

Newsletter

Spring 1 – Week 6
Week beginning – 05/02/2024



Library Visits

Library visits will continue after the half term. Please look here for future dates.



Mentions:

This week is someone who has impressed with their creativity

Nursery: Arla TH, Elisama F.

Reception: Zayne E, Emilia H, Joseph CY.

Year 1: Kray G, Lottie B.

Year 2: Felicity B, Norah S, Essa K, Lena P.

Year 3: Axel O, Akeem A.

Year 4: Ruby W, John O, Sophia B, Riley KW.

Year 5: Luka-Jax H, Roman S, Millie G, Rejus B.

Year 6: Molly B, Hollie Y, Alex T, Bella P, Willow J, Olivia W.

Attendance:

Whole School attendance: 93.22%

Winning Classes: 5KK – 96.77%
2DG – 94.14%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20th February - 6AR Trip to Veolia

Tuesday 20th February – Spring Disco's

Monday 26th February - 6AW Trip to Veolia

Tuesday 27th February - F2 Trip to St Mary's Church

Monday 4th March - Balance Bikes and Y3/Y4 Bikeability

Thursday 7th March - Y5/Y6 Bikeability

Thursday 7th March - The Zones of Regulation meeting

Friday 8th March - Y5/Y6 Bikeability

Please also see the full list of diary dates for the Spring Term which is sent out along with the newsletter.

Sign of the week:



Chinese New Year



Dragon



Chinese New year

[Chinese New Year](#) [\(youtube.com\)](#)

Dragon

[Dragon - Makaton Sign of the Week](#) [\(youtube.com\)](#)

We are currently in the process of seeking company sponsorship of books for school. So far we have been kindly donated money towards books from the below companies who have all agreed to sponsor a year group's reading for pleasure books. If you know of any other companies who would be interested in sponsoring reading for pleasure books at Holgate Primary School, please contact the school office. All companies will be acknowledged on the school's social media and business logos will be display on stickers within each book.



This Week's Golden Table Children



F2WS	Jania O, Mia-Lyn P
F2/Y1SB	Alice LA
1HO	Kray G, Tayla-Grace M
2DG	Theo B, Menula G
2EB	Grace L, Erin B



*Have a wonderful half term break
and we will see the children back in
school on Monday 19th February.*



Term Dates:

Please see below for the Nottinghamshire County Council School holiday dates for 2022/23.

Half Term – 12/02/2024 – 16/02/2024.

Easter holidays – 29/03/2024 – 12/04/2024.

Inset Days

Thursday 28th March

Thursday 25th July

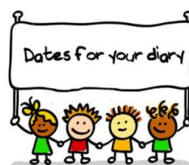
Friday 26th July

Class Emails:

Nursery (Mrs Dixon/Mrs Taylor)	HPF1@holgateprimary.org
F2WS (Mr Smith)	F2WS@holgateprimary.org
F2Y1SB (Mrs Bacon)	F2Y1SB@holgateprimary.org
1HO (Mrs O'Kane)	1HO@holgateprimary.org
2EB (Miss Baker)	2EB@holgateprimary.org
2DG (Mr Gleave)	2DG@holgateprimary.org
3JB (Mrs Bardgett)	3JB@holgateprimary.org
34ED (Miss Davies)	34ED@holgateprimary.org
4NW (Mrs Wilkinson)	4NW@holgateprimary.org
5IR (Miss Roe)	5IR@holgateprimary.org
5KK (Miss Kennedy)	5KK@holgateprimary.org
6AR (Mr Rathe)	6AR@holgateprimary.org
6AW (Mrs Woodhead)	6AW@holgateprimary.org

After school clubs

Here are our afterschool clubs for the next half term. If you would like to sign up your child for a club, please see forms on ParentMail or speak with the school office.



Day	Club	Year Group
Monday	Pen Pal	Y4-Y6
Monday	Dodgeball	Y2 -Y6
Monday	Story Tales	Y1-Y4
Tuesday	Glee	Y1-Y6
Wednesday	Dough	Y1- Y6
Wednesday	Lego Club	Y3 -Y6
Thursday	Choir	Y1 - Y6
Thursday	Board Games	Y2 - Y6
Thursday	Craft Club	F2 - Y6
Thursday	Art Club	Y2 - Y3
Friday	Football	F2 - Y2



Primary and Nursery School

EYFS

Nursery really enjoyed our dark disco and pyjama party as the end outcome for topic work. We came back to school in our pyjamas with glow sticks and our torch and had such fun dancing in the hall. We then came back to nursery and got snuggly with our blankets and pillows to watch a film, have hot chocolate and a biscuit.



This week in finger gym in **F2** we have been practising our cutting skills by cutting round different shapes and placing them on a matching mat. We have some fantastic children with brilliant cutting skills who love this activity!!



KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Year 2 have been sewing their own plaster pouches this week, the children did a running stitch and then decorated them using fabric pens. They look great!



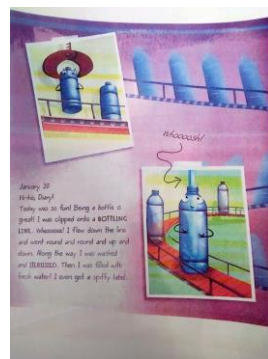
KS2 (Years 3 and 4)

Year 3 have published their persuasive posters this week as the end outcome to our vehicle - Can I take your order? We had to think hard about how we could convince others to try a vegan burger, give our opinion and use food specific adjectives. I am super proud of their end outcome – Well done Year 3!



KS2 (Years 5 and 6)

Year 6 have been extremely busy writing and yet more writing this week in the English lessons to create a diary detailing the life cycle of a plastic bottle. They had to include some very tricky technical vocabulary such as: polymer chains, monomers, gyres, microplastics and leachate. They are now experts on the process.



Musician of the month



REEM KELANI



Timeline

1963	1965	1974	1977	1990	2006	2013-PRESENT
Born in Manchester, England	Moves to live in Kuwait	Is inspired by the traditions at a family wedding	Gains a biology degree at Kuwait University	Becomes a music workshop leader at the British Museum	Records and releases 'Sprinting Gazelle' after many years of research and preparation	Receives funding to continue research and complete workshops in UK schools.

Key Songs

As Nazarine Women Crossed the Meadow	2006 - Local folklore has it that Palestinian women used to sing this song when they said farewell to their husbands who went to battle in the Ottoman Empire.
Mawwal	2006 - Originally a poem by Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish written in 1967.
Sprinting Gazelle	2006 - Kelani learned this song from a group of women in 'Ein el-Hilweh' refugee camp in South Lebanon. They performed it for her when they found out her name was Reem (Arabic for white antelope).
Song of the Olive Tree	2012 - A duet with Leon Rosselson, whose Jewish parents came to England as refugees.
Babour Zamar	2012 - A Tunisian song known as The Migration Anthem, written in the 1970s.
Let us in!	2016 - Learned from Palestinian women who explained that it was usually performed at weddings by the groom's family as they approach the bride's house.
The Singer Said: Bird of Dawn	2022 - Originally by Iranian singer Mohammad-Reza Shajarian and is a song about the struggles for freedom within Iran.



DID YOU KNOW?



When performing live, after each song, Kelani explains what the Arabic means, and what the history behind the song is so that the audience will come out knowing more about Palestinian culture, music, and history.



Musician of the Month

The Importance of Reem Kelani

Musical Mixture

Kelani studied piano as a child, exposing her to Western classical music, of which her father was a listener. Her father's early fascination with Fred Astaire's black-and-white films introduced Kelani to Jazz elements of which can be heard in her own music and in her choice of a band based around a Jazz rhythm section, alongside the traditional use of Arabic instruments

Kelani Influences

Her music has been inspired by many others: Egyptian composers, Syrian princesses, Lebanese Christian singers, Sacred Arabic chants, Palestinian poets and Sudanese singers. It also includes Western singers such as blues singer Bessie Smith and English folk music. It is, however, the influence of Arabic music that takes centre stage when she performs or records music herself.

Famous Events

Family Wedding (1974)

Kelani has spoken publicly about a turning point when, as a child attending a family wedding in a village outside Nazareth (Israel), she became interested in Palestinian and Arabic music. She has also described Kuwait as, "a country whose rich musical heritage remains an essential part of my personal and collective soundscape".

Sprinting Gazelle (2006)

A diaspora is a population that is scattered across regions which are separate from its geographic place of origin. Reem Kelani wanted to collect together the music of these people and put together songs for 'Sprinting Gazelle'. It was based on 20 years of music research from refugee camps in Lebanon to the people of the State of Palestine. She points out suffering but also highlights celebration. Her journey is one through the written and oral history of people's poetry, stories, music and existence.

This week, read the knowledge organiser on Reem Kelani and have a go at answering the quiz.

[KS1 QUIZ](#)

[KS2 QUIZ](#)

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24

August 2023 to July 2024



Nottinghamshire
County Council

2023/2024

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 School Holidays

 Public Holidays

 Administration Day

Autumn Term

4 September - 20 October 7 weeks

6 November - 22 December 7 weeks

Spring Term

4 January - 9 February 5 weeks 2 days

19 February - 28 March 5 weeks 4 days

Summer Term

15 April - 24 May 5 weeks 4 days

3 June - 26 July 8 weeks