



Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

1st May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Week 6 of School Closure

We have our first virtual assembly shared with children this week. My Assembly looked at the story, 'Mahala's Magic Pencil', that children learnt about it class. Each child is set a task, to capture (video, photo, draw or write) what they will draw with their magic pencil. The best entries will be shared in next weeks virtual assembly, this will be ready on Thursday. Teachers will share the link to the assembly via Google Classroom.



I would like to start by expressing my thanks to all the parents for their support while we have been adapting to online learning. From Monday 4th May 2020 all work will be set via Google Classroom. Please ensure your child has a class code, a username and password to access their learning. The week's timetable that pupils need to follow will be displayed at the top of the classroom.

I was disappointed to hear that parents have been aggressive, rude and demanding of teachers. Teachers have been given strict guidance on how to communicate with parents and other professionals and it is disappointing to hear that during a time when everyone must pull together some parents are acting in this way. We acknowledge that this way of working can be very frustrating. However, like I said in my letter yesterday, we are going beyond what other schools are offering. Please be polite and courteous when sending emails. Teachers are working very hard to keep children learning during this lockdown and behaviour like that has a detrimental effect on everyone.

Our first intervention lessons took place this week. Our teaching assistants have been amazing, adapting and being able to deliver these sessions after much anxiety about them initially. Well done everyone!

Our online participation has increased significantly this week. Thank you to parents for supporting your children to get online. Next week we hope to increase participation levels even more across the school and get all pupils to complete all the work that is set for the week.

BANK HOLIDAY 8th May 2020 – School closed.



Next week Friday is Bank Holiday. We are not planning to open on that day but are happy to consider requests from our Key Worker parents who need to work. Should we get sufficient demand then we will consider opening for Key Workers children.



Ramadan

Many of our families have started their month of fasting and prayer for Ramadan. We are thinking of you and wish you well with your fasting.

Managing Anxiety

We would like to provide you with some useful resources to manage your child's anxiety during this challenging period. Follow the link below for some fantastic ideas and lovely exercises, easy to practise by the whole family.

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2025/coronavirus-anxiety-toolkit.pdf>

Year 1 Assembly

Please find attached to this newsletter Year 1's Class Assembly. They have shared what they are enjoying doing at the moment.

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 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 last week 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/>

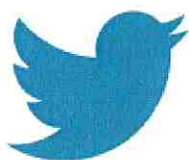
Contacting us

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.

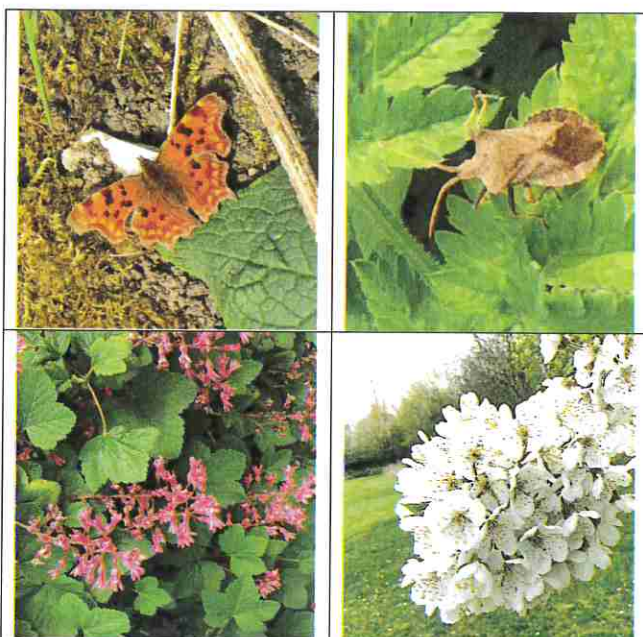


The school also has a twitter account that we use to share information with parents and that can be used more effectively should we get more followers. If you have Twitter then please follow us on @PrimaryHolywell

HOLYWELL STAR LEARNERS

Nursery	Millie	'For completing all of her home learning nicely and finding more things to show us on her Tapestry journal.'
Blue Base	Ashley	'For being a great counter.'
Red Base	Oliver	'For keeping active with his family and for always completing his work.'
Sycamore	Aaron	'For his fantastic information poster all about himself.'
Maple	Antonia	'For a high level of motivation in completing her work to the best of her ability.'
Hawthorn	Amira	'For always having a smile on her face on our live teaching sessions and for sharing her answers positively!'
Hazel	Stanley	'For always working with a spirit to succeed and for showing resilience when completing the learning that is set.'
Pine	Maddison	'For producing an excellent informative poster in science.'
Aspen	Grace	'For making a fantastic effort during her online Music lessons.'
Mulberry	Sanjsaya	'For attempting tricky Maths work even when she finds it challenging.'
Cedar	Luigi	'For writing an informative and well presented fact file about Brazil on Purple Mash.'
Chestnut	Ayodeji	'For always completing his work brilliantly, in Maths and English.'
Elder	Aghness	'For communicating effectively during the a debate in the online lesson
Rowan	Thabo	'For a fantastic story starter using varied descriptive devices.
Elm	Rita	'For her excellent attitude to learning.'
Birch	Matei	'For a lovely introduction to his story.'

Even though school has been closed it has been amazing to see the outside come to life. Here are some inspiring photographs taken by Miss Clark around the school site.



HOLYWELL CHARTER CERTIFICATES

Nursery	Charlie	'For keeping up-to-date with the new reading on Bug Club and remembering to finish each book with the quiz.'
Blue Base	Alexa	'For working hard at home'
Red Base	Storm	'For being kind to mum on her birthday and making her a pizza!'
Sycamore	Cristiano	'For always working hard and being resilient in his learning.'
Maple	Maisey	'For being resilient in learning how to use Purple Mash.'
Hawthorn	Simela	'For an excellent effort all week with her work showing great resilience.'
Hazel	Rebeka	'For finding answers to a SPAG task by considering all the possible options.'
Pine	Dilan	'For demonstrating excellent reasoning skills in his maths work.'
Aspen	Elif	'For using her reasoning to complete her English work.'
Mulberry	Humzah	'For resilience with his Maths work and taking a step back to reflect when needed so that he can achieve his goals.'
Cedar	Margarida	'For using her reasoning skills to write about how the digestive system works.'
Chestnut	Eduarda	'For working sincerely and showing resilience in her learning.'
Elder	Diana	'For reasoning well in a debate in our online lesson'
Rowan	Natasha	'For her resourcefulness and quiet determination in whatever she does!'
Elm	Shivam	'For his excellent reasoning skills across all subjects.'
Birch	Zainab	'For using a thesaurus to improve her story writing.'

Free School Meals moving forward

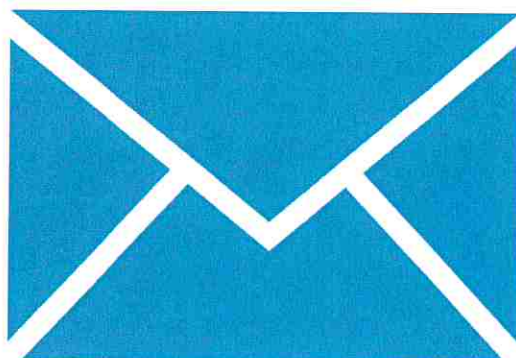
Yesterday we posted out the vouchers that had not been collected by the parents who are entitled to Free School Meals. These vouchers covered the period from Monday 20th April 2020 until Friday 1st May 2020. We have now registered with the governments vouchers scheme - Edenred. All parents who are entitles to receive a Free School Meal will receive an email containing the link for their next voucher on Monday 4th May 2020.

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

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



Good work examples:

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

Sycamore class – Well done Aaron

I enjoy looking after my pets. this is my dog, Diesel.

I enjoy looking after my pets. this is my cat, Tiger.

My family are important to me because they play games with me and they're fun. These are my broythers, Jorddan, Nial and Eden

My family are important to me because they look after me. This is my Mummy and Daddy.

All About Me

Friends are very important to me. this is my friend Adam.

I love to do Gymnastics because it is fun. This is me doing a handstand

I enjoy sports and they are important to me because they make me very happy and keep me fit. This is me playing Football.

Friends are very important to me. this is my friend David. He hugs me a lot.

Some good work examples from Hazel – Well done Adam, Rebeka's and Samanta.

English 28/04/20

Troll

His ear are big and pointy like a fox, he is covered in slimy green skin. His face is as ugly as a goat with big pointy teeth. If you dare to stare at his black eyes you will be frightened to death. His dirty brown clothes are made out of tight rope and his creepy nails are as long as tiger claws.

Tom is riding his bike.
I see in the sea.
Flowers grow in the garden.
I splash in the sea.
They were nice kisses.
The gate is hot.



The magical unicorn

The unicorn has rainbow hair. The unicorn has white skin and white on a paper. The unicorn has a white horn and white on top of like head. She has pointy ears. The hooves are black and black on the whole world the unicorn's whiskers are pink and pink and a pink dress.

Create your character and its interesting description

MERBABY

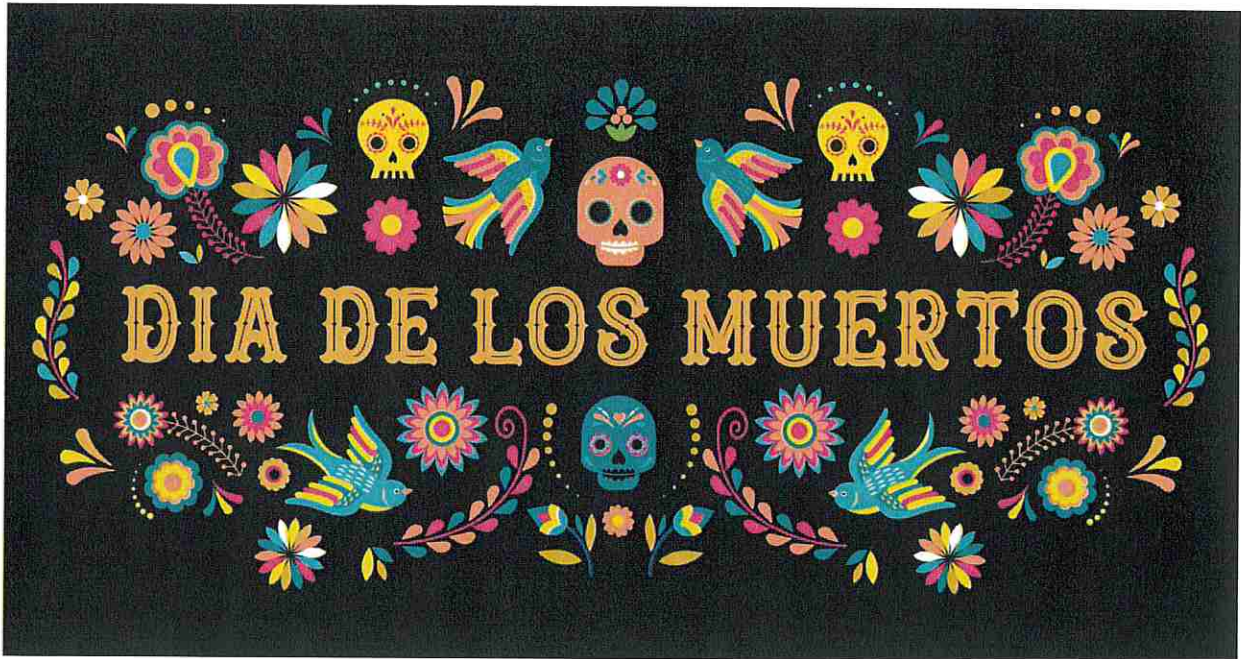


The magical mer baby

She is a beautiful little creature who lives in a deep sea in a beautiful mermaid cave. She has a long tail as colorful as a rainbow that helps her swim fast with her fins. She has golden hair and bright blue eyes that are as shiny as a star in the dark night sky. She likes to talk to her dolphin friends in her spare time. She can change her tail colour in the deep end of the sea where she is the best at hide and seek.

Rowan class with some descriptive Writing

Well done Natasha



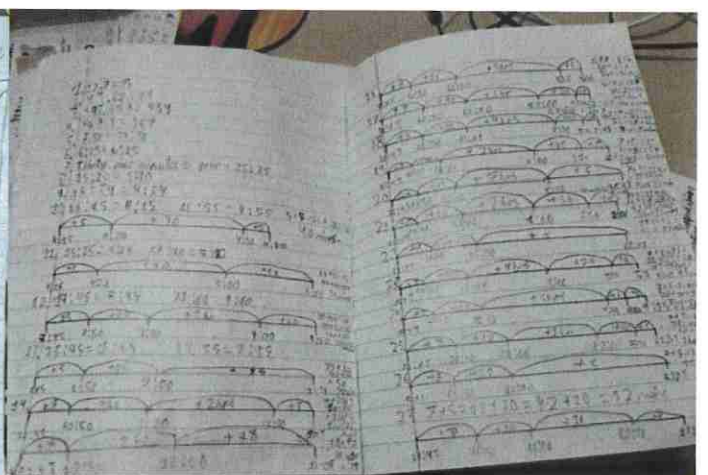
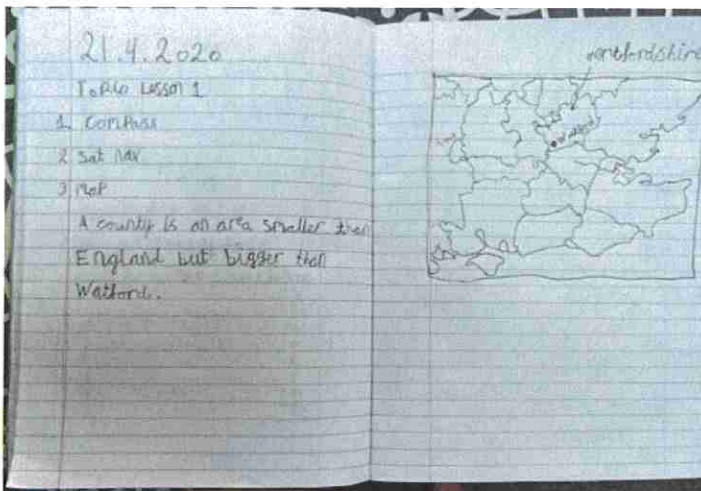
When the celebrations started the streets suddenly came alive. Vibrant music blasted through the bustling streets , traditional shops, and houses were lavishly decorated with flamboyant colours in all directions. The odor of the fresh cooking conquered the atmosphere with a warm welcoming for the ancestors . Breathtaking crowds filled the streets and inspiring performers with dazzling costumes took the stage. Candles were held and the dripping of candle wax, created a layer of heated smoothness that had never been touched .Blossoming flowers gave a distinctive , sweet aroma that embraced everyone. The scent of the sugar skulls often charged through the streets and touched the tip of the nose and mouth. A cold breeze was also felt by the dancer's swishing, vivid costumes.

Well done Thabo

The day of the Dead by Thabo

As the music began to play, the streets started to buzz with life. Wave after wave of colours were pouring out onto the dazzling streets, which were covered with decorations. Skeletons could be visible from every angle, the heads swaying side to side like the pendulum of a grandfather clock. The aroma of food floated through the air giving away hunger faster than it could be vanquished. Dancers were sprinkled around the whole area, moving elegantly across the smooth stone path. Laughter and celebration came together, creating noise

Examples of work from Cedar



Human body...

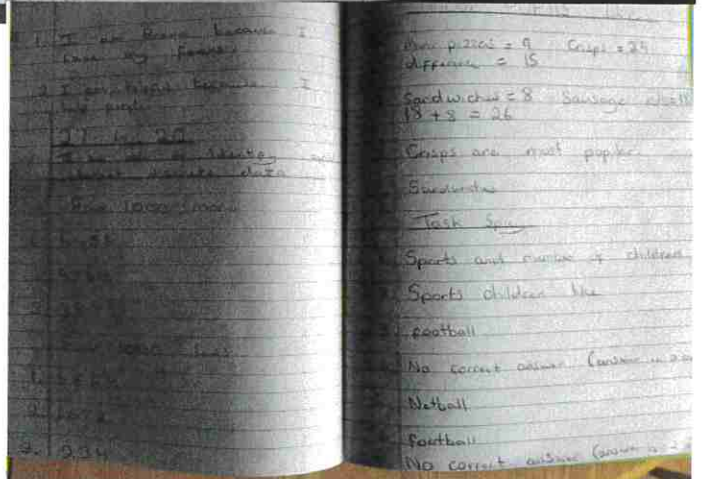
The human body digests by the use of chewing which den brings the particles to the saliva which takes it down to your body to mix with the amino acids.

Digestion is the process by which food is broken down into simpler substances.

Saliva in the mouth begins the job by breaking down the carbohydrates for example starch.

The digestive ball is taken down.

Taken down to the stomach.



Well done Madison in Pine class

My informative poster on Plants.



The roots in the plants are found in the embryo within the seed.

- Plants develop by seeds and that's how they grow. Roots are what plants need which they have. This was a plant fact.
- Next is a root fact. Roots grow through the whole life of a plant . They grow longer from the tip. They also anchor and support a plant, and store food.

Here is a BONUS fact.

Some roots go DEEP into the ground but only some roots. One root that was found in

ARIZONA, U.S.A was 60m below the surface.

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By Maddison.

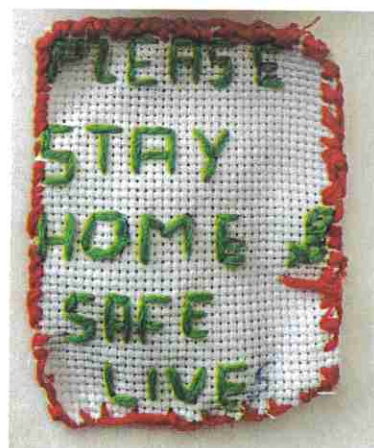
A year 6 story started from Elm

Today finally came! The sun was pointing down making light shine on the roads below, underlining the perfectly colourful houses and happy atmosphere. Signs of cheerfulness filled the sky, like the other side of the world could hear it.

Everyone loved this day. Everyone wore their best clothes. Everyone rummaged in just to be part of this festival. Well nearly everyone, except Maria.

A few streets away in a calmer area of the community, a small girl sat calmly at the graveyard placing her hand on a cool, grey slab and stared at it without blinking. Trying not to cry she carefully removed her hand of the cool, grey slab getting ready to leave. Suddenly, she felt something weird touching her arm. Bewildered, she turned around and a blue flower growing from the ground. "What is this?" Maria thought.

Finally well done Arshaq in Year 5 for showing his creativity in thanking our NHS. Let us keep our acts of thankfulness come in so we can show them to everyone.



1 GET YOUR CHILDREN, PENS
& PAPER READY

2 DRAW A PICTURE OR WRITE
A LETTER FOR THE ELDERLY

3 TAKE A PICTURE & SEND TO:
WATFORD@SEWADAY.ORG

**WE THEN SEND
THEM
TO CARE HOMES!**



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'SPREAD SOME JOY' CAMPAIGN