



Holtsmere End Junior School

Newsletter

ISSUE 1

20TH OCTOBER 2023

DIARY OF EVENTS

- Tues 7th Nov and Thurs 9th Nov learning review meetings**
- 13th Nov Yr 4 Ancient Greek day**
- 17th Nov Children In Need**
- 22nd Nov Yr 4 and 5 Cinema Trip**
- 23rd Nov Yr 3 trip Celtic Harmony**
- 24th Nov Winter Fair**
- 12th Dec Yr 6 Harry Potter Studio**
- 13th Dec Christmas dinner and Panto**
- 18th Dec Carol Service at St Mary's church**
- 20th Dec End of term 1.30pm**



I can hardly believe that we have already completed the first half term of this academic year! It has been a very busy term and the last few weeks have been no exception.

As a school we have been continuing to focus on reading, writing and maths skills as well as the development of the use of technology to inspire, motivate and make learning memorable. It is our ambition to prepare our children for the digital world around them for the next step in their education and beyond.

Message from Mrs McGuigan

Children have already completed a unit of work in their computing lessons this term with a focus on online safety and keeping themselves safe on line. We will be offering another opportunity to support parents with this in the future.

Learning Review evenings will be held on Tuesday 7th November and

Thursday 9th November, after half term, please remember to go on line and book your appointments. At Learning Review evenings, Parents and teachers both have the same goal: to help pupils reach their full potential - and these evenings provide the perfect opportunity for a dialogue about how this

can be achieved.

It is not just about this one meeting, but about forming a strategy for ongoing progress. If you were unable to attend the evenings for any reason, or needed another appointment with the teacher, please contact the office and organise this for a mutually convenient time.



I would like to remind parents that school is continuing to fund fruit for children at playtimes and therefore you do not need to supply a snack.

Attendance

Mrs Oliver	94.3%	Miss Carroll	95.6%
Mrs Merriman	94.4%	Miss Abrey	91.6%
Miss McCarroll	96.1%	Mr Ashburner	96.1%
Mrs Tredwell	88.8%	Mrs Deacon	93.0%

Sporting Achievements



On Friday we had the first fixture in the Game On League. It was a very close and exciting affair with Holtsmere End - Red team beating George Street – Red team 4-3. Player of the match for Holtsmere was Mason



We have participated in a year 5 and 6 cross country event as well as a Year 5 and 6 basket ball event.

Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival



We took part in a rugby festival where we used the skills that we have been learning in our PE lessons . We participated in thrilling matches with other schools. It was lots of fun and a great day. Zayd and Stella Year 6.



Observing Black History Month

Children have learnt about why we recognise Black History month and why it is important. They learnt about the important contribu-



tions Black people have made to culture and society.

Children also learnt about the Windrush generation and how people suffered racism in the past around the world.

Children learnt about the British author and poet Benjamin Zephaniah.

“I was reminded that black people can achieve anything like Jesse Owen if they are determined” Lexi year 4



“I didn’t know that in the past people were bullied for their skin colour, that doesn’t happen in our school”. Aria Year 4

Year 4 Curriculum



Year 4 have been learning about the artist Sonia Delaunay. They studied her work and then created their own piece in the same style .

This artist was chosen for her harmonious use of colour and because we think that it is important that we learn about female artists as well as male.



Year 3 have been learning about sketching portraits this half term. This involved learning about the proportions of the face and then combined with learning about complimentary colours and colour mixing. Children learnt about the artist Pablo Picasso and then created their own 3D portrait in the style of Picasso using cardboard and Modroc.



Year 6 curriculum



Year 6 have been writing about the titanic this half term in English lessons.

They have written both poems and recounts.



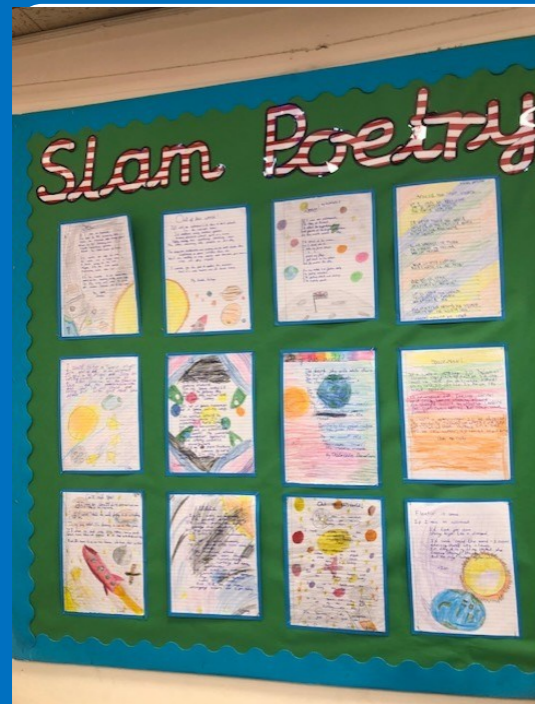
The year 6 children had a visit from the British red Cross this half term. The travel around the country educating schools about how to save lives and survive bad situations. We learnt about how to save someone from dying in 4 steps.

1. Check for danger. (Never touch someone when there is electricity coming through them) 2. Check for a response to see if they are conscious and ask them questions to check. 3. Check if they are breathing. 3. Turn them on their side. 4. Call 999 if serious or 111 if you are not sure.

REMEMBER; Never make prank calls as rescue services have more important things to do.

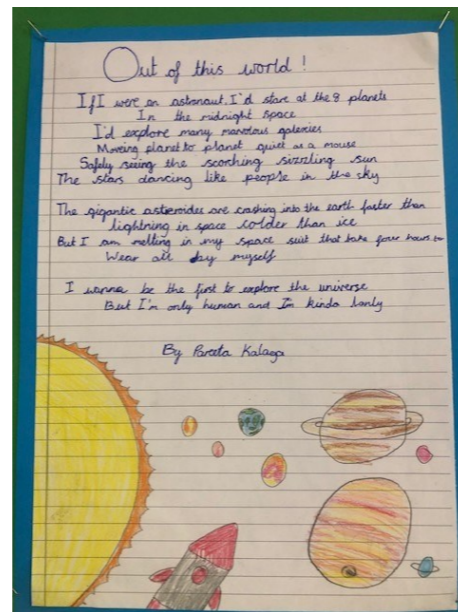
By Abubakar year 6

Year 5 Curriculum



Year 5 have written Slam Poetry this half term in English lessons.

They watched some slam poetry performed by Solli Raphael, who is the youngest poet to win the Australian Poetry Slam. They then wrote their poems and performed them to each other!



Trips or Visits



We arranged for a visit from a company called Electric Umbrella who create amazing live, interactive music experiences with learning disabled people.

Our children really enjoyed this visit and it was a great way to encourage them to think differently about learning disabled people.

After all, there's no such thing as normal and differences

should be celebrated!

They had their own anthem that they sang to us and they had their own dance moves to go with it. It was about what they do and why. They taught us a song about no one is normal. It was really good and it taught us that no one is perfect in this world. It was very fun. By Isa and Maisie Year 6

Poppy Design Competition



Get involved in our Poppy Design Challenge! The competition is open to everyone.

How do I get involved?

All you need to do is make a poppy!

Why not get creative and make your own poppy from different household materials, it can be as big as you like!

All entries will form a giant display in the school to commemorate Remembrance Day.

We shall look forward to seeing your creations!

We will decide on a winner and there will be prizes.

Please bring in your entries by Friday 3rd November.



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