

Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

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Dear Parents/Carers

Week 7 of School Closure

This week all learning was issued via Google Classroom. I have spoken to a few parents who were having issues accessing the online content. The main reason seems to be with families who have exiting personal Google accounts. Please remember to log out of your personal Google account before you sign into your child's account.

Our aim this week was to get more pupils engaged and to have good examples of work submitted to us. Included below is a link to a survey for all parents and families to complete to help us improve what we are doing. Please complete the survey and let us know how you are accessing online learning and if you have internet access problems. It is making me increasing anxious that some families can't or don't access the online learning. We want everyone engaged so please let us know so we can continue to improve what we do.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9SCJBCV>

My latest Virtual Assembly was posted in the Google Classroom this morning. The classcode for the assembly is **m2k2kos** Please go to 'add a class' and enter the code, if you have not done so already, to access the class assembly.

We are all eager to hear the government announcements over the next few days about how the lock down will be eased. We are working on our own processes in school to operate social distancing measures. Once we are given dates we will share with parents how we propose to manage this so that staff, parents and pupils feel safe to return to some sort of normality.



Levelling of the Playing Field

We are pleased to inform you the work to level the school field is starting on Monday. This will give us the opportunity to have many more activities on our new even surface.

Isle of Wight

Whilst we have been trying continuously to get answers from the Isle of Wight about the up and coming Year 6 residential trip, they are obviously inundated with enquiries and we are awaiting a response. I think it is safe to say the trip will not go ahead as planned as it was supposed to be in two weeks. Once we receive more information from the company organising the trip we will update parents. Please do not make any more payments at this point.



BANK HOLIDAY 8th May 2020 – School closed.



We would like to remind you school is closed tomorrow, Friday 8th May 2020. This is the Bank Holiday that was moved to Friday instead of the usual Monday to commemorate VE Day. The 75th anniversary of VE Day signalled the end of World War II. There are lots of online activities for pupils and families to do over the Bank Holiday weekend. I know staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

Nursery and Reception Admissions September 2020.

The deadline for accepting your Reception class place for September 2020 has now passed. Parents who still wish to accept their place in Reception will need to call Hertfordshire County Council, School Admissions team on 0300 123 4043. If you would like to make a late application for Reception class September 2020 this can be done via the link below.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Nursery allocations for September 2020 are now complete. Please get in touch with the school office and let us know that you are accepting the place offered. We are busy arranging meeting and inductions even while the school is closed to pupils.

Secondary School Transfers – September 2021

A letter was sent out recently to parents of children in our current Year 5. This letter gives detailed information about how you go about applying to take the Consortium Test for the following schools -



- **Croxley Dames**
- **Parmiter's**
- **Queens'**
- **Rickmansworth**
- **St Clement Danes**
- **Watford Grammar School for Boys**
- **Watford Grammar School for Girls**

The test registration website address is -

<http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Contacting us

Even though school is 'closed' staff are still working. Those not in school each day work from home. If you need to contact the school then there are a few options available.

Telephone - 01923 225 188 term time from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Email: admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk

Parents are reminded that they can contact Mrs Bahirathan by email bahirathanb@holywell.herts.sch.uk should they need other support and information not related to their child's learning but maybe around issues like welfare, mental health, financial support.



The school also has a twitter account that we use to share information with parents and that can be used more effectively should we get more followers. If you have Twitter then please follow us on **@PrimaryHolywell**

Miss Clark has informed me that the photographs posted in last weeks newsletter were actually taken by Maya, one of our pupils who has been in school over the past few weeks. Well done Maya!!



Free School Meals moving forward

We have had lots of issues with moving to the government website, Edenred, to purchase vouchers for our families entitled to Free School Meals. Unfortunately this is out of our hands and I can only apologise to families who have not received their vouchers yet. It takes us hours to even get onto the system that is obviously overloaded.

If you are not registered for Free School Meals and believe you might be entitled please check via the Hertfordshire County Council website on the link below.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

School Nurses

Please find below information from our School Nurses, giving details of services they are offering at this time.



"We are continuing one to one tier 1 work with children and young people to support their emotional health & well-being via video calls.

Parents can refer via

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>

Our Duty School Nurse line is also available Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm on 0300 1237572 and parents can contact us on this number.



We have an Instagram account for parents and families **htc_schoolnursing** which provides up to date health information/resources.

Also a twitter account **HCT_SchoolNurse**



Children and parents can also access up to date information on www.healthforkids.co.uk this website has a section for children and parents. There is some good information about talking about coronavirus with children and how to support them.

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Nursery	Sibela	For trying hard with her name writing - especially the tricky 'S'
Blue Base	Isabelle	For her great step-by-step cooking
Red Base	Eden	For fantastic drawings and labelling his pictures
Sycamore	Idil	For her continuous effort in all of her learning
Maple	Jason	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning
Hawthorn	Kashvee	For always logging onto Google Classroom and sharing her learning and news
Hazel	Aadvik	For showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning and always trying his best
Pine	JJ	For producing excellent work on Greenland
Aspen	Amin	For reasoning through his science work on plants
Mulberry	Chloe Mae	For amazing reasoning when exploring both sides of an argument using the correct technical vocabulary
Cedar	Bailey	For doing well in his reading intervention and participation in the online lessons
Chestnut	Mahi	For her rapid response during online sessions and brilliant mathematical calculation skills
Elder	Patrick	For apply his science knowlege
Rowan	Ciara	For a beautiful piece of writing
Elm	Shlok	For producing excellent work across all subject this week
Birch	Kavya	For an excellent poem based on our book

You may email your child class teacher with issues relating to their class work. Teachers email addresses are:

Nursery		Mrs J Hewett	hewettj@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception Blue		Mr G Szajko	szajkog@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Reception Red		Mrs A Lazar	lazare@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Sycamore	Miss H Whiting	whitingh@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 1	Maple	Mrs R Hussain	hussainr@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hawthorn	Miss A Hampton	hamptona@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 2	Hazel	Miss S Rozan	rozans@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3	Pine	Miss N Kharbanda	kharbandan@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 3	Aspen	Miss C Downey	downeyc@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 4	Mulberry	Mrs A McLaughlin	mclaughlina@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 4	Cedar	Miss P Sammy	sammyp@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Chestnut	Mrs Gurunathan Sankaran	sankarann@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 5	Elder	Mrs L Clarke	clarkel@holywell.hert.sch.uk
Year 6	Rowan	Mrs L Bancroft Prescott	bancroftprescottl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Birch	Miss L Rogers	rogersl@holywell.herts.sch.uk
Year 6	Elm	Miss L Patrick	patrickl@holywell.herts.sch.uk



HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Nursery	Aisha	For doing good learning and helping around the house to keep things tidy
Blue Base	Muhammed	For continuous reading on Bug-Club
Red Base	Rabil	For resilience during her learning at home
Sycamore	Faith	For being resilient in order to improve her handwriting
Maple	Parmeet	For showing resilience in understanding maths word problems
Hawthorn	Alex	For showing resilience with his learning and making use of lots of resources at home
Hazel	Stanley	For showing reasoning when solving word problems in Maths
Pine	Tanmeet	For reasoning well when solving maths problems
Aspen	Amadou	For working hard as always
Mulberry	Tiana	For amazing effort with her museum in a box project on teddies - A beautiful project
Cedar	Nicola	For using her reasoning skills to write a fantastic story on Purple Mash about how an anteater received his long nose
Chestnut	Arshaq	For showing responsibility in attending online sessions sincerely and completion of tasks
Elder	Arya	For being resilient and completing all her work to a high standard
Rowan	Rahul	For his consistency and engagement with online learning
Elm	Anjali	For applying her reasoning skills across subjects
Birch	Aisha	For taking on feedback and using it to improve her work

Good work examples:

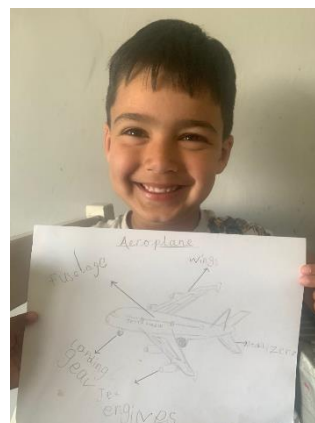
Well done everyone for working so hard. Here are some examples of good work that your teachers have sent on

Great examples of work from Reception Blue Base



In Red Base

Storm and her brother make their own pizzas for mum's Birthday!

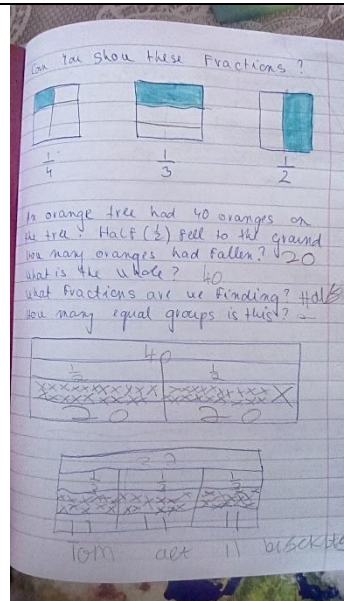


Ollie really wanted to learn about aeroplanes so we watched some videos, labelled the parts of one and made paper aeroplanes, testing how far they went and why. Ollie said "my one is faster because it is more aerodynamic"

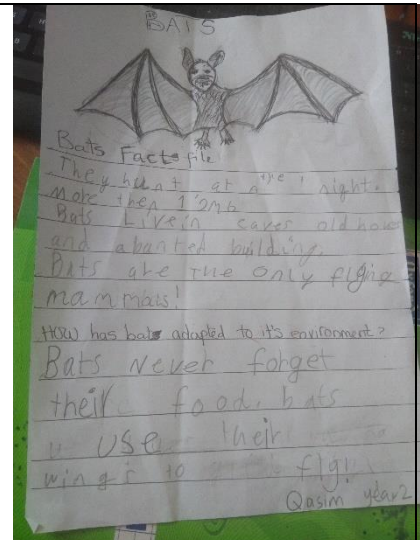
Hazel class



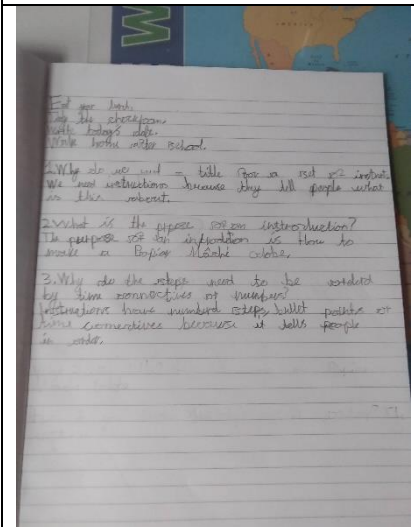
Liban's butterfly art work



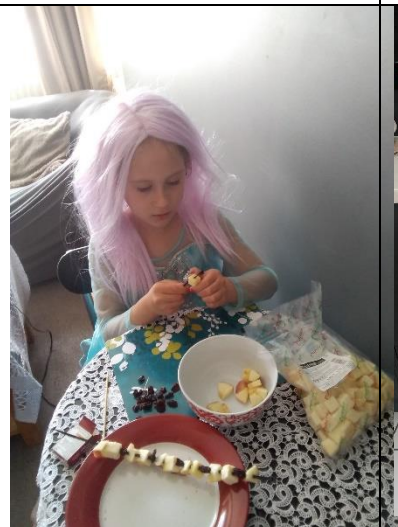
Rebeka's solving problems



Qasim's science work



Samantha's English work



Samantha and Stanley making a birdfeeder



Tiana in Mulberry class or amazing effort with her museum in a box project on Teddies. A beautiful project!

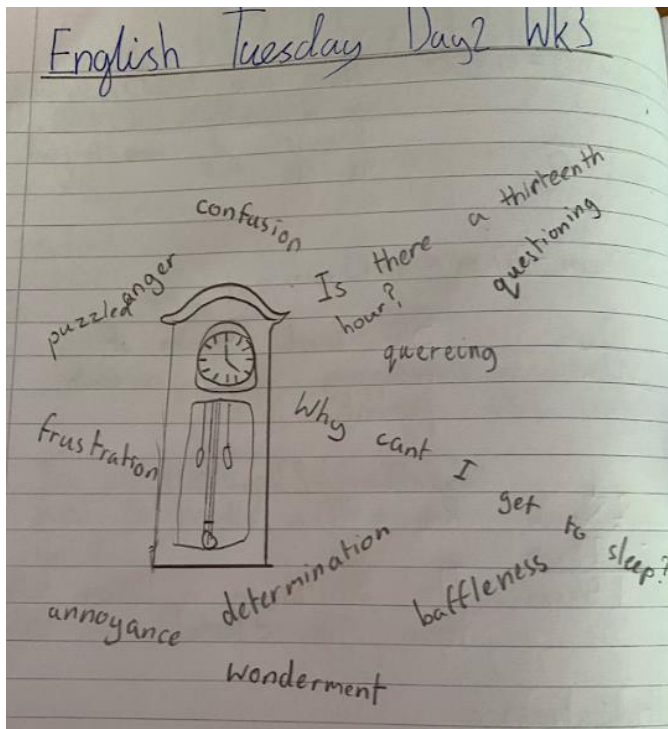


Some work examples from Chestnut

Science -Water transportation experiment by Nuredin and Patrick



English prediction and art by Amy, Neja and Ayesha



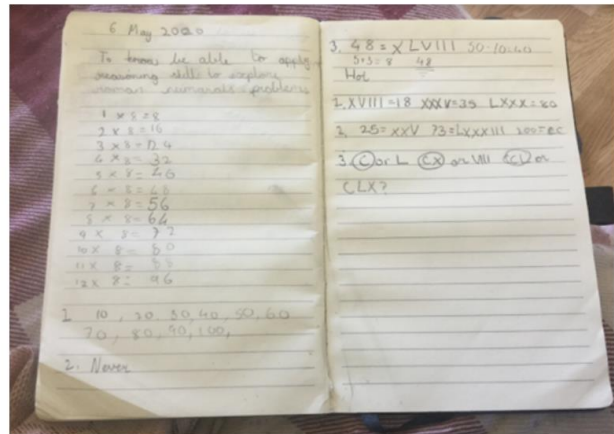
Some great maths work from Cedar

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4 = IV 40 = XL
9 = IX 90 = XC

Task:

LXXXI = 81
LX = 60
LXXV = 75
LVII = 57
XCIX = 99



Year 6 Birch They created poems based on the book we are studying called 'Way Home' which is about a boy who is homeless.

Wiyam in Y6 Birch

A vacated village,
That darkness hung over,
Each window,
Each door,
Was where death lurked.

Over the town,
Hovered a silence,
An eerie silence,
A ghastly silence.

Clouds of doom,
Cloaked the alleyway,
A shrill cry,
Pierced the air.

From the darkness,
A silhouette emerged.
Creeping through the village,
Occasionally pausing

It shivered,
It shook
As it made its way
Through the village

Before then,
Disappearing to where it came from.

Dia de los muertos

As the sun shone bright rays on the streets, below people began to cheer and dance in celebration... of the dead. Bright neon colours filled the town and music accompanied by singing and laughter lit up the spirits of everyone. But in a graveyard, a lonely girl sat on a cold stone in front of a grave with beautiful indents and flowers. As she knelt closer to the cold dirt, she felt a soft cool... whatever it was she was curious, she bent back and examined the floor... a flower.

Confused, she softly touched the flower, it was glowing majestically, but as soon as she did so it coiled on her arm pulling with the force of two grown men. She was dragged down the cool wet dirt. Falling... Maria looked around as she suddenly fell to a hard floor that felt like concrete. She got up and grunted.

“Wh-where am I?” Maria whispered, but before she could finish... she heard something. Backing away, finally feeling a wall... but this one felt bumpy and... boney? Maria turned, she screamed: a tall, skinny, bone filled skeleton! With a horrific, monstrous face and it’s Satanic smile “HELP” she screamed

“HELP, HELP, HELP!” She cried. Maria tried to run but all around her were the scariest skeletons she had ever seen. The skeleton had picked up the blue flower and placed it on it’s head. It grabbed Maria’s hand and pulled her over to a slimey, sticky yellow area. They slid around until they reached the edge where the skeleton threw Maria onto a balloon, a big balloon with the face of the skeleton on it, but before Maria could comprehend what was happening the balloons popped. As she dropped, the skeleton had caught her. The skeleton gave fruits, vegetables, bread, and a lot of other delicious looking food, but Maria didn’t want to eat, she was frightened.

The skeleton had brought her to a piñata. Maria was confused. The skeleton took off it’s arm and began to hit the piñata but kept missing. Maria giggled, she had began to see that the skeleton was no longer as scary as she thought. Maria continued to giggle and then grabbed the leg of a different skeleton and ran. She hit the piñata and laughed with the skeleton.

The skeleton had brought Maria over and painted her face and then they giggled and ran around. The skeleton brought Maria along and they changed into some very pretty dresses. Next, it took her to dance, but then...the skeleton...slowly...became... her mother! Tears started forming in Maria’s eyes as her mother swept them away. Her mother pulled Maria close in a warm bonding embrace. She put the flower in Maria’s hair as she closed her eyes. Maria suddenly felt... nothing, her mother disappeared, she was back in the graveyard, where she sat there with the flower still in her hair.

She smiled and sighed in relief. She got to see her mother again, one last time.

The End