



Important messages for this week:

Please can we remind parents and visitors to the school site about the importance of not parking in the drop off zone. This space allows parents of KS2 children to drop off so that these children can walk themselves around to their entrance. At the end of the day we have a number of KS2 children who walk and meet parents at the drop off.

We have had a number of incidents where staff have not been able to exit the car park and visitors with disabled access cards have not been able to get into the car park due to vehicles parking their cars over the barrier entrance space. This has resulted in parents/carers being late in collecting children as they have not been able to get passed cars that are parked obstructing the road.

Please can we ask that you help to support us in ensuring pupil safety by not parking in the drop off zone and not blocking the car park barrier.

We have also had a number of children being left/dropped off at their classroom door a long time before their start time in a morning. The staggered start times are in place to ensure the safety of children, parents and carers on our school site and we ask that you support us with this by only arriving at your child's allocated time.

Mentions: This week's theme is linked to Responsibility and is for someone who takes responsibility for their own learning.

Nursery: Isabel D, Alfie B and Erin B

Reception (F2): Archer B, Layla Sam, Alice R and Jessica Mc

Year 1: George P, Sophia B, Jerimiah O and Max T

Year 2: Lucy C, Josh Me, Gracie C and Miley C

Year 3: Rose-Marie H, Bella P, Zach D and Evie H

Year 4: Zachary P, Lola C, Ishan G and Amelia S

Year 5: Jake C, Maisie W, Rio B and Harry P

Year 6: McKenzie C, Freya F, Shyan F and Emmy G

Attendance:

Whole School attendance:

97%

Winning Classes:

1HO – 100%

3LN – 99%

Time 2 Chat:

Conversation starters for you and your little ones

You have one wish, what do you use it on?



Have a conversation with someone but...

one of you can only say "Red"

the other person can only say "Blue"

Try to use your voice to express emotions through tone and emphasis.

Sign of the week:

Diwali	
Makaton Sign	Makaton Symbol

The Feel Good Family Factor:

This has been a difficult and very different year for lots of us which has had an impact on our families in one way or another. Why not end the year, not looking at what has 'gone wrong' or 'what we have missed' but rather 'what have we enjoyed?' 'what are we thankful for?' 'what have we enjoyed?'.

Make a Sparkly Moment jar together. Between now and New Year's Eve, everyone in the family fill it with happy and positive memories and thoughts of the past year. Sit and read them together on New Year's Eve and get a 'sparkly feeling'.



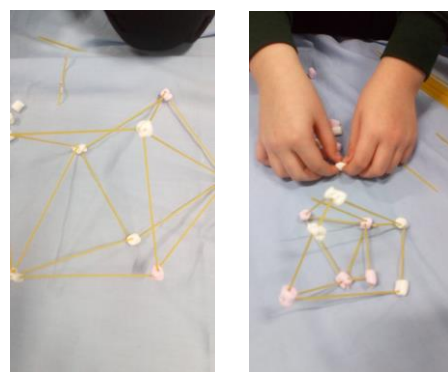
Mindset Lunchtime Group

Mindset lunchtime group has started again with some Year 5 pupils. We tried out laughing therapy. It feels a little strange to begin with but then we all caught the laughing bug and ended up with hot red faces.

The rest of our time together was spent making structures from dried spaghetti and mini marshmallows. The children were very creative and soon learnt that triangle shapes were the strongest. There were tents, stick men, mini beasts and some unusual space type objects. The best thing about the activity is eating the marshmallows at the end of the session.

Well done year 5.

Mrs Smart.



Reading News:

Every Friday we will be posting some videos of staff reading stories for each Key Stage. The videos will be posted together as an assignment and be 'live' on your child's English Teams account until next Friday. We will also put these onto our school Youtube Account (links below) All our books this week have an animal theme.

For EYFS and KS1

Miss Roe reads *There's a Snake in my School*

Mr Smith reads *The Selfish Crocodile*

Link for Youtube Playlist - [EYFS and KS1 Stories](#)

For KS2

Mrs Walker reads *Tad*

Mrs Davies reads *Prowlpuss*

Link for the Youtube Playlist - [KS2 Stories](#)

Keep an eye out next week for books read by Miss Davies, Mr Staincliffe, Miss Arnold and Mrs Bardgett.





The total amount raised by our school community was



£88.21 for Children in Need.



£71.00 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

To everyone who supported both the Children in need and Poppy Appeal.

Term Dates:

Please see below for the Nottinghamshire County Council School holiday dates for 2020/21.

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Class Emails:

Nursery (Mr Smith)	HPF1@holgateprimary.org
F2RV (Mrs Vowles)	F2RV@holgateprimary.org
F2PD (Mrs Payne/Mrs Dixon)	F2PD@holgateprimary.org
1HO (Mrs O'Kane)	1HO@holgateprimary.org
1BG (Mrs Barnes/Mrs Grimwade)	1BG@holgateprimary.org
2GF (Mrs Fitzpatrick)	2GF@holgateprimary.org
2JB (Mrs Bardgett)	2JB@holgateprimary.org
3KW (Mrs Wilson)	3KW@holgateprimary.org
3LN (Mr Newbold)	3LN@holgateprimary.org
4NW (Mrs Wilkinson)	4NW@holgateprimary.org
4GS (Mr Smith)	4GS@holgateprimary.org
5DG (Mr Gleave)	5DG@holgateprimary.org
5CS (Mr Staincliffe)	5CS@holgateprimary.org
6ED (Miss Davies)	6ED@holgateprimary.org
6IR (Miss Roe)	6IR@holgateprimary.org

Upcoming Events:

PARENTS EVENING

Monday 23 rd November	Mr W Smith	Mrs Wilson	Miss Davies
Tuesday 24 th November	Mrs Pearson AM Miss Franks PM	Mr Newbold	
Wednesday 25 th November	Mrs Vowles	Mr G Smith	
Thursday 26 th November	Mrs Payne / Mrs Dixon	Mrs Wilkinson	
Friday 27 th November	Miss Roe		
Monday 30 th November	Mr Gleave		
Tuesday 1 st December	Mrs Bardgett	Mr Staincliffe	
Wednesday 2 nd December	Mrs O'Kane	Mrs Fitzpatrick	
Thursday 3 rd December	Mrs Barnes / Mrs Grimwade		



EYFS



Over the last week the children have been very busy in Nursery with our 'Children in Need' activities including joining in with Joe Wicks and his 24 hour challenge. The children came brightly dressed and with their Pudsey ears on. We enjoyed last week looking at pictures of our families that you sent in for us to look at. We then went to forest school and made a family of leaves. The children had to find different size leaves to represent their family.

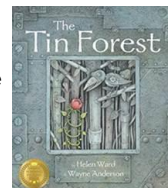


KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Year 1 have started 'Shark in the Dark' and have been investigating what Timothy Pope might have seen through his telescope. If you pretend you have a telescope what might you see? We have also been using numbers to 20 in lots of different ways – writing them as numbers, writing them as number words, working out 1 more and 1 less, and seeing which numbers are bigger or smaller.



Year 2 have read 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward this week and are beginning to use precise nouns within their sentences to compare and contrast a tin forest with a real forest. You could practise sharing precise nouns with your child to develop their vocabulary e.g. don't use bird, tree or flower use woodpecker, willow tree or buttercup.



In maths we have started division and we are teaching the children to share and group quantities equally – have a go at this at home when you share out the cakes or group the sock together.

How many groups of two do you have or how many cakes can we share equally between the four of us?

KS2 (Years 3 and 4)



Year 3 joining in with the end of Joe Wicks' 24hr exercise.

Molly B said "Wow, he really is a hero!"



This week 4GS restarted swimming and had a fantastic session on Tuesday. Meanwhile back at school, 4NW were busy developing their spatial awareness through games, to help improve future team sports.

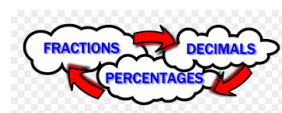
We have also begun thinking about books involving animals for our new reading river. We are looking forward to reading some of these once we have finished 'The Witches.'

On Friday we had the Forest coach with us again for the morning, running sessions to boost our times tables and help us progress with our Superhero tests. This is working well with children regularly moving up to the next superhero.

KS2 (Years 5 and 6)



Year 6 have been busy exploring Fractions this week. Did you know that to divide a fraction by a whole number you have to multiply?! Year 6 now do! We did our maths via our Teams login on Thursday - we have been converting percentages, decimals and fractions in our sessions



We have also been looking at the Vikings. Did you know that sometimes the Vikings kept their animals in their own houses (called longhouses) in the winter months?



Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2020-21



September 2020 to July 2021

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