



**Academic Year
2021/22**

APRIL

Friday 1st
End of Term 1:30pm

Wednesday 20th
Start Summer Term

MAY

Monday 2nd
Bank Holiday
School Closed

30th - 3rd June
Half Term Break
School Closed

Monday 6th
INSET Day
School Closed

Tuesday 7th
Queen's Jubilee Day
School Closed

Tuesday 24th
Y6 Young Voices
Concert 02

Holtsmere End Junior School

Newsletter

ISSUE 5

1ST APRIL 2022

Message from Mrs McGuigan

It is hard to believe that another excellent and busy term has passed and that we are now more than half way through the academic year! It has been wonderful this term to begin to return to some normality with each week that passes with increased visitors in to school, trips and competitive sports all taking place. After Easter the plan is for us to return to whole school assemblies again, which we are looking forward to.

A 'big thank you' goes to all who supported **Red Nose Day** and donated so generously to the Comic Relief cause. Money collected on the day was £273.70. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and thank you to the School Council for publicising it.

LOST PROPERTY The lost property "mountain" remains very high, including a brand new grey Nike winter boys coat. All lost clothes that have names on them are returned to their owners by the school council on a weekly basis however there continues to be items with no names in the lost property box. These include lunchboxes, coats, jumpers, trainers and PE kits.

UNIFORM

We still have some children coming to school not dressed in the correct school uniform, calls will be made home if this is the case without an explanation given. Please use the Easter holidays to make sure that children have black school shoes, rather than trainers. School PE kits are also essential- blue shorts and a white T-shirt.



We have recently celebrated diversity in school by taking part in National Neurodiversity week. Children now have access to a wider range of books. The aim of introducing these books is to raise children's awareness of challenges others may face but also to celebrate and recognise differences. Children are really enjoying these books and many have com-

mented on being able to "see myself in the book".

Sporting events

Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity in the last few weeks to complete their cycling proficiency training, you may have seen them out and about with the instructors! Well done Year 6 you will now be safe on your bikes.

Year 3 and 4 pupils have taken part in a rugby festival. It was an able afternoon despite the horrible weather!



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The children in Year 3 and 4 keeping warm in between their matches.



The Year 5 and 6 football team reached the final of their tournament and were delighted to win medals for their achievements!

They were great sporting ambassadors for the school and enjoyed their day.

The Year 3 and 4 team enjoyed their experience and look forward to taking part in more events next term.

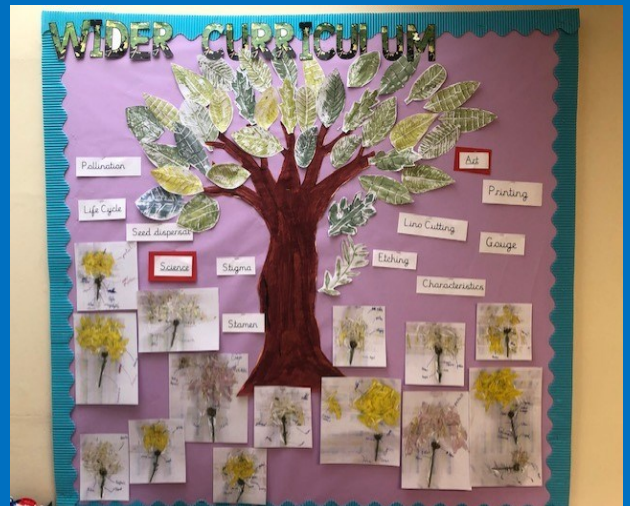
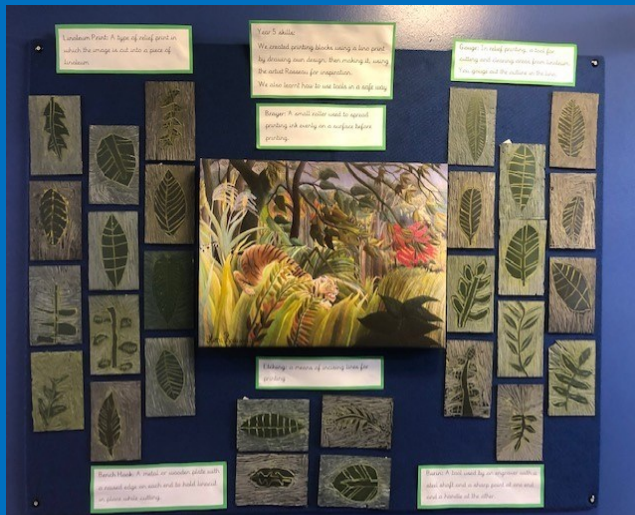
We have now ordered new school football kits for competitive sports.



Learning across the school



Year 6 have been creating paintings considering perspective. They have also been researching and writing about inspirational leaders of colour, some of the leaders included Frida Kahlo, Chadwick Boseman, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Barrack Obama.



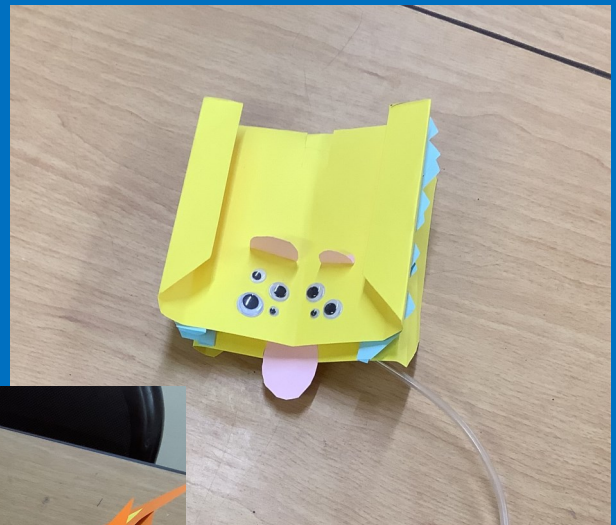
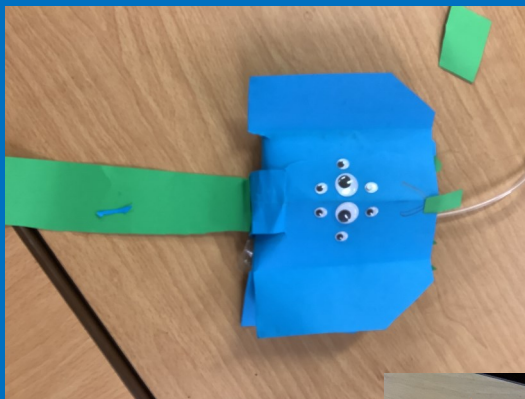
Year 5 have been experiencing different types of print and have produced lino prints linked to the artist Henri Rousseau they then discussed and evaluated their own work and that of others in.

They have also been learning about the parts of a flower in their science lessons— a great opportunity to learn new scientific vocabulary!

Year 5 visited the Church of Resurrection in Grove Hill. Reverend Austin, who regularly delivers assemblies, talked to the children about the sources of wisdom.



Year 4 made moving monsters. They learnt how to use pneumatics to create movement. They also now know how to measure accurately when marking out and cutting.



Year 3 visited a Hindu temple in Watford., they have been exploring the different stories of the Hindu Gods: Vishnu, Brahma, Shiva (Trimurti).

We went to the Hare Krishna temple. We saw the special garden and went to feed the cows with carrots. We saw a special book and a presentation about what is important to Hindus. We had our faces painted and ate: rice, peas, cheese as well as chapatis and Indian crackers. It was a lovely day and I had a great time!

Sara, year 3

In art Year 3 have been exploring and recording textures and patterns in their sketchbooks and have experimented by arranging, folding, repeating, overlapping, regular and irregular patterns.



The school eco committee have been busy this term. After researching plants that will grow in our biodome they visited a local garden centre. They bought tomato and strawberry plants. They have learnt that you can grow different types of tomatoes including yellow ones!



End of term Reading winners!

