



Holtsmere End Junior School

Newsletter

May

Half Term Break
31st - 4th June

June

Monday 7th
INSET Day
School Closed

PGL Y6
Monday 14th -
Friday 18th

July

Tuesday 6th
Sports Day

Wednesday 14th
Y2 Visit

Monday 19th
Y6 Leavers
Disco & BBQ

Thursday 22nd
End of Term 1:30pm

Academic Year
2021/22

September

Autumn Term Starts
Monday 6th

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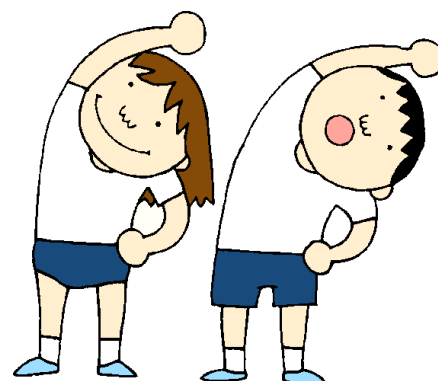
28TH MAY 2021

Message from Mrs McGuigan

It is amazing how quickly this half term has gone and that we are now halfway through the summer term. We are incredibly proud of the children this term and the way in which they have adapted to being back in school. We have been COVID19 free this term with no class or year group bubbles needing to isolate so learning has been uninterrupted. We thank parents and carers for their support with this as it has been a whole school community effort to achieve this.

Sport's day

A reminder that sport's day will take place on Tuesday 6th July. As yet we are not sure what the day will consist of and if parents and carers will be able to attend. We will obviously adhere to guidelines as they change nearer the time. If we can then parents and carers will be invited for the afternoon. Tickets will be given for this event for us to ensure that adults on the school grounds have a valid reason to be in attendance.



Health and Wellbeing Week

The week beginning Monday 14th June will be a very exciting in school. The children will need their PE kits in school every day! Activities will include;

Mon 14 th June	Tues 15 th June	Wed 16 th June	Thurs 17 th June
Healthy Eating workshops Orienteering Festival	Healthy body science workshops Skip hops workshops	Hula Hoop workshops	Tae Kwon Do workshops Whole school picnic

We look forward to sharing photos of the week and children's comments in future newsletters!

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Message from Mrs McGuigan Continued

Year 6 residential trip

The Year 6 annual residential trip will take place this term and preparations have been taking place in order for this trip to be an exciting adventure for the children. If you have any worries or concerns regarding the trip do come in and see a member of staff.

Mini Bus

We have finally been able to get four staff to be able to take the Herts mini bus drivers' assessment and therefore we can begin using the mini bus regularly. The mini bus will be used for sports events as well as local trips to enrich our curriculum.

Daily Mile

I am excited to be able to tell you about the Daily Mile programme which we will be introducing in our school after half term in June as an extension of our current PE programme

The 'Daily Mile' is where all pupils aim to walk or run a mile (or as far as they can in 15 minutes) along a marked track every day whilst at school. Research suggests that children, parents and teachers all report positive benefits to the health and happiness of the children, as well as improvements in achievement, concentration and behaviour both in class and at home.

This new programme should help to increase the amount of activity that children undertake.

We are restricted by the current situation with year group bubbles due to COVID and therefore we can only have a year group each day at present until further restrictions are lifted. Therefore, we are aiming for a mile a week initially!

The plan will be as follows:

Children will arrive on the school site at 8.30am, place their bags/coats on the playground and will run/walk/jog around the running track. Miss Laing our school sports apprentice will supervise, support and encourage the children each week.

Monday- Year 6

Tuesday- Year 5

Thursday- Year 4

Friday – Year 3

For those children who cannot run a mile, they will walk it to begin with and will then be encouraged to move towards running the mile.

At 8.45am children will stop running and enter school with a healthy snack.

We look forward to your support with this initiative and we will encourage the children to take part, and reward them when they do!

School Uniform:

Please see the updated uniform list on the website.

We have made a change to the footwear - plain black trainers are allowed with no colour logo.

Please note; school fleeces are for outdoor wear only not for in the classroom

Year 3 DT L0: To create a free-standing photo frame



I liked making the photo frames because we got to use our own designs. Our photo frames were free-standing as we made them stand up using pipe cleaners. **Ben C**



SCIENCE LO: To investigate how seeds grow in different types of soil.

I liked planting the cress seeds, it was exciting to watch them grow. **Luca H**



Heptathlon

I found the heptathlon fun and exciting. My favourite event was equestrian

Year 4



Jabberwocky

Today we watched the Jabberwocky poem by Lewis Carroll and used the detail in it to draw a small picture of the dangerous Jabberwocky. **James D**



We made a sphinx out of clay, it was very messy. We did this for history because we 're learning about Egyptians. Then we painted them, we enjoyed it!

Vince

Our pyramid

I think our Team worked really well as we all had a part that we did really well. We were very organised and tidy and all agreed on things and also my team mates gave me help if I needed it. Our pyramid came out really well and we had some great ideas. **Lyla**



In History, we made pyramids in groups. It was made from paper and cardboard. I really enjoyed it!

Louis B

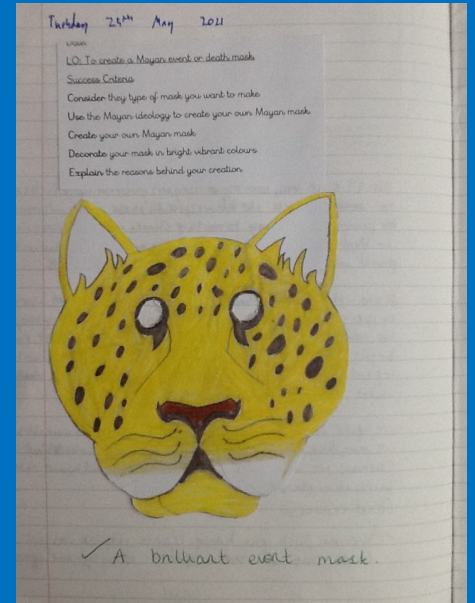
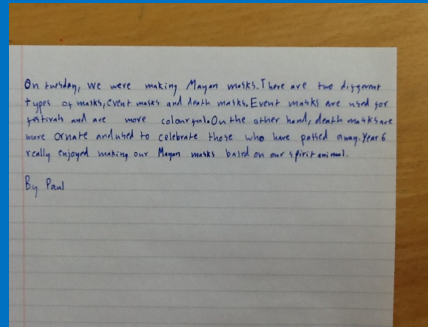
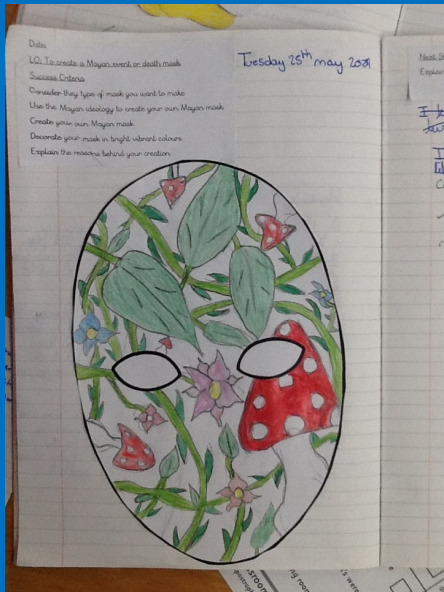
In Art, we made sphinxes. We got clay and we got to paint them. We got to do all the details and added feet, eyes and lots more. It was very fun!

Ava R

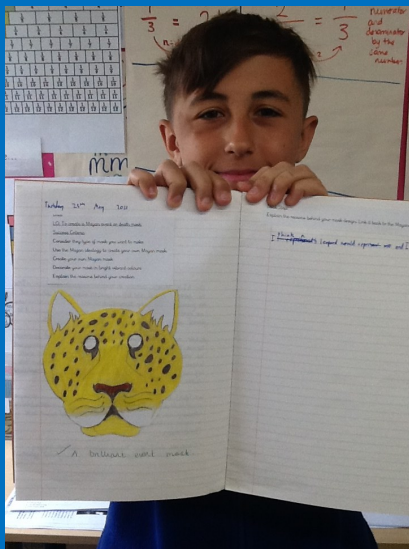
In Science, we had so much fun making our instruments. Most of us made a guitar with lots of details on. We got to paint them too!

Charlotte M

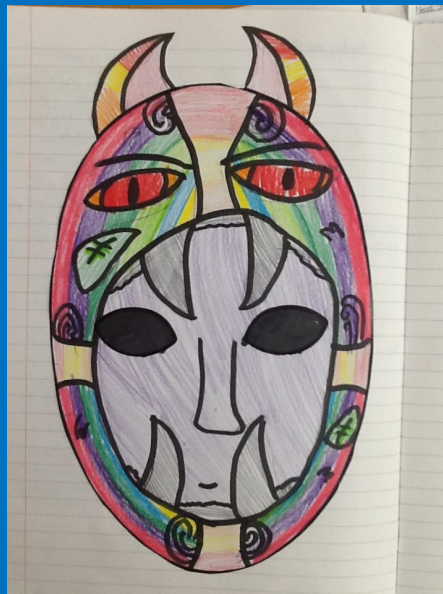
Year 6 Mayan Mask Designs



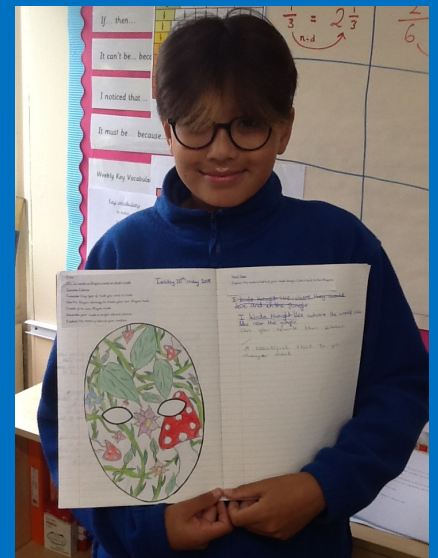
On Tuesday, we were making Mayan masks. There are two different types of masks: event masks and death masks. Event masks are used for festivals and are more colourful. On the other hand, death masks are more ornate and are used to celebrate those who have passed away. Year 6 really enjoyed making our own Mayan masks based on a spirit animal.



PAUL



APRIL



STORM

Reading Competition Winning Groups

Year 3: Mrs Kaydu: **The Page Monsters:** Lui, Thomas, T'iarah, Logan & Iraklis

Miss Fuller: **Silent Readers:** Grace, Edward, Antonina, Paris & George

Year 4: Mrs Florido: **Risky Readers:** Lyla, Karina, Tommy, Melvin, Aram & Paddy

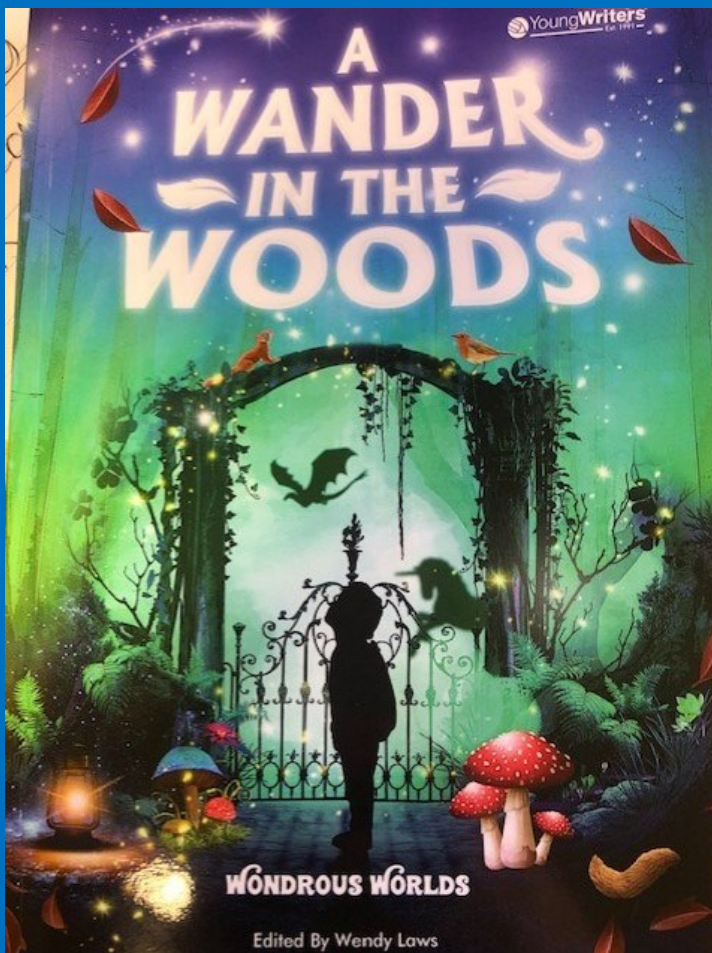
Miss Carroll: **Team Read:** Louis, Keerth, Uthman, Chloe & Andreea

Year 5: Mr Heskin: **The Genius Readers:** Pippa, Emma, Nasta, Ronnie, Gloria & Louie

Miss Graham: **The Raging Readers:** Nikkia, Charlie, James, Miles, Maisie, Zain & Sam

Year 6: Mrs Deacon: **Potato Heads:** Freddie, Marianna, Kledi, Alex & Ianis

Mrs Tredwell: **The Book Worms:** Chloe, Jessica, Joshua, Jasmine & Nicole



A WANDER IN THE WOODS

The children who were published all received a copy of the book

There is 1 copy in the school library



Year 6

Year 6 have been doing a Positive Minds Education course run by Watford FC. Today we looked at mental and physical health and resilience games.



Class	14/5/21					21/5/21				
	5 R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing	5 R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing
Mrs Kaydu	Amelia	Christopher	Caitlin	Finley	Liliana	Josh	Finley	Joey	Alfie	Adifaah
Miss Fuller	Cameron	Luca	Leo	Ben	Tilly	Polly	Lily	Isa	Henry	Luca
Mrs Shaw Mrs Florido	Hristian	James	Melvin	Tommy	Toby	Jack	Ollie	Lyla	Josh	Alicja
Miss Carroll	Edie	Melissa	Mani	Charlotte	Spencer	Ryan	Mani	Chloe	Melissa	Emma
Mr Heskin Mrs Toms	Brenda	Louie	Skye	Ronnie	Gloria	Nasta	Emma	Tehze eb	Kandi	Skye
Miss Graham	Bella	Sam	Miles	Seb V	Louie	Jack	Miles	Gracie	Mia	Antonia
Mrs Deacon	Amiyah	Selina	Jensen	Megan	Kledi	Yanis	Nathan	Ianis	Storm	Fabritio
Mrs Tredwell	Lacey	Layla	Ianis	Jessica	Nicole	Maisie	Michal S	Michal T	Ianis	Jasmine



FANTASTIC ART WORK FROM STANLEY P - YEAR 5