



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

4 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Our aim at Holywell is to give pupils a range of opportunities, which will enhance the curriculum for them. We do this through trips and inviting visitors into school. We give pupils a broad, balanced curriculum in preparation for life after Holywell. Not only is their academic achievement our top priority but also their overall wellbeing including their mental and physical health.

Whilst the school fund contributes to the cost for these extra opportunities, we sometimes request contributions from you to help provide these. In one of the recent activities provided in school, less than half of the contributions were collected. As we try to stagger these activities and ensure that they are affordable, we ask that you make every effort to help where you can. I appreciate the cost of living has increased, however we need to continue to provide our pupils with the best opportunities possible.

We have had a very busy week.

Netball Match

On Monday afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 Netball Team participated in their first ever match against Newberries Primary School. The team really worked hard to play together, ensuring they were in space and passing the ball around the court scoring multiple goals. I was really proud of all of the players; they were extremely supportive of each other throughout the match. It was a tough match with some fantastic players on both sides and ended in a 7-7 draw.



Player of the Match - Megan for her excellent shooting, scoring most of the goals scored!



Reception Helpers

We all know how important reading is for our children. We find that pupils across the school and especially in Reception would benefit from daily reading.

Mr Szajko is looking for volunteers to come into class and to listen to pupils read. If you are able to give some of your time, please email Mr Szajko. Currently, we are planning to run these sessions at 10:30am each morning. This is not exclusive to Reception parents and all parents are welcome to sign up. Thank you in advance.

Science Week

Science Week is the 11 - 20 March and the theme this year is 'Growth'. During the week, pupils will be completing activities in addition to their normal Science lessons. These activities will be a fun way to learn about science. We will try to show as many of these activities as possible in the next newsletter.

Cycle Facility

You may be aware that a new cycling facility has opened in King George V Playing field. As part of the launch, some of our pupils attended yesterday with their bicycles and had a great time. Look out for the article in the Watford observer next week.

<https://www.watford.gov.uk/news/article/117/primary-school-help-launch-new-cycling-facility-in-kgv-playing-fields>

World Book Day Workshops

As part of the World Book Day celebrations this week, the children have enjoyed taking part in workshops led by West End in Schools. These workshops retold the story of Alice in Wonderland through dance.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'C van Straaten'.

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

Both Year 1 and Year 2 were involved in a “book character” scavenger hunt. They loved this activity and did their best to find all the characters.



KS2



Whole School Attendance From September 2021

91%

Week Commencing 21 February - 25 February 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	94%	Y4 Mulberry	95%
Reception	91%	Y4 Cedar	94%
Y1 Sycamore	92%	Y5 Chestnut	99%
Y2 Hawthorn	92%	Y5 Elder	96%
Y2 Hazel	90%	Y6 Elm	94%
Y3 Rowan	96%	Y6 Birch	93%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore & Y2 Hazel
Key Stage 2	Y5 Chestnut

Star & Charter Certificates		
	Star Learner of the Week	Charter Certificate
Reception	Haseeb	Freddy
Y1 Sycamore	Isaac	Oliver
Y2 Hawthorn	Muaaz	Mahdi
Y2 Hazel	Anaya	Zak
Y3 Rowan	Adam	Cristiano
Y4 Cedar	Amira	Ritesh
Y4 Mulberry	Liban	Ines
Y5 Chestnut	Jaida	Shayan
Y5 Elder	Timotei	Rachel
Y6 Birch	Simone	Husnah
Y6 Elm	Rayya	Bonnie

House Points

Vicarage	270
Cassio	271
Brightwell	162
Ebury	134

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
SPRING TERM 2022

March

Monday 7 th March	Nursery Allocation Day
Monday 7 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 Football
Tuesday 8 th March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Tuesday 8 th March	Wizard Theatre
Tuesday 8 th March	New Entrants Meeting @ 11:15
Tuesday 8 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football
Wednesday 9 th March	Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 9 th March	Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)
Wednesday 9 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball
Wednesday 9 th March	U9 League - Football Match - Holywell v Fair Field Junior School (2:15 - 3:15)
Wednesday 9 th March	U11 League - Football Match - Holywell v Fair Field Junior School (3:15 - 4:30)
Thursday 10 th March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Thursday 10 th March	Year 5 Chestnut - Year 6 Elm Swimming
Thursday 10 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football
Friday 11 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 - 4:30) - Year 6 Football
Monday 14 th March	U9 Football Match - Holywell v Woodlands School (2:15 - 3:15)
Monday 14 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 Football
Tuesday 15 th March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Tuesday 15 th March	New Entrants meeting @ 11:15
Tuesday 15 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football
Wednesday 16 th March	Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 16 th March	Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)
Wednesday 16 th March	After school club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball
Thursday 17 th March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Thursday 17 th March	Year 5 Chestnut - Year 6 Elm Swimming
Thursday 17 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football
Friday 18 th March	Nursery places accepted by parents – last day
Friday 18 th March	Y2 Hawthorn & Hazel – School Trip - Paradise Wildlife Park
Friday 18 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 - 4:30) - Year 6 Football
Monday 21 st March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 5 Football
Tuesday 22 nd March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Tuesday 22 nd March	New Entrants meeting @ 11:15
Tuesday 22 nd March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 1 / Year 2 Football
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – KS2 Dodgeball
Thursday 24 th March	Morning Club (7:50 – 8:50) – Tennis
Thursday 24 th March	Year 5 Chestnut - Year 6 Elm Swimming
Thursday 24 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 – 4:30) – Year 3 / Year 4 Football
Friday 25 th March	Afterschool Club (3:30 - 4:30) - Year 6 Football
Monday 28 th March	Festival of Learning Week
Tuesday 29 th March	New Entrants Meeting @ 11.15
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 4 Cornet Lesson (9:00 – 10:00)
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 5 Ukulele lessons (1:30 – 3:00)

April

Friday 1st April

Whole School Presentation Assembly (9:05)

Friday 1st April

Nursery finishes at midday

Friday 1st April 2022 – End of Spring Term – School Closes at 1:30pm

Summer Term Starts Wednesday 20th April @ 8.55 am

UNICEF ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

World Book Day - Articles 17, 19 and 31

The 3rd of March 2022 is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day.

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is celebrated all over the world on 23rd April but in the UK it always runs on the first Thursday in March. It is marked in over 100 countries.

Spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories can make a crucial difference to your future success and is fun for all involved. That's why World Book Day continues to encourage children and young people to read for pleasure through its work with authors, illustrators, publishers, bookshops and libraries

LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES



This week's activities link to the following articles:

Article 17 (access to information from the media): Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

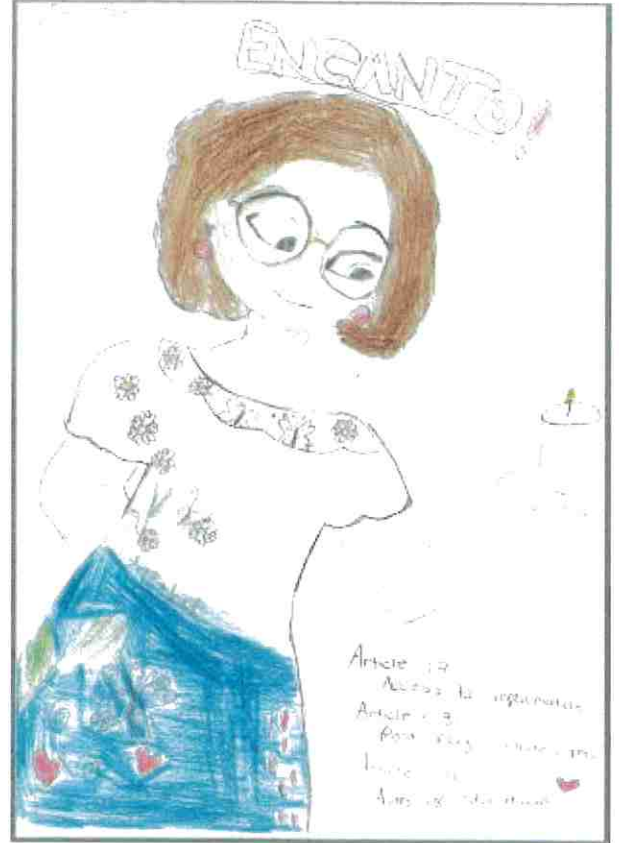
Article 29 (goals of education): Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture): Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

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UNITED KINGDOM

 RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

Some lovely pieces of work from our Year 6 children, linking the UNCRRC Articles

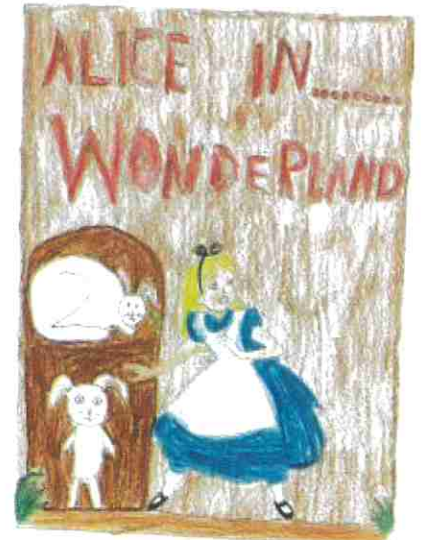


Article 17
 Article 18
 Article 19
 Article 20



Article Number:

- 17- Access to information
- 18- Best interests of the child
- 19- Separation from parents
- 20- Every child has the right to a name



UNICEF ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

ARTICLE 3- Best interests of the child

Article 3 (best interests of the child):
The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.



Who makes decisions that affect the lives of children and young people?

DID YOU THINK OF THESE?

- Parents or carers
- Other family members
- Teachers
- Healthcare workers
- Social workers
- Sports coaches
- Youth workers
- Police officers
- Members of the government
- Children's Commissioners
- Courts officials – judges, lawyers

Our Rowan class children created these hands to name the people who make decisions considering the best interests of them.





One of the best skills children can learn, opening up opportunities for fun, independence, activity and health for a lifetime

— **LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE (L2BR)**

- For children typically aged between 3.5 and 11
- 85% + of children are normally riding after 2 sessions
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Balance bike and quality lightweight pedal bike for each child included
- 1 hour sessions

— **DEVELOPING BETTER BIKE CONTROL (DBBC)**

- Follow-on course for new or inexperienced riders
- Covers key skills of starting, stopping, turning, looking, riding close to others, gears and signalling
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Bike provided if required (extra £3.00)
- 1 hour sessions

Full course details at: www.hertsbalance.uk/course-descriptions

**Saturday March 19th and 26th and Wednesday April 13th
and Thursday April 14th**

Venue: Cassiobury Junior School, Watford. WD17 3PD

Cost: £32 for two sessions. £19 for one session.

For more information and to book, go to www.hertsbalance.uk/public-schedule-booking
email phil@hertsbalance.uk or call Phil on 07941 061717.

Private L2BR, DBBC and Bikeability sessions are available for children and adults
and families. Details at www.hertsbalance.uk/private-sessions



BRIGHT STAR SPORTS

BADMINTON COACHING WORKSHOP

Quality Coaching For Boys And Girls Aged 8-15
All Abilities Welcome

Thu 31st Mar - Fri 1st Apr 9:30am - 12:30pm
St Helen's School, Northwood

Mon 4th Apr - Tue 5th Apr 9:30am - 12:30pm
Royal Masonic School, Rickmansworth

Mon 4th Apr - Tue 5th Apr 2:00pm - 5:00pm
St Margaret's School, Bushey

MULTI-SPORTS COACHING WORKSHOP

Quality Coaching For Boys And Girls Aged 4-9
All Abilities Welcome

Mon 4th Apr - Tue 5th Apr 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Royal Masonic School, Rickmansworth

Book Here

www.brightstarsports.com

COSMIC CURIOSITY

ARE YOU READY TO JOURNEY INTO SPACE....?
TAKE PART IN FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES
LEARN ABOUT REAL LIFE SPACE JOBS
LISTEN TO STORIES THAT ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD

WATFORD CENTRAL LIBRARY

Monday 4 April 11.00am

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Libraries.Information@hertfordshire.gov.uk



FREE

AGE 4-7

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
NO MORE THAN 2 CHILDREN
PER ADULT



Science and
Innovation
Facilities Council



South East Physics Network



making people
matter



University of
Hertfordshire **UH** Inspired

Primary school launch new cycling facility

The new learn-to-ride facility at King George V Playing Fields is open to use...

Young cyclists at Holywell Primary School helped launch Watford's recently completed learn-to-ride facility at King George V Playing Fields, which aims to help more children to travel by bike safely and confidently.



To help introduce the town's new training resource, which will be led and coordinated by community group Watford Cycle Hub, the pupils took part in a 'Bikeability'-style training session, which demonstrated how full courses are run during most school holidays with approved instructors.

Bikeability is just one course in a whole programme of cycle training offered by Watford Cycle Hub, which can take both children and adult trainees from the basics of balance and control, to planning and making an independent journey on busier roads.

The facility, which includes miniature roadways, traffic signs, markings and a model electric charging point, was completed thanks to funding from Watford Borough Council, Sport England, British Cycling and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). It will allow children of all abilities an opportunity to gain practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.



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