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	5 R's	Writing Skill	Hand Writing	Age Rel. Speller	5 R's	Writing Skill	Hand Writing	Age Rel. Speller
Mrs Kaydu					Jack	Flynn	Katie	Rosie
Miss Fuller					Zion	Mahdi	Edie	Oliver
Miss Carroll	James	Mayson	Sebastian	Maisie	Amy	Austin	Rory	Mia
Mrs Shaw	Ronnie	Mia	Imran	Jack	George	Imran	Emma	Levi
Miss Graham	Roberto	Kane	Freddie	Amiyah	Nathan	Chloe	Freddie	Lillie
Mr Heskin	Myles	Jessica	Alexandra	Grace	Martyna	Chayse & Joel	Joshua	Jasmine
Mrs Tredwell					Lily	Sonny	Alfie	Leia
Mrs Deacon					Ruby	Spencer	Ashley	Lyra

Class	14th February				Year	Cooks Award: Mollie D & Alex C		
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Mrs Kaydu	Rosie	Vince	Aleyna	Jack	3	Star Readers Awards	Star Readers Awards	Star Readers Awards
Miss Fuller	Uthman	Chloe	Fabiana	Maciej			Edie	Summer Katie Zion Charlotte
Miss Carroll	Taha	Mia	Charlie	Nikkia				
Mrs Shaw	EJ	Stanley	Iwinosa	Harrison	4	Lenny	Amy	Amy James
Miss Graham	Jared	Darcie	Jensen	Paul				
Mr Heskin	Isla	Ashton	Ellison	Layla	5	Joel., Kamy, Goodness, Chloe, Aimee., Grace, Michal		
Mrs Tredwell	Thomas	Leia	Isobelle	Cleo				
Mrs Deacon	Arash	Kayla	Max	Thomas	6		Hayley, Olivia	
Cooks Award	Olivia F, EJ and Toby H							



DIARY OF EVENTS

February

Monday 17th - 21st
Half Term Break

March

Tuesday 3rd
Learning Review Meeting

Thursday 5th
Learning Review Meeting

Tuesday 10th
Yr 3 Hare Krishna
Temple Trip

Wednesday 11th
Parent Workshop - Sleep
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Thursday 12th
Yr 4 Lee Valley Trip

Tuesday 31st
PGL Final Payment Due

April

Monday 6th - 17th
Easter Break

Monday 20th
Inset Day - Sch Closed

May

Friday 8th
Bank Holiday
School Closed

Holtsmere End Junior School Newsletter

ISSUE 8

14TH FEBRUARY 2020

Message from Mrs McGuigan

This has been a very busy half term as always, with lots of learning taking place. There have been numerous exciting events this term including the Year 6 children taking part in Cycle training, the Dacorum Mayor visit, various football matches and an athletics tournament.

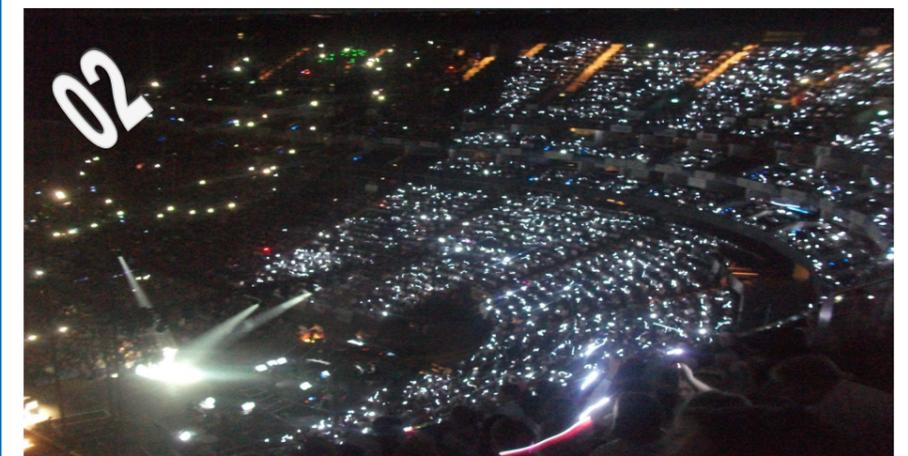
We have been working really hard this term to make sure that the children are benefitting from a wide curriculum and that the lessons taught in the

afternoons are fun, engaging and memorable. The new curriculum overviews for each year group can now be seen on the website so do please take a look. We will be ensuring that parents are more aware of the skills and knowledge being taught for each subject more regularly. This will be communicated through the newsletters and letters home about school trips and the way that they link to the learning intentions. Our school website is also currently being updated and we hope that when this is completed, over the next few weeks, we will be able to ensure that it is more current, informative and updated more regularly.



Young Voices

Sixty of our Year 5 and 6 children attended the Young Voices event at the O2 on 4th February. It was a long day however it was amazing to see the children perform so well following time spent rehearsing their words and dance moves! It was an unforgettable experience to see the children take part alongside 8600 other children on the evening and the sense of pride that they felt being part of such a huge event. Next year we will be making sure that we make a school banner so that the parents that attended can see us easily amongst the crowd. I thank Mrs Deacon for organising the event and Mrs Tredwell for supporting Mrs Deacon and the children with the after school rehearsals.



Reminders

PE Kit

A large number of children are not bringing PE kits to school. Please ensure your child has a **named** PE kit in school every day.

Hair Bands

It is school policy for long hair to be tied back which helps keep head-lice at bay

Lost Property

The lost property box for **unnamed** items is in the entrance. Please come in to look for your lost articles
Please be aware that all left over property is disposed of at the end of each term.

LINK Surgeries

Wednesday

26th February
11th March
25th March

Mrs McGuigan Continued...

Coronavirus Public Health Advice

There is much talk in the news about Coronavirus. Advice is being updated daily but currently we have to treat the situation like a flu outbreak. The fatality percentage of Coronavirus is the same as a flu outbreak, of about 2%. We are not aware of any staff or families who have had contact with the region, at the source of the outbreak. As a result our current advice from county is that we should follow seasonal guidelines of 'catch it, kill it, bin it,' for seasonal coughs and colds.

Updated Medical and Allergy Advice

Have we got all of your updated medical guidance for your child and any allergy advice? We are still being surprised by some children informing us of inhalers, allergies and medication. Please let us know, in writing, if there is any change for your child.

Communication

We do our very best to communicate as much as we can however we can see that many parents do not open the emails that we regularly send out. Please could I request that parents are more rigorous about seeing emails and opening them and I thank you in advance.

Young Voices at the O2

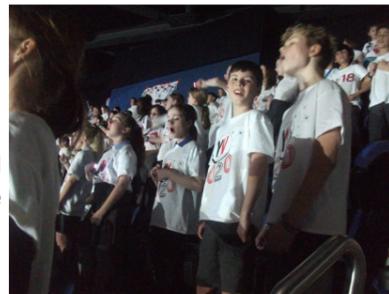
On Tuesday 4th February 2020, 60 children from year 5 & 6 went to the London O2 arena to sing at the Young Voices concert. We were led by our fantastic music teacher, Mrs Deacon. By: Jasmine



Every student who was going went into the hall to practise and prepare and then we went on the coach to London at 11:30am. It took 1½ hrs to get to the arena. Once we had been led off the bus we walked the rest of the way to check-in and get to our seats. In our comfortable seats we ate our lunch surrounded by friends and started to do the rehearsal. By: Olivia

Four hours into the rehearsal, we were done and the live show would begin in one hour. Our dinners were consumed with gratitude and we were pumped with excitement. Suddenly, the lights dimmed and the host, Gigi came to introduce the choir comprised of 240 schools and 2000 children. The performance was supported by Teenage Cancer Trust.

By: Jasmine



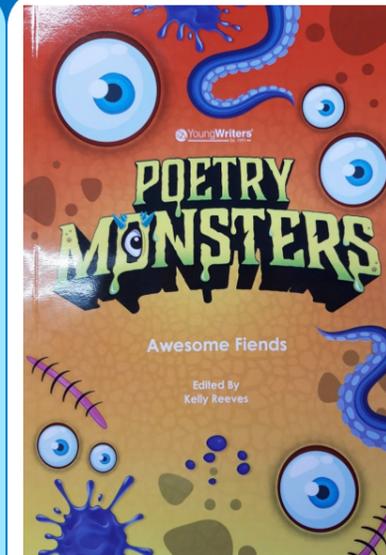
The songs were as fun as possible and the dancing was really exciting. Many parents and carers came to our performance and they cheered us on all the way. We all signalled the parents with beams of flashing light. Everyone loved going to the O2 as it was an amazing experience for everyone who went. By: Olivia

Letters & Emails Home

Y6 Zoolab
Yr 4 Image consent

SAT's book order

Outstanding trip costs

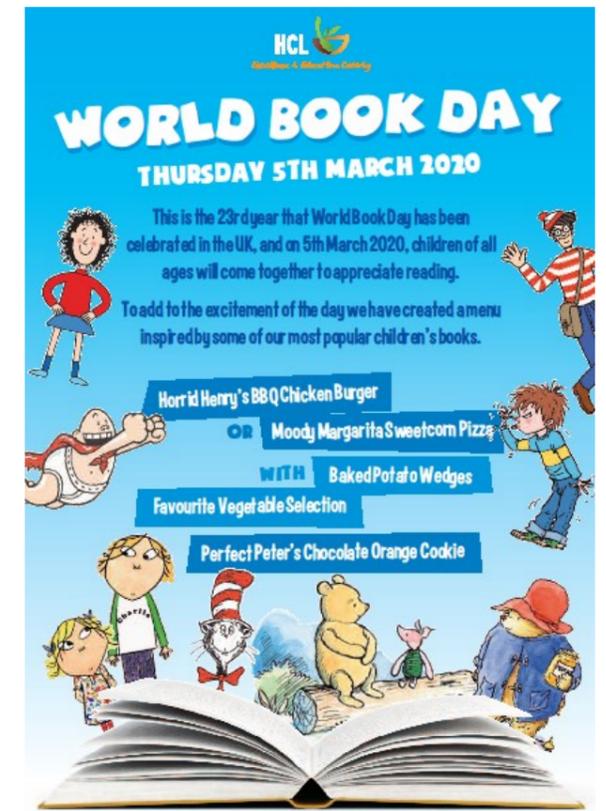
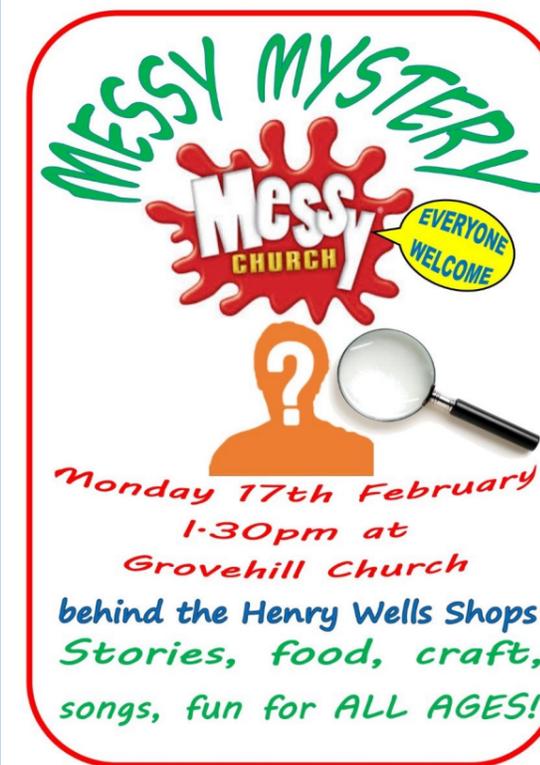


Poetry Monsters

Congratulations to all the children who put pen to paper and explored their imaginations to create some amazing poems about monsters, some of which are published in this book.

Well done Amiyah, Pippa, Tehzeeb, Mia, Kane, Amy, Maisie, Nikkia, Gracie, Kanya, Faatimah, Niall, Chloe, Rosa, Rineira and Millie.

A copy of the book is available to read in the school library.



Attendance	31/1	7/2	14/2	Attendance	31/1	7/2	14/2
Mrs Kaydu	96	94.5	93.7	Miss Fuller	95.4	94.2	95.2
Mrs Shaw	95	97.1	97	Miss Carroll	94.4	95.7	97
Mr Heskin	94.8	95.7	98.2	Miss Graham	95.6	93.6	95.2
Mrs Tredwell	96.2	98.5	97.4	Mrs Deacon	95.3	97.6	98

Volcanoes in Year 3

This half term, Year 3 have been studying 'natural disasters' in geography. As a year group, they have been focusing on volcanoes and created their own using papier-mache and a water bottle. They painted them and finally erupted them outside!

Miss Carroll



Monet in Year 4

This half term year 4 have been looking at 'reflections' and focusing mainly on Claude Monet's art in their art lessons. Children have researched and created a fact file about Monet as well as understanding how reflections are incorporated into his paintings. Children have then had opportunities to paint some of his world famous pieces of art.



Y6 Athletics Competition

On 12th February Holtsmere entered the Dacorum schools year 6 athletics competition at Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre. The event started at 12:30 and ran until 2:30pm. Throughout the competition our selected 18 pupils partook in multiple track and field events, such as relays, speed bounce and obstacle courses. Overall our students won the majority of their events so we are hopeful for a victory.



During the event all pupils participating behaved tremendously and showed great levels of sportsmanship. As well as cheering their own classmates on, they encouraged peers from competing schools to perform their best whilst on the side-line. To see this amount of respect and admiration for one another made me extremely proud of our children at Holtsmere. By: Miss Wood



My Favourite event at the competition was the under/over obstacle team race. This is because I like to challenge myself and I felt like this event tested my abilities in a positive way. I enjoyed participating in this event because it brought everybody together and made us work as a team who supported each other. I think I did well in most of my events because I achieved high scores. By: Reece

During the event my favourite competition was the 4 x1 relay race. I liked this event the most because it was a chance to really work together as a team with my classmates. I really enjoyed the athletics completion because when I would do my events everyone not participating would be cheering me on and encouraging me which gave me adrenaline. In every event I participated in I came first, which helped my schools overall score in the competition. I expect our school will be in the top three for winning. By: Cleo

Holtsmere End Athletics Team achieved 2nd place in the competition - Well done

