



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the weeks have progressed our groups of pupils attending school have settled well into the new routine. Going forward, we will allow pupils to return each Monday, so if parents are thinking about sending their children back to school they will need to keep that in mind. Please contact the school office and your child's name will be added to the waiting list. We would like to remind parents that school is closed on Friday so parents will be informed on a Thursday if their child has successfully secured a place. Starting children back once a week will give teachers and support staff, who are leading groups, time to plan, prepare and assess pupils work.

We have strict guidelines to adhere to and the systems are in place to help us keep pupils and staff in school safe and not to put any new pupils coming in at risk.

Year 5 – return to school

Parents of pupils in Year 5 can now express an interest in their children returning to school from Tuesday 30th June 2020. Please complete the survey below and let us know of your intentions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XXMBQ3N>

We would like to remind parents that at this time it is their decision to send their child to school or not. We appreciate they might decide not to send them back at the current time. The school cannot enforce the return of pupils to school.

In order to give us more space within the school from Monday 29th June 2020 we will be combining some of the current groups. Pupils in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will start in their new groups from Monday. This will free up more space, enabling Year 5 to attend school.

Free School Meals



There will be no Edenred vouchers for Free School Meals issued from Monday 29th June 2020. Children not attending school and entitled to a free school meal may order a packed lunch from the school office each day.

During the summer holidays Edenred vouchers will be issued each Monday to children entitled to Free School Meals. Please ensure your email address is up to date.



Year 5 Elder

Parents will have seen in the newsletter dated 30th March 2020 that both Mr Keller and Mrs Alexander have left Holywell Primary School. Year 5 Elder will be taught by Mrs Clarke for the remaining weeks of the summer term. The children will know Mrs Clark from Year 4 when she taught them before she went on maternity leave. We will also continue to set work on Google Classroom as we do for the rest of the school.



Playing Field - Update

The grass on our playing field started to grow last week and it looks amazing. We are looking forward to using the field from September 2020, when the grass will be very well established.



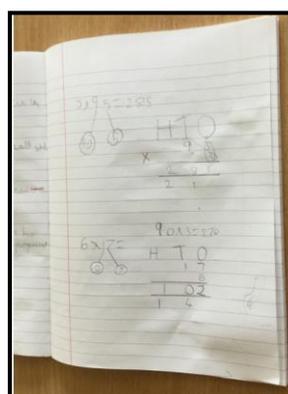
HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Nursery	Vlad	For trying again and again and never giving up when he was learning to balance on a beam
Blue	Ellie	for her great maths work
Red	Oliver	For working hard during phonics
Maple	Liam	For remembering to use his sentence rules when writing a story in English
Sycamore	Zarya	For becoming more independent in her maths learning this week
Hawthorn	Kimberley	For an excellent attitude all week at school and for always completing her work to a high standard
Hazel	Harvey	For showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning
Pine	Kayla	For practising her spellings and for winning spelling champion this week
Aspen	Grace	For trying her hardest to sketch a drawing of her face
Mulberry 1	Maira	For listening to feedback and using it to improve her comprehension skills
Mulberry 2	Megan	For coming into school each day with a clear idea of how to challenge herself and move her learning forward
Cedar	Lorenzo	For solving multiplication of 3 digit numbers and ones independently using the formal written method
Chestnut	Lenny	For consistently producing outstanding work in maths
Elder	Omi	For using effective language in her writing
Elm 1	Shlok	For his excellent work on his maths finance project
Elm 2	Rita	For her great design idea and working as a team for our maths project
Rowan	Gaby	For engaging with learning effectively
Birch	Zainab	For having a great first week back

Year 3 - Aspen



Franklyn - Year 4 Mulberry - Maths



HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Nursery	Godfrey	For becoming more independent at Nursery and beginning to engage with the different activities
Blue	Ayah	For her attitude to learning
Red	Amelia	For sharing her toys during water day
Maple	Luca	For being resourceful in his learning
Sycamore	Valentina	For being a positive role model and following the rules at schools
Hawthorn	Roberto	For showing excellent resilience all week at school and for making excellent progress with him times tables
Hazel	Sainaboubinta	For showing reasoning when solving word problems in maths
Pine	Dilan	For being resourceful in maths
Aspen	Amin	For his resilience in all his work at school
Mullberry 1	Ilaria	For focus, determination and resilience to push herself with her learning on her return to school
Mullberry 2	Carolina	For using reasoning skills to work out challenging multiplication questions and give reasons for her answers
Cedar	Raisa	For demonstrating resilience in a debate and for using persuasive language to argue her point
Chestnut	Danae	For showing resilience in improving her learning attitude
Elder	Chloe	For being responsible for turning her work in during home learning
Elm 1	Alyssa	For her resilience during maths this week
Elm 2	Jainam	For his continued hard work in all subjects
Rowan	Amy	For facing the challenge of going to visit secondary school, even though she was nervous!
Birch	Matei	For an excellent persuasive argument using his reasoning skills

Year 1 - Sycamore



Ritesh - Year 2 Hawthorn



The quest of the mystical agency

By Hasnain - Year 3 Pine

(blurb)

Have you ever heard of the story of the mystical agency? There was a dangerous secret society no-one knew about it. A boy in school was very conscious about something outside school.

CONTENTS:

CHAPTER1(THE RETURN OF THE SECRET SOCIETIES)

CHAPTER2(FIRST DAY OF UNIVERSITY)

CHAPTER3 (THE AGENT)

CHAPTER4(THE MYSTICAL WOLF)

CHAPTER5(THE RETURN OF THE OLD MAN)

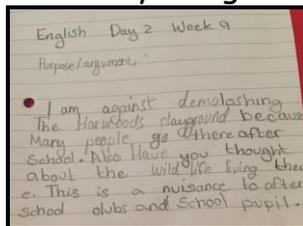
CHAPTER6(SAVING THE WORLD)

CHAPTER7(CHANGE OF HEART)

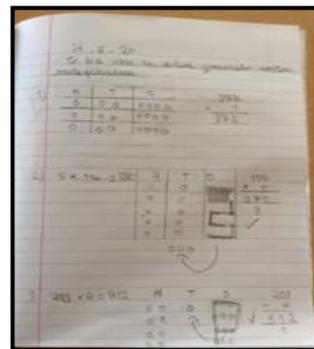
Enzo - Year 1 Maple



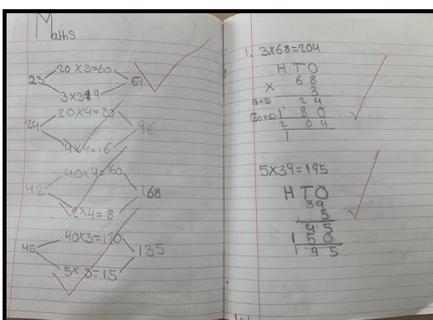
Sara S - Year 4
Mulberry - English



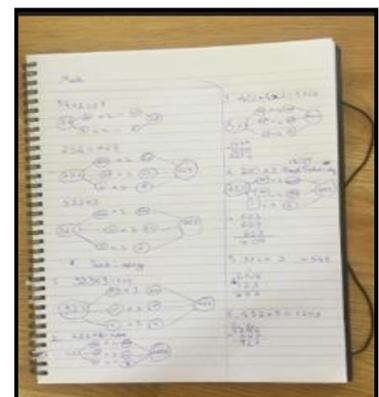
Luigi - Year 4
Cedar - Multiplication



Terrance - Year 4 Mulberry
Maths



Aahana Year 4 Cedar
Multiplaction



Ismaeel - Year 5 Elder - Science- Gestation periods of animals

<i>Creature</i>	<i>Predicted Gestation Period</i>	<i>Actual Gestation Period</i>	<i>Number of offspring</i>	<i>Average lifespan of the animal</i>
Horses	5 months	11-12 months	1	25-40
Ants	1 month		300 000	15
Tigers	6 months	93-112 days	7	10-15
Lions	14 weeks	110 days	6	10-14
Ducks	28 days	28 days	6-7	5-10

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Work out

1. $3\frac{3}{4} \times 12$	5. $7\frac{1}{2} \times 12$	9. $3\frac{1}{2} \times 7$
2. $2\frac{1}{6} \times 8$	6. $9\frac{2}{8} \times 4$	10. $4\frac{1}{10} \times 8$
3. $7\frac{9}{10} \times 5$	7. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2$	11. $2\frac{1}{3} \times 6$
4. $4\frac{2}{3} \times 3$	8. $5\frac{2}{3} \times 6$	12. $5\frac{1}{8} \times 12$

Lenny - Year 5 Chestnut Multiplication of mixed numbers

ANSWERS

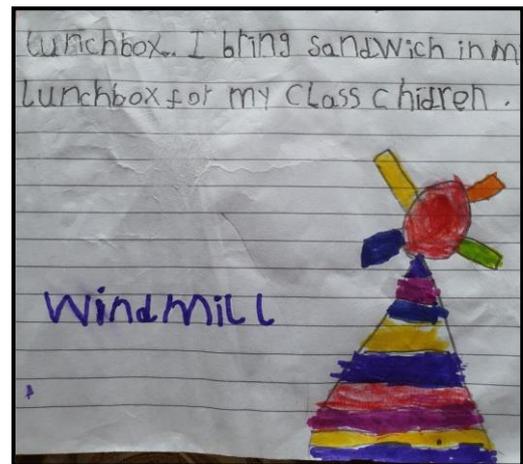
1. 45
2. 17
3. $39\frac{5}{10}$
4. $13\frac{1}{5}$
5. 90
6. $39\frac{5}{8}$
7. $9\frac{1}{7}$
8. $31\frac{3}{9}$
9. $23\frac{2}{3}$
10. $34\frac{4}{10}$
11. $17\frac{3}{5}$
12. $61\frac{5}{8}$

Zamin S - Year 5 Elder - Multiplication of fractions

Reception Blue - Pirate Topic Wall



Owen - Reception Blue



Manan - Reception Blue

Liliana - Year 6 Elm

Use the boxes below to help you write the correct weather sentences. Add two of your own at the end!

Liliana

Hace calor ☀️	Llueve ☁️	en el (in the)	norte	noreste	
Hace frío ❄️	Nieva ❄️		sur	noroeste	
Hace viento 🌪️	Hielo ❄️		este	sureste	
Hace sol ☀️	Hay tormenta 🌩️		oeste	suroeste	
Está nublado ☁️	Hay niebla 🌫️				

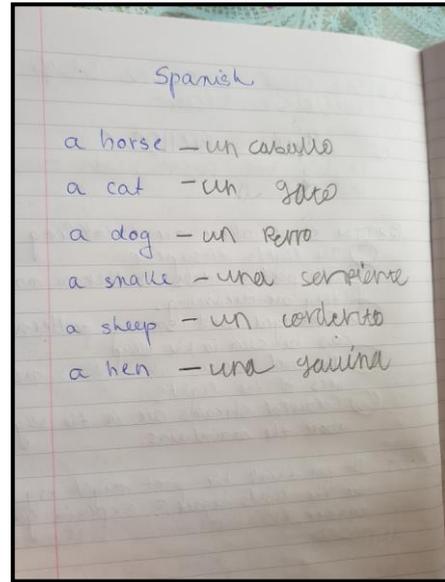
1	It's raining in the north.	Llueve en el norte
2	It's sunny in the east.	Hace sol Hace sol en el este
3	It's cold in the south-west.	Hace frío en el suroeste
4	It's foggy in the west.	Hay niebla en el oeste
5	It's windy in the north-west.	Hace viento en el noroeste
6	It's stormy in the south.	Hay tormenta en el sur
7	It's cloudy in the north-east.	Está nublado en el noreste
8	It's snowing in the south-east.	Nieva en el sureste
9		
10		



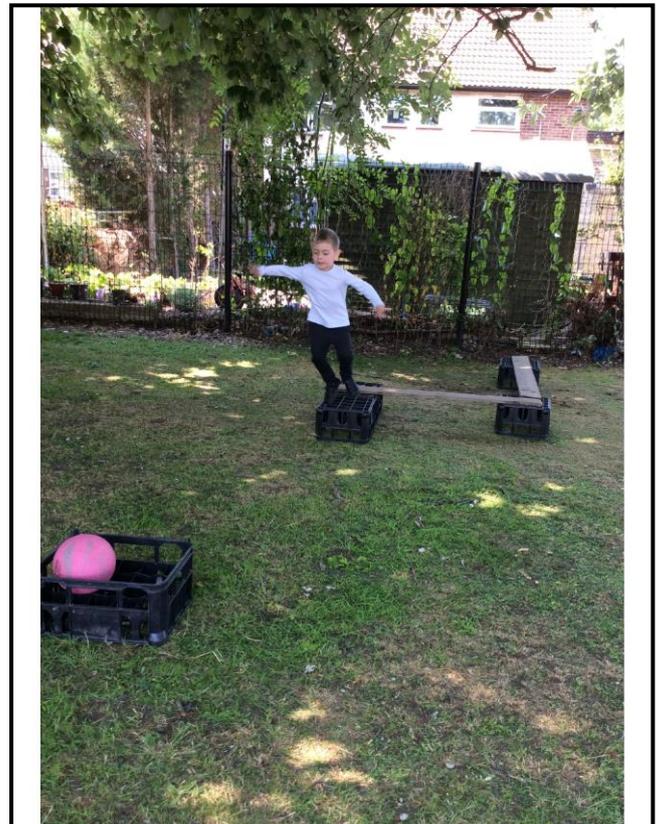
Amin - Year 3 Aspen
Stanley - Year 2 Hazel



Rebeka - Year 2 Hazel



Nursery





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Let's Get Silly with this summer's Silly Squad!

Fear not, although libraries across Hertfordshire may still be closed, children can still take part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year!

We are encouraging children to join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals, and celebrate books that make us happy and laugh, featuring bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson.

Due to the Coronavirus, The Reading Agency has redesigned this year's Summer Reading Challenge into a virtual one. Now it is more important than ever to keep children reading over the summer months, and this year's Challenge aims to support parents and carers to do this.

The Summer Reading Challenge has started earlier this year, from **Friday 5 June**. The launch kicked off with a 'Let's Gets Silly' virtual event on the Summer Reading Challenge's Facebook page for the all the family to enjoy. You can still watch the short videos featuring a host of silly readings and family themed activities by celebrities and best-selling authors led by Jacqueline Wilson, Cressida Cowell, Philip Ardagh, CBBC's Sam and Mark to name a few.

The digital challenge platform is now up and running and is FREE for children and their families to join and use, providing a safe and secure sign-up process. This is a great opportunity to develop skills and enjoy reading as a family. To take part this year, log on to the [Silly Squad website](https://www.sillysquad.org.uk).

Children will be able to set up their own personal reading goals. We are encouraging them to read six books, although this year there is no minimum (or maximum!) number to be read. Also for this year, children may read anything! It can be in digital or print format from ebooks and e-audio books or books that are already at home. Don't forget we have lots of ebooks and e-audio in our online [BorrowBox](#) library.

Instead of coming into the library to collect stickers, children will be able to record their progress through the Challenge online and unlock virtual rewards as they go. You can also print a certificate at the end. The Silly Squad website will include games, quizzes and downloadable activities to keep everyone entertained at home as well as a book sorter which offers reading suggestions.

Whilst all the staff and volunteers in libraries will obviously miss hearing children talk about their books this year, we are looking forward to reading their reviews on the Silly Squad website. www.sillysquad.org.uk