



**Academic Year  
2022/23**

**March**

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

**June**

12th - 16th  
Y6 PGL Week

12th - 16th  
Health & Wellbeing  
Week

Wednesday 28th  
Y5 Chiltern Open  
Air Museum

**July**

Wednesday 12th  
Sports Day

Monday 17th  
Y6 BBQ & Disco

Thursday 20th  
End of Term  
1:30 close

# Holtsmere End Junior School Newsletter



ISSUE 5

31ST MARCH 2023

## Message from Mrs McGuigan

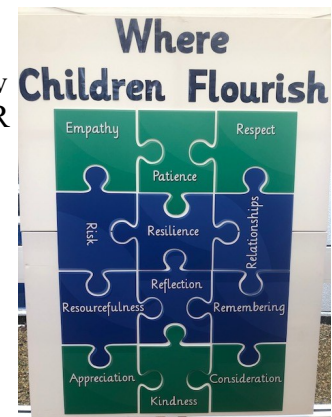
It is hard to believe that another excellent and busy term has passed and that we are now more than half way through the academic year!

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 £214.94. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially being able to wear their pyjamas and thank you to the School Council for publicising it.

Happy news! Miss Graham, our Year 4 teacher, is getting married in the Easter holidays and upon her return will be changing her name to Mrs Merriman. We wish Miss Graham lots of luck and happiness on her special day.

We have recently celebrated diversity in school by taking part in National Neurodiversity week for the second year. Children have access to a wide range of books in the school library that include characters with neuro-diverse characteristics. 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 commented on being able to "see myself in the book".

We have a few new displays in our school entrance this half term. One display clearly outlines our six school values seen as green jigsaw pieces and our school six Rs as behaviours for learning on blue jigsaw pieces. Each week a new school value and six R are chosen as a focus and assemblies are built around.



Another display follows our online safety workshops for parents with lots of advice and suggestions. If you were unable to attend the workshop then do come in to the school entrance and look at the display as it includes lots of advice and suggestions for parents about keeping children safe online- as this is continuously part of our curriculum in school and sometimes as parents it feels like the children know more than we do!

### HCL Dinner cost increase:

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd have are increasing the price for 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.

**LOST PROPERTY** The lost property "mountain" remains very high, including some warm winter coats. 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.



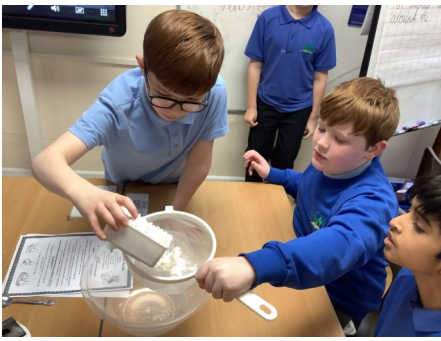
World book Day was an enjoyable event in school. For the first time ever the children did not dress up this year however children still enjoyed the day with book related activities. Mrs Tredwell's class read to all of the other classes and every child has written a book review on a kite, now on display in the dining room!

It continues to be our aim to encourage children to read regularly and have introduced a display to promote the books that we have in school for the children to read. We hope that the visual reminder of the book covers will motivate and inspire our reluctant readers!



Year 6 have been working hard researching and then writing about inspirational leaders. It is always impressive to see how much progress children make in writing across the school and these pieces are particularly impressive. Well done Year 6 they make interesting reading.

They enjoyed finding out about Chadwick Boseman, Barack Obama, Katherine Johnson, Rosa Parks and many more. Displays can be found in Year 6 and the Learning Intervention corridor.



Year 5 have been busy this week in their DT lessons designing and making bread. They learnt how to follow a recipe, measure the ingredients accurately, select the appropriate utensils and then how to knead the dough. The children can now describe how recipes can be adapted to change the appearance, taste, texture and aroma. Apparently the bread with chocolate chip cookies was the best!

Alfie and Adam in year 5: We were able to add additional ingredients of our own choice. We could choose cheese, apricot and chocolate chips amongst other things. We had to leave the dough to grow over play-time as the yeast we added makes this happen. We then baked it and the bread tasted really yummy!



Year 6 have been enjoying their PE gymnastic lessons where they have been learning about balances.

This included lots of team work as can be seen in the pictures!

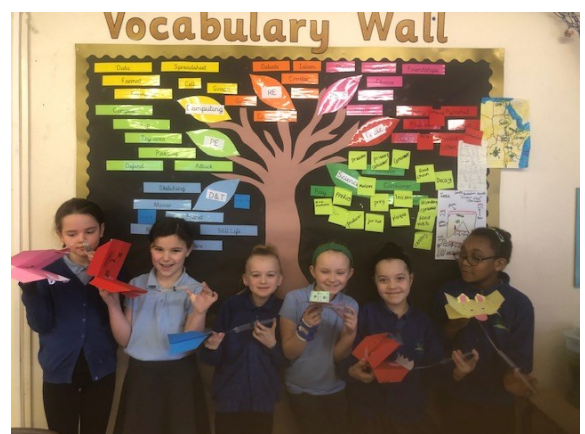


Year 3 this half term have been gaining a better understanding of types of patterns and created a pattern based on either Warhol or Kandinsky. They can talk about their repeating patterns and obviously enjoyed making them.



Children across the school who take part in the after school club 'Irock' treated us all to a concert. They impressed us with their guitar playing, singing, keyboard and drumming skills.

Year 4 children have also been enjoying their DT project this term. They have been investigating techniques for making simple pneumatic systems and using them to create moving monsters.



Year 5 have been on a trip to the local church to meet with Reverend Austin.

T'arah and Ananya completed a report about their trip.

On Wednesday 22nd March our class walked to 'The Church of Resurrection' as part of our learning in RE. When we arrived we had a warm greeting from Reverend Austin. He told us that this church did not look like a church but he said there was one thing that made it stand out and that was the 3 cross

on the roof of the church which identifies it as a church amongst the other buildings. Reverend Austin showed us some artefacts and we had plenty of opportunities to ask questions.



Year 6 have been learning about Holocaust memorial day as part of their curriculum this half term and have produced a display of their thoughts.



We are looking to encourage more children to be using TTRock stars timetables APP at home more regularly so we have introduced a new leader board for all to see in the school.

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