



**Academic Year
2022/23**

February 2023

13th - 17th
Half Term

Monday 20th
Bikeability Course
Y6

March

Friday 17th
Red Nose Day

Friday 24th
iRock Concert
To parents 2:30pm

Friday 31st
End of Term
1:30 close

April

Monday 17th
INSET Day
School Closed

May

Monday 8th
Coronation Bank
Holiday - School
Closed

Tuesday 9th - 12th
SAT's Week Y6

Holtsmere End Junior School

Newsletter



ISSUE 4

10TH FEBRUARY 2023

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 trips to the Harry Potter Studios, to the O2 for the Young Voices event as well as football and netball matches.

This term we have changed our feedback and marking policy! Research shows that feedback is the most important factor in children's learning. Studies of feedback reviewed in the Teaching and Learning Toolkit found that *'on average the provision of high-quality feedback led to an improvement of eight additional months' progress over the course of a year'*. As a result, Holtsmere End Junior School is committed to providing high-quality, relevant and timely feedback to children.

Marking is an essential component of feedback, but they are not the same thing. Marking is focused upon checking and correcting, whilst feedback is more focused on how successful something is and how it can be improved. At Holtsmere we are placing our emphasis on providing effective feedback to enable our children to achieve better progress.

Young Voices

Our year 6 children attended the Young Voices event at the O2 on 19th January. It was a long day, especially as we got stuck in traffic on our return to school at 11.30 at night, 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 8500 other children on the evening and that it is a lovely memory of their time at Holtsmere!

I thank Mrs Deacon for organising the event and Mrs Tredwell for supporting Mrs Deacon and the children with the after school rehearsals.



Message from Mrs McGuigan Cont/d.....

Attendance

We continue to work hard to ensure that children are in school as much as possible and we thank parents for their support with this. The negative impact on children who are not in school regularly is measurable and significant- both academically, socially and on their self esteem. We do have systems in place to ensure low level illnesses, colds for example, are managed please let us know if we can support in any way.

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. The office are regularly asked about details that have already been sent out in emails!

Reminder

For health and safety reasons hooped earrings are not allowed to be worn in school. Any stud earrings will be taped over for PE.

Learning Review Meetings:

The system is open for booking your learning review appointments. On the internet go to: <https://holtsmerejr.schoolcloud.co.uk> Here you can book appointments for:

All teachers: Tuesday 28th February

Mrs Toms/Mrs Florido: Wednesday 1st March

All teachers **except** Mrs Toms/Florido: Thursday 2nd March

Mr Heskin, SENco is available on Thursday **only**

If you are having difficulties with the booking system please contact the office after half term where a member of staff will be pleased to help.

HCL Proposed Dinner cost increase:

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd have informed us of proposed price increases to junior school meals. From the 1st April 2023 the daily price of a school dinner will be £3.15, all week will be £15.75.

Going to the O2

In year 6 we went to the O2 for a school trip. At the O2 we were performing young voices with many other schools. Before the concert we had been practising the songs together in school. There were many other people/groups performing in between the songs. We did also have time to eat. We all really enjoyed the trip and had a great time!

By: Alicja Y6



WW2 Workshop

On Thursday morning we went to a WW2 workshop. We got into groups and we role played and learned what happened in this time. At the end of the workshop we made a train and tracks with everybody in the class we made 2 types of air-raid shelters and we all worked together nicely.



Harry Potter Y6

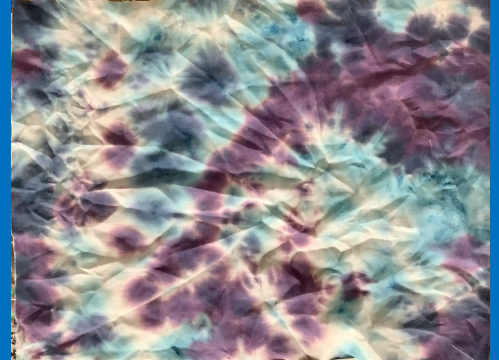
The year 6's went on an amazing school trip to Harry Potter Studios. It was extremely fun and everyone enjoyed it. We went here because we were reading the Harry Potter book in school. We saw the Forbidden Forest, Gringotts Bank and everything else which was in the movies apart from the actors! We had lunch there in the cafeteria. We went there and back on a coach and were kept safe all the time by our teachers. The teachers and staff worked very hard to take us and we are super grateful.

By: Summer Y6



Year 3 Mosaics & Tie Dye

This half term, Year 3 have been creating art linked to the Romans! We firstly created mosaics based on Roman patterns and colours. Following this, we tie dyed material to see how the Romans would have dyed their clothing. We thoroughly enjoyed both activities!



Netball Team

When we played against Belswains, I was the captain and we had a great time and won 5-4 to us. After the match we had a school photo and the losers offered us cookies and a drink. We played on 31st Jan

By: Daisy
& Dina Y6



Class	13/1/23					20/1/23				
	6R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing	6 R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing
Mrs Prendi	Taha	Bobby	Laura	Zac	Jacob	Zunaira	Sienna	Roscoe	Antonia	Daisy
Miss Carroll	Elena	Lara	Violetta	Inara	Maisie	Lyla	Inara	Sienna	Malek	Lara
Miss Abrey	Theresa	Grace	Abbey	Bill	Freddie	Lolu	Gabriela	Pareeta	Lara	Lyla
Miss Graham	Ami	Harrison	Izaak	Maya	Roberta	Izaak	Julia	Harrison	Oghosa	Ami
Mrs Toms/ Mrs Florido	Lexi	Mishka	Filip	Finley	Liliana	Aanya	Myra	T'iarah	Seanna	Jude
Miss McCarroll	Ben	Cameron	Lily	Henry	Fia	Sean	Declan	Christopher	Tilly	Tutu
Mrs Deacon	Millie	Hristian	Katie	Bella	Alisha	Jean-Baptiste	Roberto	Aram	Summer	Karina
Mrs Tredwell	Emma A	Andreaa	Peyton	Fabiana	Ava	Spencer	Louis	Edie	Maciej	Oliver
Class	27/1/23					3/2/23				
	6R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing	6 R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing
Mrs Prendi	Kara	Shreya	Amelia	Micaela	Nathaniel	Aria	Fariss	Kara	Lewie	Zac
Miss Carroll	Annie	Dina	Leelah	Ben	Elena	Serena			Taanvi	
Miss Abrey	Maisie	Reggie	Lach	Starise	Enzo	Freddie	Nathaniel	Savannah	Maciej	Caden
Miss Graham	Alfie	Ivan	Keval	Junaynah	Lara	Ami				
Mrs Toms/ Mrs Florido	Joey	Vienna	Amelia	Mason	Christopher	Thomas	Will	Vanesa	Logan	Mason
Miss McCarroll	Danilo	Stella	Maisie	Grace	Lucy	Leo	Fia	Grace	Lennie	Tony
Mrs Deacon	Gabriel	Darius		Noah	Melvin	Toby	Ollie	Lyla	Alicja	Ava
Mrs Tredwell	Ava R	Mira	Ryan	Zion	Dina	Dina	Chloe	Andreaa	David	Keerth