



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

24th February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

We have had various visitors into school this week delivering workshops for the children.

Cyber Workshops

This week, we had Bigfoot Theatre in who delivered workshops on internet safety. As many parents know, pupils are exposed to so much more online than they ever used to be. In the assembly and workshops pupils were made aware of the dangers of the internet and how they can keep themselves safe. This includes not speaking to strangers, keeping passwords protected and also keeping their personal profiles personal enabling them to manage exposure to any unwanted dangers.

Can I please encourage you to keep an eye on your children's internet, mobile phone and social media use? We are made aware of many issues especially with the older pupils who are not behaving appropriately online or when using social media.



Watford Schools Trust Assembly

On Wednesday, Watford Schools Trust hosted an assembly for the whole school. They talked to the children about Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday which involved them acting out key parts. They made good links to the local area and how pancake day has been celebrated over the years in many local towns. Our visitor also spoke about Lent and what Christians do around this time. Year 3 also had a workshop of how Jesus healed people with leprosy.

World Book Day

World Book Day is next week, Thursday 2nd March. As a school we will be celebrating by having a Roald Dahl themed day; the day will include media comparisons of Roald Dahl stories along with some Quentin Blake style art activities and then finally a singing assembly linked to songs from the musical Matilda. As part of World Book day, the children can come dressed as one of their favourite book Roald Dahl book characters.



'Dance Days' Workshop

On Thursday 23rd February, Years 1 and 5 took part in some dance workshops linked to their Geography learning around a different country than our own.

Year 5 learnt some Flamenco dances linked to their new topic 'Spain' and did a great job with their dramatic facial expressions and graceful moves. Year 1 learnt some 'Indian Dance' linked to their topic 'India' and enjoyed moving rhythmically and energetically to the music. We all had an amazing time- it certainly got our hearts pumping and our feet tapping too.



Clubs

Clubs have restarted now and we have spaces available if anyone is interested in joining a club. Details are available on the website or on the on-line school payments system.

Parents Coffee Morning

You are invited to join us for a coffee after the Friday Assemblies which are held in the Olympic Hall.

Topic/Theme	Class	9:10 am Y1-Y6 Olympic Hall
St David's Day	Y2 Hawthorn	Friday 3rd March 2023
Women's History Month	Mrs Keshiro	Friday 10th March 2023
Mother's Day	Y1 Sycamore	Friday 17th March 2023
School Council	Mrs Keshiro/School Council	Friday 24th March 2023
Presentation Assembly	Mr van Straaten	Thursday 30th March 2023
Easter production	Y3 Mulberry/Rowan	Friday 31st March 2023

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signature of Mr C van Straaten in black ink.

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

<p align="center">WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2022</p> <p align="center">92%</p>

Week Commencing 6th February - 10th February 2023

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	69%	Y3 Mulberry	87%
Reception	96%	Y4 Cedar	90%
Y1 Sycamore	93%	Y5 Chestnut	94%
Y2 Hawthorn	90%	Y5 Elder	91%
Y3 Rowan	95%	Y6 Elm	95%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Y3 Rowan/ Y6 Elm

<p align="center">Star & Charter Certificates – 24th February 2023</p>

Star Learner of the Charter Certificate		
EYFS		
Y1 Sycamore	Ali	Millie
Y2 Hawthorn	Lina	Hafiy
Y3 Mulberry	Matthew	Anaya
Y3 Rowan	Abu Bakar	Ellie
Y4 Cedar	Ruby	Enzo
Y5 Chestnut	Haresh	Andreas
Y5 Elder	Rebeka	Dylan
Y6 Elm	Samuel	Benita

HUB Community Cafe



We look forward to welcoming you all.
Of course there will be delicious sandwiches,
cakes, tea and coffee! **ALL FREE**



ON SATURDAY
25TH FEBRUARY 2023
BETWEEN 1PM—3PM



AT HOLYWELL PRIMARY
SCHOOL, TOLPITS LANE,
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The next date for your diary is 25th March 2023. Come along and bring a friend.