



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Festival of Learning

As is custom, we will return to our Festival of Learning events for parents. Whilst we are still managing visitors on site, our event this half term will be online. Classes will record their Festival of Learning online and it will be available to watch on Google Classroom from 3:30pm on Friday 22nd October 2021.



Parents' Evening

A letter went out to all parents earlier this week, followed by a link to book an appointment for Parents' Evening. These appointments will take place on line, via Google Classroom. If you require help booking your appointment, please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

Tuesday 19th October 2021

3:30pm to 6:00pm

Thursday 21st October 2021

5:00pm to 7:30pm

Assessment Weeks

After the half term holiday we will start our Autumn term assessment with pupils. For the first two weeks Year 1 to Year 6 will complete assessments in reading, writing and maths. Once the assessments have been completed we will set pupils new targets to work on. They will be in-line with what is shared with parents during Parents' Evening. Our English lessons will look slightly different during these two weeks and we will be covering our 'take one book' unit across the school.

Parent Questionnaire

We will send parents a link to our parents' questionnaire on Tuesday and Thursday during parents evening. We would also welcome parent's views on our Meet the Teacher event which we hosted online in September.



Bigfoot

Next week we will have two visits from Bigfoot Theatre Company, they are coming into school and working with pupils around the topic of Black History.



Reception – September 2022

The on-line application system to book a place for Reception class in September 2022 opens on Monday 1st November 2021. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that they must apply for a place in Reception class, they do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

We will be holding two Open Days, Thursday 4th November 2021 at 11:15am and Thursday 25th November 2021 at 2:00pm.



Nursery – September 2022

Application forms to apply for a place in Nursery, for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are available from Thursday 6th January 2022. We plan to hold an Open Day On Thursday 13th January 2022 at 11:15am.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer – September 2022

We would like to remind parents of children in Year 6 that that deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper before the closing date, Sunday 31st October 2021.

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**

Cross Country

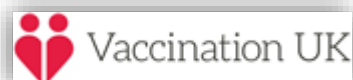
On Tuesday 12th October 2021, children from Year 3 to Year 6 competed in the Cross Country Competition at Queens' School Bushey. The event was run as time trials and we will get our results once all schools have completed. I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children chosen to compete, they showed some great determination in completing the long course!



Year 3 – Aaron and Maisey
Year 4 – Sainaboubinta, Peter and Harvey
Year 5 – Maddison, Timotei and Zain
Year 6 – Ayman, Adaeze and Raisa

Flu Vaccination

Vaccination UK will be collecting the consent forms from us on Monday 18th October 2021. If you have not already done so, please return the forms before 9:00am Monday morning. If you have misplaced your form and require another form, this may also be collected from the school office.



Half Term

Half term is from Monday 25th October 2021 until Friday 29th October when school will be closed. School will close at normal times on Friday 22nd October 2021.

STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		Star	Charter
Reception	Reception	Kijani	Millie
Year 1	Sycamore	Isaac	Layla
Year 2	Hawthorn	Jay Jay	Ashley
	Hazel	Matthew B	Milosz
Year 3	Rowan	Khalil	Parmeet
Year 4	Cedar	Taylor	Samanta
	Mulberry	Shailah	David B
Year 5	Chestnut	Kayla	David E
	Elder	Tanmeet	Dilan
	Birch	Inci-Su	Sara S
	Elm	Cristiana	Rafia

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Week Commencing 4th October 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	91%	Mulberry	97%
Reception	89%	Cedar	91%
Sycamore	94%	Chestnut	96%
Hawthorn	96%	Elder	99%
Hazel	98%	Elm	98%
Rowan	95%	Birch	96%

Whole School Attendance from September 2020

94%

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

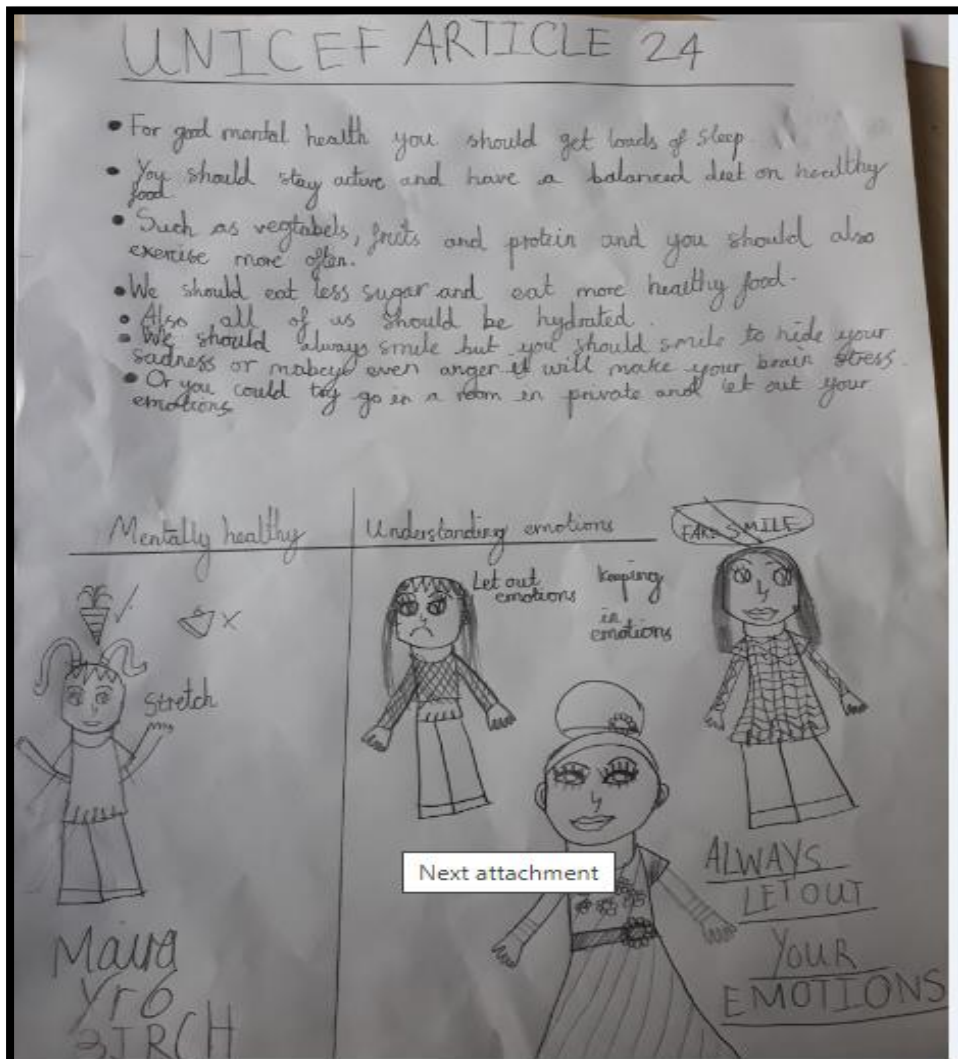
Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Elder

UNICEF ARTICLE 24- Health and Health Services

On the occasion of Mental Health day (10-10-2021), Holywell children learnt about strategies to take care of our mental health, that we could follow when we are stressed or worried. They have completed a poster activity and have shared their knowledge about Article 24 that links well with mental health.

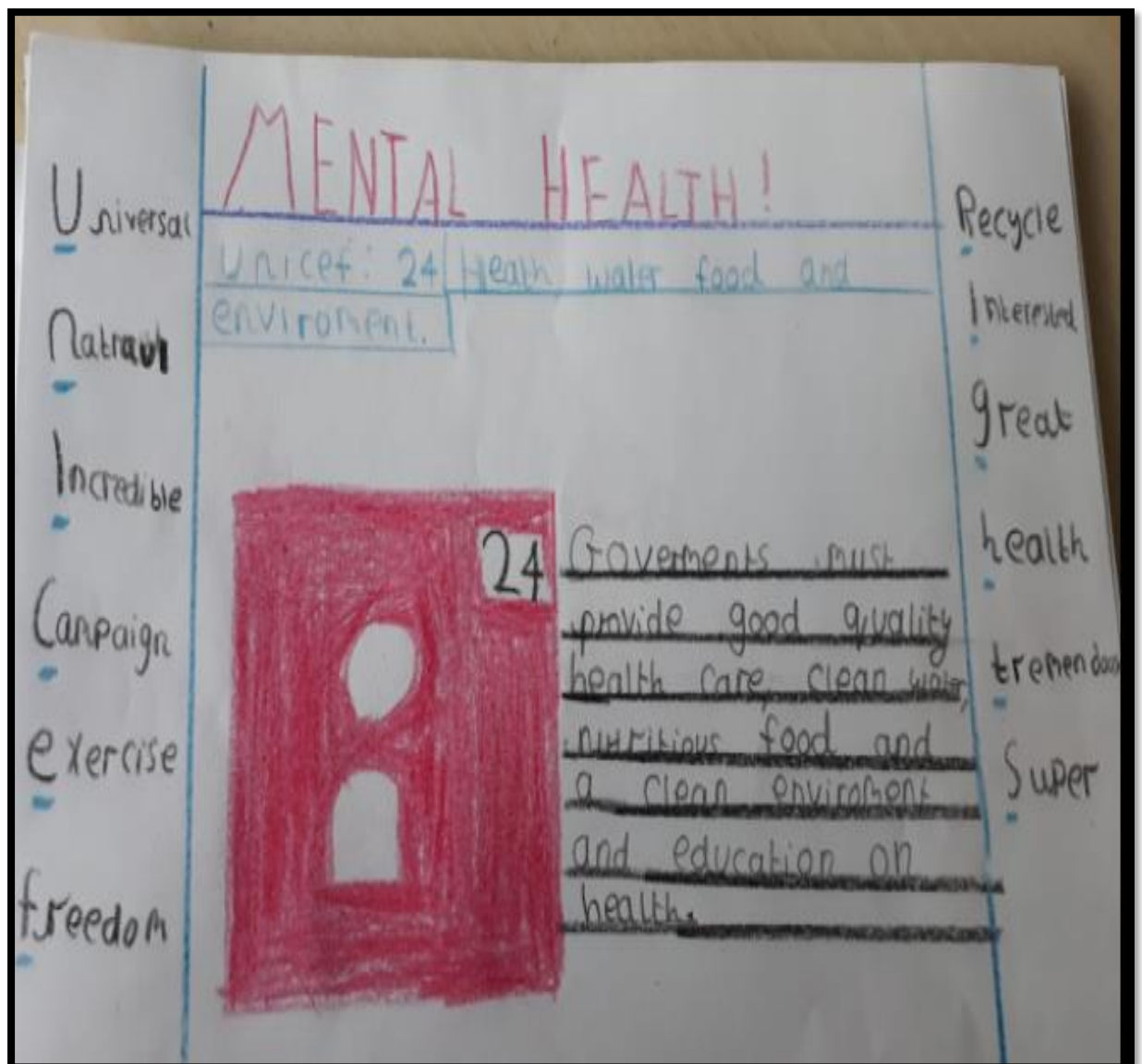
The key takeaways from the children's discussions are:

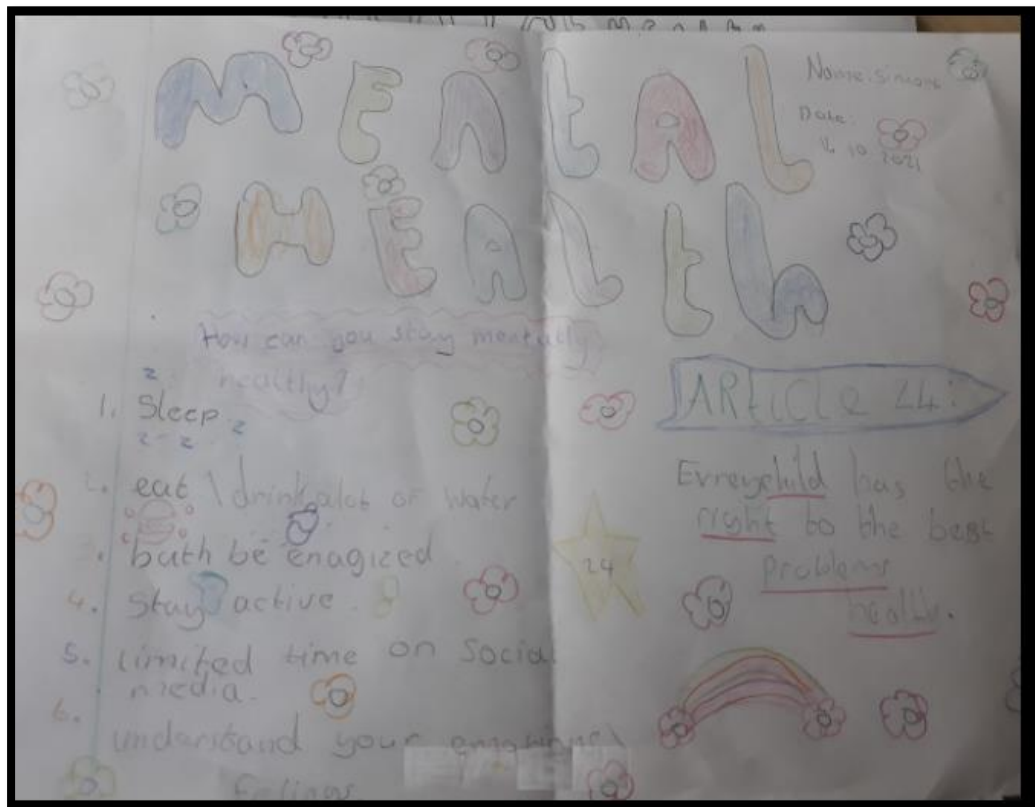
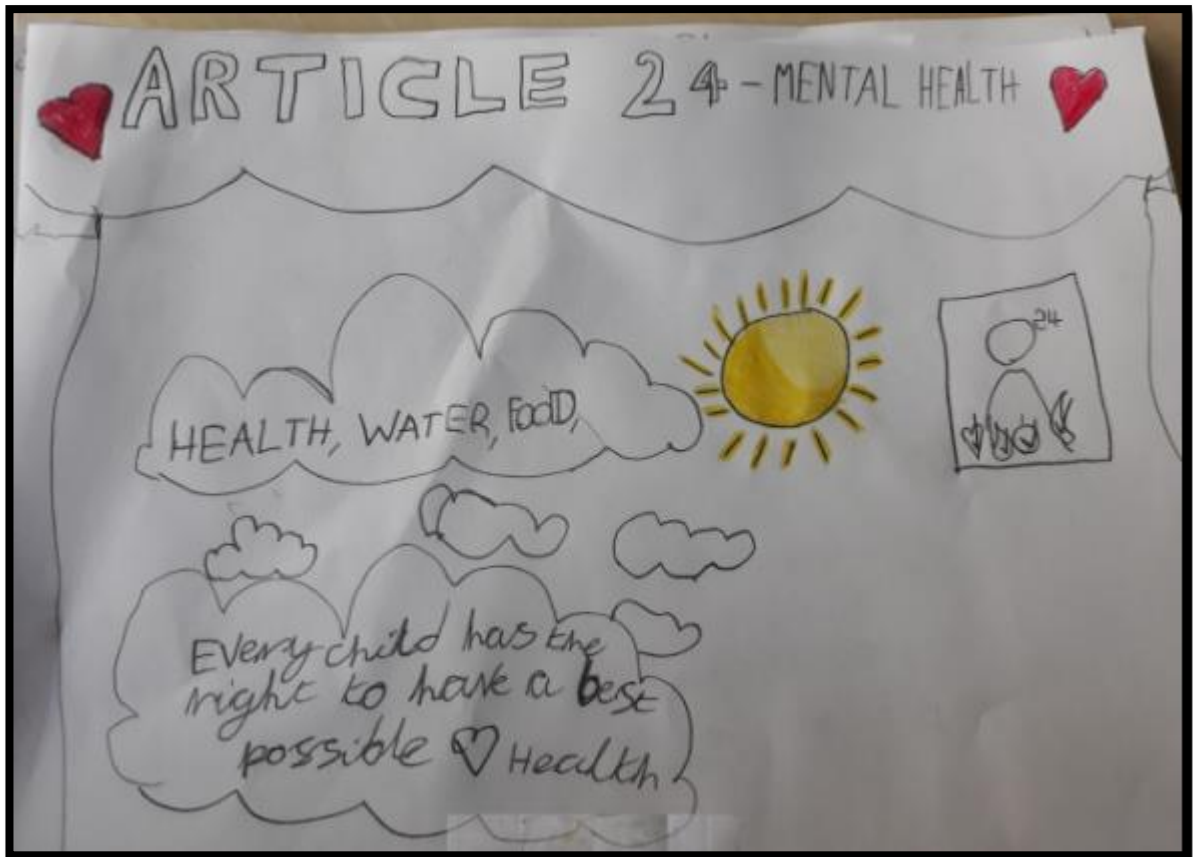
1. Eating a well-balanced diet
2. Good sleep
3. Exercise
4. Hobbies to keep us distracted from worries
5. Drinking lots of water
6. Meditation
7. Having a good chat with friends
8. Smiling more as it sends positive signals to brain 😊



Article 24 – Every child has the right to the best possible health.

- Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.







AUTUMN TERM

October 2021

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 - Big Foot Theatre - Black History Year 3 & Year 4
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 - Big Foot Theatre -Black History Year 5 & Year 6
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 - Reception Class September 2022 Open Day at 11:15am
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 - Reception Class 2022 Open Day at 2pm
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 - Applications Open for Reception 2022
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 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