



Holtsmere End Junior School Newsletter

DIARY OF EVENTS

ISSUE 9

6TH MARCH 2020

March

Tuesday 10th
Reading Evening
3:30pm

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

June

8th—12th
Y6 PGL

8th—12th
Healthy Herts Week

July

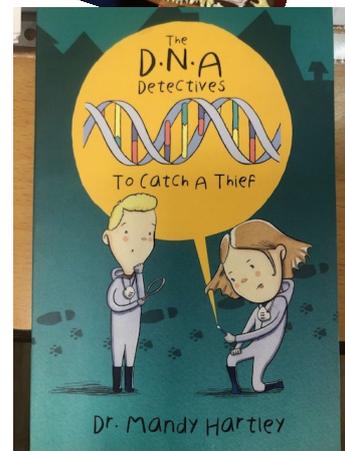
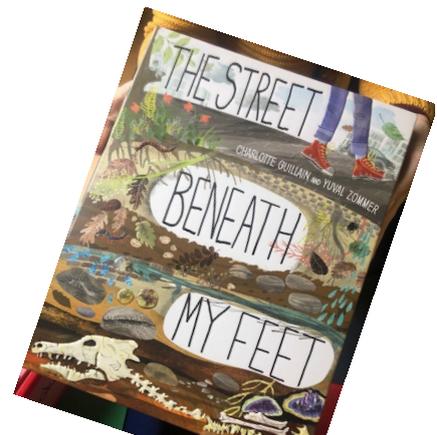
Tuesday 7th
Sports Day

Message from Mrs McGuigan

We are now two weeks into the second half of this term and as the weather begins to get warmer I would like to thank parents and carers for attending Learning Review Meetings. I enjoyed seeing so many parents attending. These meetings are an essential opportunity to discuss the progress that your children are making and how we can all work together to ensure they reach their full potential. If you missed meeting with your child's teacher then please send in a message via the link book.

'The Street Beneath my Feet' and 'The DNA Detectives' are books that we are reading to Year 3 and Year 5 at the moment. It is important that children have a wide range of opportunities to enjoy good books by linking books to different subjects. Both of these books link with the science curriculum that we are teaching and are being read to the children by Mrs Kaydu and Miss Graham during weekly science lessons. Books have been chosen specifically to link with other areas of the curriculum and we will be sharing those in future newsletters.

The school website is currently being updated and we look forward to sharing with you the changes as soon as this has been completed. The aim is that the new website will be more user friendly so that it can be easily accessed on iphones as well as sharing more about what is happening in the classrooms during lessons.



Important Notice:

Yr 3 Trip next week to Hare Krishna Temple is cancelled.
Further details on page 4. Refunds will be arranged.

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

11th March

25th March

ZooLab Visit

On Thursday 13th February, a visitor from ZooLab UK came into our school hall to show us some rainforest animals.

Firstly, he showed us a massive cockroach called a Madagascan cockroach, we were allowed to hold it, it had spikes on its legs that it uses to grip on the ground.



The next animal we saw was a tree frog, it was huge, but we were not allowed to hold it. It was green and the man had to spray it with water.

After that we saw Corn snake, it was an orangy, yellow colour and we were allowed to hold it, It was really squishy near

the underbelly and its tongue kept sticking out.

Next we saw a super cute gerbil, the man said it lived in the desert. We weren't allowed to hold it but we were allowed to stroke it on the head.



The last animal we saw was a Leopard gecko. We learnt it's tail could drop off and its eyes were massive!

This was a great experience and I really enjoyed it, I wish we could do it again!

By: Alexander T. Yr 5



On Thursday 13th February a visitor from ZooLab UK came in to show us a range of different animals you might find in the rainforest and how they cope in every day life.

Some animals we were allowed to touch, like the cockroach, others like the corn snake we would just stroke or not touch at all. He explained how deforestation is greatly impacting their population by destroying their habitat. Finally, the man told us some interesting facts about the animals and I learnt that the leopard gecko can lose his tail to stop predators grabbing it and then it grows back later. I really enjoyed ZooLabs visit.

By: Freddie B. Yr 5



World Book Day

As you know, yesterday was World Book Day!

The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed the day thoroughly. Thank you so much for all the effort that went into the amazing costumes, hairstyles and face paint!

Although dressing up is not the most important part of celebrating reading, the children certainly find it enjoyable! Lots of staff were also dressed up as book characters including: Mr Men and Little Miss', Dorothy, Munchkins, Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz and even Maleficent!

We were very lucky to have a local poet from the area, John Mole, who worked closely with the children and inspired them to write their own riddles. He shared his own books with the children during a whole school assembly before the children had their own individualised workshops.

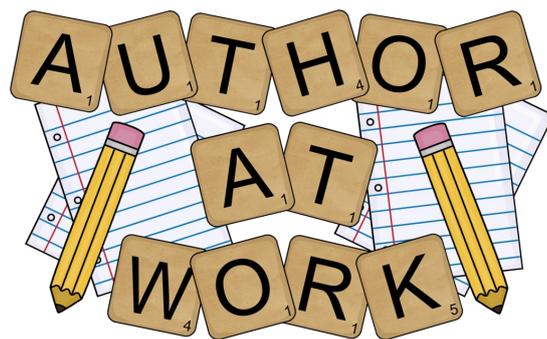
Reading for pleasure is something we feel is incredibly important not just for academic progress but also for creativity, life, and wellbeing so hopefully all of the children have come away from World Book Day a little more inspired to read or even to write their own books!



Story Teller Competition

The Story Teller Competition was judged on:

- ◇ Quality of writing, originality
- ◇ Imagination and creativity
- ◇ Sentence structure and language
- ◇ Writers ability to tell a story, capture the reader and hold their attention
- ◇ No more than 500 words



Prizes were awarded to the following:

- ◇ Yr 6 winners Kaylen L & Chloe K Runner up Liam O
- ◇ Yr 5 winners Chloe SC & Faatimah H Runners up Goodness & Lilia
- ◇ Yr 4 winners Stanley P & Millie B Yr 4 winners Runners up EJ & Rineira
- ◇ Yr 3 winners Rosie & Emma C Runners up Artur & Melissa

DON'T FORGET OUR READING EVENING AT 3:30PM NEXT TUESDAY. THE MEETING IS TO INFORM PARENTS ABOUT THE DIFFERENT SKILLS CHILDREN NEED TO LEARN AND HOW WE TEACH THEM IN SCHOOL. CHILDREN WHO WROTE STORIES CAN READ THEM ALOUD AFTER THE MEETING.

Hare Krishna Temple - Cancellation

Unfortunately as a precautionary measure the temple has been closed to the public. It will remain closed until further notice.

Sadly, a member of the congregation has tested positive for COVID-19. The person has not been to the temple but others have been in contact with them. The temple will be deep cleaned after which it will again be open.

We will start the refund process although I am sure you will understand this may take a couple of days.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sports Relief

On Wednesday 11th March, for £1 your child may come to school wearing sports clothes. They will be having inter class competitions including an assault course. All monies raised to Sports Relief.

Sports day will be 7th July—details to follow



Letters & Emails Home

Yr 6 Leavers Hoodies

Hare Krishna Temple cancellation

Shenley Road Closures

Reading Evening

Class	6th March			
	5 R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week
Mrs Kaydu	Jack		James	Josh
Miss Fuller	JJ	Emma	Melissa	Mira
Miss Carroll	Rosa	Shane	Mia	Maisie
Mrs Shaw	Stanley	Iwinosa	Imran	Gloria
Miss Graham	Marianna	Alex	Goodness	Megan
Mr Heskin	Alexandra S	Michal	Aimee	Kamya
Mrs Tredwell	Ajay	Leia	Jack	Lily
Mrs Deacon	Riley	Mina	Anastasia	Hayley
Cooks Award				

Attendance %

Attendance	28/2	6/3		Attendance	28/2	6/3	
Mrs Kaydu	96.6	95.5		Miss Fuller	91.9	95	
Mrs Shaw	100	95.5		Miss Carroll	95.5	94.8	
Mr Heskin	98.2	95.1		Miss Graham	93.8	95.2	
Mrs Tredwell	97.1	96.3		Mrs Deacon	95.0	95.6	