



# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## Pupils as Leaders

I am pleased to announce our Head Boy and Head Girl, as well as our Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for 2021/2022



HARIS



PARNEET



LUIGI



KEKE



## Parking

Parents are reminded that they can use the car park in King George V playing field and walk through our wild life area. This alleviates the congestions around the school and is safer option for parents and pupils to enter the school site. The gate is opened at the same times as the other gates onto the school site.



### **Parking on Neighbours Driveways**

We are very disappointed to report that we have been contacted by neighbours who have informed us that our parents are parking on their driveways when dropping off and collecting children. We ask you to please respect our neighbours and do not park on their private property.

### **Gates Opening Times**

In order to avoid congestion around the school gate in the morning, all parents are expected arrive at 8:45am. There always seems to be a crowd around the gate on Tolpits Lane, and as you are aware this, is a very busy main road. The safety of our children and parents is of paramount importance to us.

### **School Council**

Our School Council members received their badges this morning at Year 6 Birch class assembly. During the assembly Year 6 Birch told us they have an important role to play in Holywell's democracy. Congratulations to –



# **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	<b>Makanaka</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ali W</b>	<b>Amelia Rose</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Radhiya</b>	<b>Aaron</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Aliyah</b>	<b>Robert</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Amelia</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Sara K</b>	<b>Megan M</b>





## Music Provision

Our music provision by Herts Music has continued this year with cornet lessons for Year 4 and ukulele lessons for Year 5. I am looking forward to the forthcoming performances.



## 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

### Value for the week

As we work towards our Right Respecting school status, we will focus on of couple a rights per week in school. This week are focussing Article 12 and Article 13.

#### **ARTICLE 12** (respect for the views of the child)

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

#### **ARTICLE 13** (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

Please spend some time this weekend discussing these with your child and ask them what they understand about it and how it applied to them in school and community life. This morning in whole school assembly Year 6 also referred to Article 15.

#### **ARTICLE 15** (freedom of association)

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

## Assembly schedule

CLASS ASSEMBLIES		
Friday 1st October 2021	Chestnut	Peace
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
<b>Reception</b>	Red	Sham	Edward
<b>Year 2</b>	Hawthorn	Lael	Oliver
	Hazel	Ali W	Aviel
<b>Year 3</b>	Rowan	Sathuja	Kristina
<b>Year 4</b>	Cedar	Robert	Alizah
	Mulberry	Amina	Amol
<b>Year 5</b>	Chestnut	Amadou	Fozia
	Elder	Elif	Katherine
<b>Year 6</b>	Birch	Hussain	Husnah
	Elm	Haris	Hannah

## Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

<b>Attendance by Class</b>			
Attendance by class:			
Nursery	88%	Mulberry	95%
Reception	88%	Cedar	93%
Sycamore	96%	Chestnut	96%
Hawthorn	91%	Elder	98%
Hazel	97%	Elm	95%
Rowan	88%	Birch	96%

<b>Whole School Attendance from September 2020 95%</b>
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<b>Attendance</b>	
<i>Best classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Elder



## **AUTUMN TERM**

**September 2021**

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)



## October 2021

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Black History month

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 5 Chestnut - Parents invited (9:05)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Black History - Parents invited (9:05)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 4 Cedar - Parents invited (9:05)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 2 Aldenham Country Park

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Harvest collection starts

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Festival of learning week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 3 and Year 4 Watford Central Mosque

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (15:30 - 18:00) - Parents evening

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 (17:00 - 19:30) - Parents evening  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Last day for Harvest collection  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 4 Mulberry - Parents invited (9:05)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Half term  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Last day to apply for secondary school place for September 2022

### **November 2021**

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

### **December 2021**

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



Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Governors meeting  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Presentation Assembly  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday

### **Enrichment Days**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - European Languages Day  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - World Space week  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - World mental health day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - National Braille Week  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - World Food Day  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Anti Slavery Day  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - Halloween  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Diwali  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Bonfire Night  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - World Science Day  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Remembrance Day  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Anti Bullying Week  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - Road Safety Week  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Universal Children's Day - UN  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Hanukah  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - St Andrew's Day  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - International Day for the abolition of slavery  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Human Rights Day

# UNICEF Convention on the rights of the child

## Article of the week-Article 12 and 13

As part of working towards achieving UNICEF RRSA Gold award, our Year 6 children wrote a book review for the book 'Everyone has a say' written by Jill Twiss.

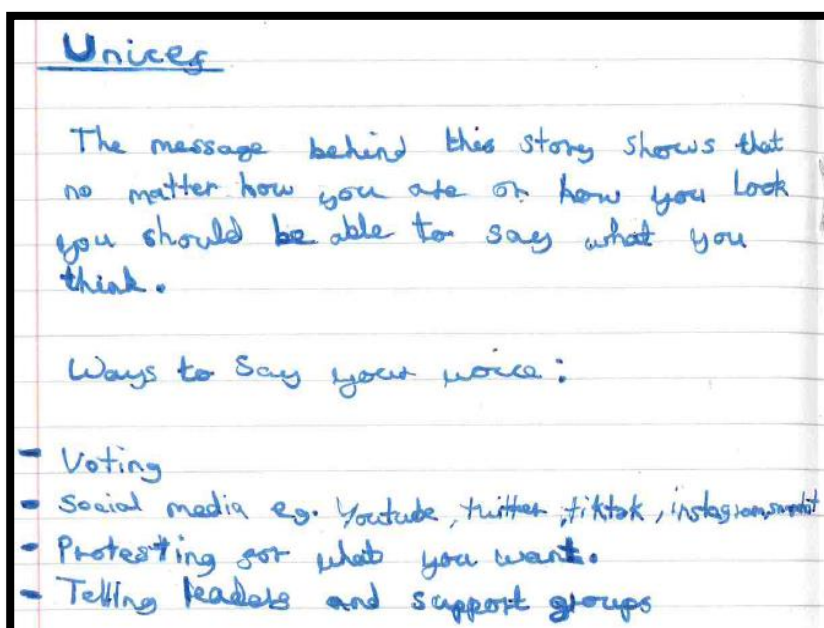
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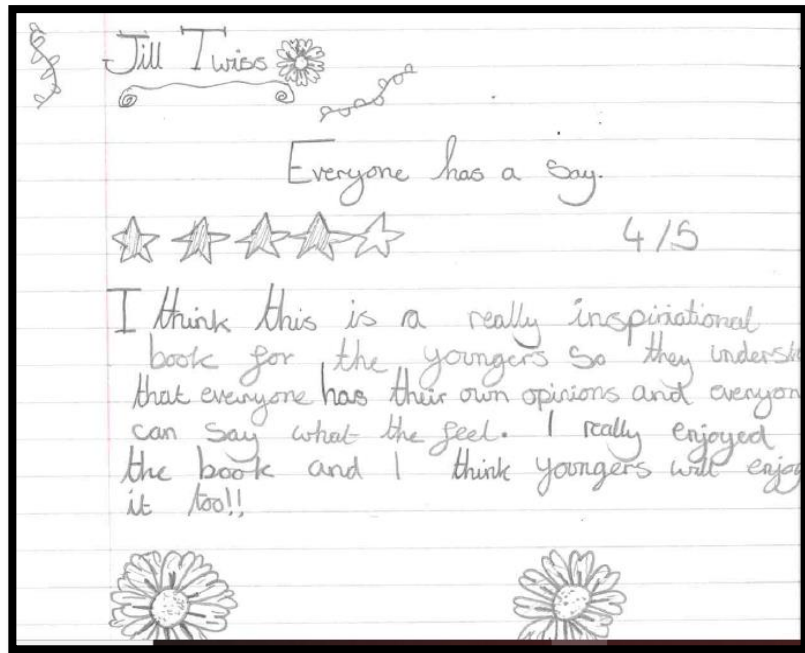
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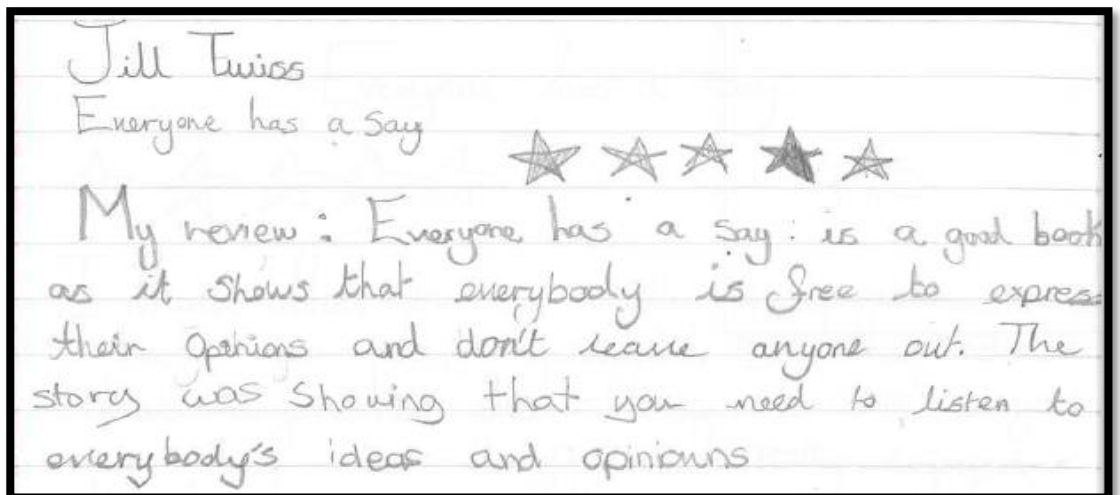
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