



Year 3R1 Had a visit from a very naughty elf!



Winner of our Christmas decoration competition 2023 Kara Year 3.



DIARY OF EVENTS

December 2023

Wednesday 20th Dec

End of term 1.30pm

January 2024

Thursday 4th &

Friday 6th January

INSET DAYS

School Closed

8th January

Start of term

8-12 January

Yr 5&6 Cycle Training

18th January Young Voices

Yr 6 trip

31st January

Yr 3 trip to KidZania

February 2024

Half Term

Start of term

Monday 19 February '24

Holtsmere End Junior School

Newsletter

ISSUE 3

20 DECEMBER 2023

Message from Mrs McGuigan

The Autumn term has been an extremely busy term with children working hard throughout!

The children have continued to enjoy trips this term and visitors in school which have all deepened their understanding of the wider curriculum. A new French scheme of work has been introduced and more music enrichment opportunities, both areas to further develop as outlined in the Ofsted inspection in the summer term.

The Year 3 and 4 Christmas plays were both a huge success and enjoyed by all, once again we thank all the parents and carers that came to watch and see the children perform. All the children have a great deal to be proud of.

The annual school carol service, that took place at St Mary's Church, was a lovely occasions where we remembered the true meaning of Christmas as a whole school community. Well done to the Year 6 children for reading the Christmas story in the church.

It is with great sadness after many years working at Holtsmere that Mrs Gardener and Mrs Sexton will be leaving us. We thank them both for all of their hard work and commitment and wish them lots of luck for the future. The annual 'Holtsmere's Got Talent' show took place on the last day of term and was enjoyed by children as always. It is always a great opportunity for children to share their talents with the rest of the school!

We wish all our families a very happy, and safe, Christmas and new year from all the staff at Holtsmere. We have a busy two training days on the 4th and 5th of January before welcoming children back on Monday 8th January 2024.



Trips & Visits

Harry Potter Year 6

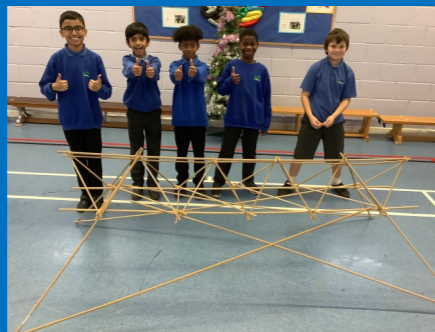
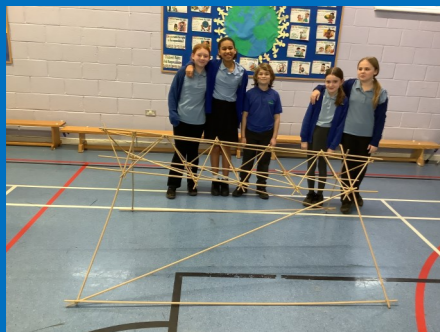
On Tuesday 12 December we went to the Harry Potter studios. When we arrived, we were given passports to collect stamps from each room.

We visited the Death Eaters where we saw Bellatrix Lestrange and Voldemort. We visited Gryffindor Common Room and saw snitches suspended in the air.

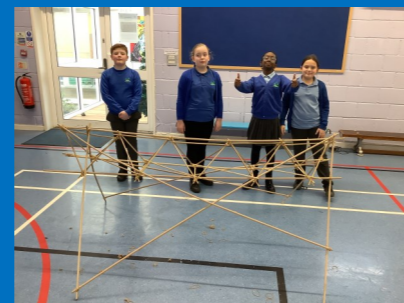
In the Enchanted Forrest, all you could hear was people screaming and there were lots of spiders coming down. We then saw Aragog, King of the Arachnids.

We decorated some Christmas cards that were on Platform 9 ¾ and you could also go onto the Hogwarts Express. Outside we had lunch, and you could walk across the wonky bridge, visit the Dursleys house and the night bus.

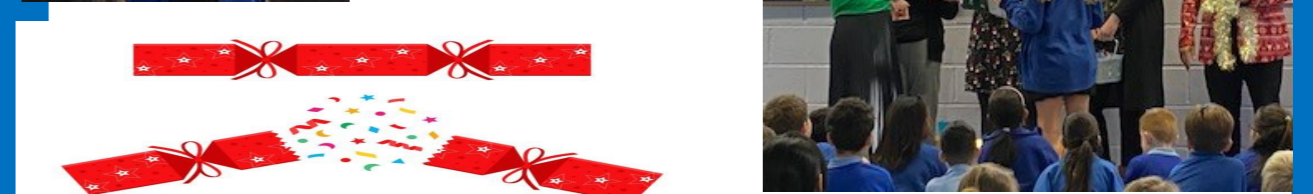
We had a great day and are looking forward to our work on this topic.
Polly Year 6



Bridge Workshop 15th December. This was linked to the Year 6 design and Technology topic.



Holtsmere's Got Talent 2023



Some of winners of our Holtsmere's Got Talent 2023!!

WELL DONE TO ALL OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED.

THANK YOU!