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

ARTICLE 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)
Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.

We talked about the importance of peace, tolerance and understanding. At Holywell, we celebrate our difference through what we do, such as in our assemblies and being inclusive in our practices. We have a diverse community and being tolerant and showing understanding and compassion is what we want to instil in children.

This links in very well with our values of the week. Article 38 and 39.





Black History Month

During the month of October we will be celebrating Black History Month. We are very much looking forward to inviting The Bigfoot Theatre Company into school; they will be working with children in assemblies and workshops. We look forward to learning more about Black History and how it influences modern Britain.

On Thursday 7th October 2021, our first workshops will take place for pupils in the early years.



Coronavirus

As we learn to live with Coronavirus, we ask that parents do not come to school or send their children to school if;

- They have a fever (above 37.8C)
- They have a new, continuous cough
- There is a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell
- If you are isolating for any reason in accordance with government guidance

Pupil Leaders

This afternoon our pupil leaders delivered their introductory speeches to the school. You can see a copy of their speeches here. I'm very much looking forward to working with the pupil leadership team to improve provision for the pupils in the school.

Dear People of Holywell School,
Thank you all for voting for me and giving me the opportunity of being deputy head girl. My Name is Keke and I'm in year six/ELM. Since you have chosen me I will be a great role model to my peers.
Once again, thank you for voting for me and giving me a chance to be deputy head girl along with Luigi Pacheco, who is deputy head boy. As deputy head girl, I will make most school dances/events a bit more fun, hopefully.
Sincerely,
Keke, Year Six, ELM

*Dear pupils and teachers,
I wanted to state how happy I am to be deputy head boy thank you all so much for giving me this opportunity. My name is Luigi and since you've all voted for me I will be a great role model to all of you.*

Repeatedly I will thank you for giving me this great opportunity, and it is great to do this alongside Keke whom is deputy head girl, Harris who is head boy and parneet who is head girl. As I am deputy head boy I will help you all if you need advice and make the school activities a bit more fun, hopefully your all happy I'm deputy head boy.

Your sincerely,

Luigi, year 6 elm class

Parneet Kaur – Head Girl

Holywell Primary School – Year 2021-22

My name is Parneet Kaur. I am proud to be part of a British Sikh family. It includes my lovely brother Ishmeet Singh (who also attended Holywell Primary school) as well as my hard working and supportive parents who have inspired me to become like them. I always dreamed of putting medals on children, now I have this chance.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for believing in me and electing me as Head Girl. Trust me, I will not let you down.

My motivation is to inspire children and show them ways everyone can succeed to make their Primary school experience better.

I would like to listen and share ideas together. I am a good listener and would be good at representing children through pupil voice. I would try my best to communicate ideas with everyone.

Finally, playtime is a time everyone enjoys, I would love to help at playtime by making sure children always have someone to play with and nobody is lonely or unhappy.

Thank you for reading.

Parneet Kaur

Dear Mr Van Straaten,

I am writing this to tell you about what my plans are to do as Head Boy and a little introduction of myself.

My name is Haris and I'm in Year 6 Elm class. I have been in this school since nursery and am really excited to tell you what I want to do.

Firstly, On the playground I believe that all equipment should be shared equally and with no issues. If this is not possible with the current playground equipment, I have ideas.

1. Make a fundraiser so we can afford more equipment
2. Use the sports hall equipment as there are a lot of things there which are not currently in use

The reason I suggest this is as exercise is important.

Secondly, we need people to increase results in tests and become better at studying. I think we should create planned interventions (after school or in school) as that will help people out a lot. We have the ICT room and since not many people use that we could use that for studies. We could also do online google classroom activities.

Anyways, I just want to tell you that I am thrilled to be chosen as head boy and will make this school the best ever!

From

Haris

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Friday 8th October 2021	Elder	Black History
Friday 15th October 2021	Cedar	6R Mental Health
Friday 22nd October 2021	Mulberry	World Food Day
Friday 5th November 2021	Rowan	Diwali
Friday 12th November 2021	Hazel	Remembrance Day
Friday 19th November 2021	Hawthorn	Children's Day
Friday 26th November 2021	Sycamore	Hanukkah
Friday 3rd December 2021	Elm	St Andrews Day
Friday 10th December 2021	Birch	Human Rights Day

STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		Star	Charter
Reception	Reception	Giovanni	L-Jay
Year 1	Sycamore	Andres	Skylar
Year 2	Hawthorn	Isabelle	Isaiah
	Hazel	Cornel	Carolina
Year 3	Rowan	Hannah	Parmmeet
Year 4	Cedar	Arfa	Natasha
	Mulberry	Ines	Liban
Year 5	Chestnut	Harley	Rick
	Elder	Rachel	Laxshan
Year 6	Birch	Margarida	Sarah
	Elm	Rayya	Lois

Week Commencing 20th September 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	85%	Mulberry	91%
Reception	83%	Cedar	89%
Sycamore	93%	Chestnut	92%
Hawthorn	95%	Elder	95%
Hazel	96%	Elm	94%
Rowan	92%	Birch	96%

**Whole School Attendance from
September 2020**

94%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Elder



AUTUMN TERM

October 2021

Monday 4th October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 5th October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 6th October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 6th October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 6th October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 7th October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 7th October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 7th October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 7th October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 8th October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Black History - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 8th October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 11th October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 12th October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 15th October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 4 Cedar - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 15th October 2021 - Year 2 Aldenham Country Park
Friday 15th October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 18th October 2021 - Harvest collection starts
Monday 18th October 2021 - Festival of learning week
Monday 18th October 2021 - Year 3 and Year 4 Watford Central Mosque
Monday 18th October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 19th October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 19th October 2021 (15:30 - 18:00) - Parents evening
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Year 5 Exploring materials workshop
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 21st October 2021 (17:00 - 19:30) - Parents evening

Friday 22nd October 2021 - Last day for Harvest collection
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 4 Mulberry - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021 - Half term
Sunday 31st October 2021 - Last day to apply for secondary school place for September 2022

November 2021

Monday 1st November 2021 - Year 1 assessment start
Monday 1st November 2021 - Reception 2022 - applications open
Monday 1st November 2021 - Poppy Appeal starts
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Friday 5th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 3 Rowan - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 8th November 2021 - Whole school assessment week
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Individual and family photographs taken
Friday 12th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hazel - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 15th November 2021 - Year 3 and Year 4 Stone Age Workshop
Tuesday 16th November 2021 - Governors Meeting
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Friday 19th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hawthorn - Parents invited (9:05)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Watford Football Trust to work with Year 6
Friday 26th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 1 Sycamore - Parents invited (9:05)
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day

December 2021

Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Christmas tree Decoration Day
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Friday 3rd December 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 6 Elm - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 6th December 2021 - Innovation and Enterprise week - DT focus
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church, Christingle Workshop
Thursday 9th December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Friday 10th December 2021 - Human Rights Day - Year 6 Birch - Parents invited (9:05)
Tuesday 14th December 2021 - Governors meeting
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 16th December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday

Enrichment Days

Monday 4th October to Monday 11th October 2021 - World Space week
Sunday 10th October 2021 - World mental health day
Monday 11th October to Sunday 17th October 2021 - National Braille Week
Saturday 16th October 2021 - World Food Day
Monday 18th October 2021 - Anti Slavery Day
Sunday 31st October 2021 - Halloween
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Diwali
Friday 5th November 2021 - Bonfire Night
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - World Science Day
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Remembrance Day
Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November 2021 - Anti Bullying Week
Monday 15th November to Sunday 21st November 2021 - Road Safety Week
Saturday 20th November 2021 - Universal Children's Day - UN
Monday 29th November 2021 - Hanukah
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - St Andrew's Day
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - International Day for the abolition of slavery
Friday 10th December 2021 - Human Rights Day