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# NEWSLETTER

## Important Messages this week

Congratulations to Mr Smith and Miss Taylor who were recently nominated as Exceptional Practitioners as part of the Nottinghamshire County Council's Early Years Celebration Event. Well done!



A huge well done to all our children in EYFS for their sponsored Rhyme Time event - they worked so hard and did a fantastic job on the day, raising a whopping £844 in sponsorship money between them!!



### **Bamburgh Residential Meeting—Cancelled**

The Y4/Y5 residential is still being decided and the published date for the Bamburgh meeting on the Autumn overview is no longer going ahead.

### **Harvest Festival—14th & 15th October**

Nursery will have service in school. F2, KS1 and KS2 will visit St Marys Church.

### **Autumn Disco—16th & 17th October**

16th October—EYFS & KS1 children.

17th October—KS2 children.

### **Jungle Fest Menu—17th October**

Please see ParentMail for details of the special menu.

### **F2 Open Event—17th October**

Open events are at 9am and 6pm for children starting F2 in September 2025. Please contact the school office to sign up.



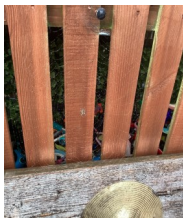
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# HERE'S THE NEWS

Nursery had a great first forest school session this week. We spotted a squirrel, a robin and a huge spider web which looked glittery from the rain. We read Aaarrgghh Spider! When we came back into class and the webs in the book looked just like the one we found.

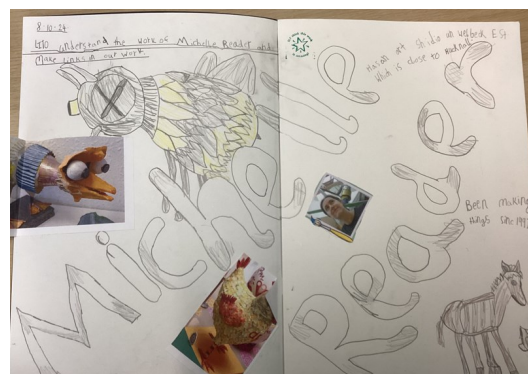
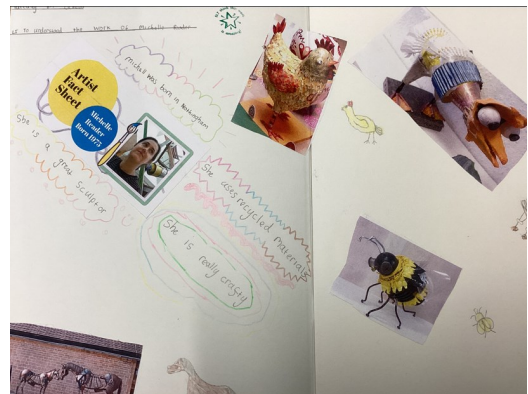


This week in maths the children in F2 have been learning all about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been looking at how these numbers can be shown in different ways and their numeric value.

**123**  
**EYFS**

## Years 1 and 2

This week, the **year 2** children have been learning about a local artist called Michelle Reader. She creates art and sculptures from recycled and reclaimed materials. The children created an artist study about her in their books. Next week, the children will be doing their own sculptures so if you have any recycled plastic or cardboard, could you send it with the children please?



# HERE'S THE NEWS

## Years 3 and 4

Y3 have continued their research this week about how the Stone Age people hunted and gathered their food. The children discovered how much impact the changes in weather had on the land and the sea and consequently their diet. Here is a video clip we used in class to help support your child's understanding.

[BBC Two - The Story of Britain, Middle Stone Age \(animation\)](#)

Y3 have also created their own artist study on the Stone Age and recreated some artwork in a similar style to that of the Stone Age.



This week, Y5 went to Hucknall library where we explored a range of books including dual language, cookery and sports ones!



Y6 have continued to study Fingal's Cave in music. The children have worked in groups to build up texture (layers) with body, percussion, words and musical instruments. Next week, they will perform to the rest of the class.



## Years 5 and 6

### Message from the Children's Parliament and Children's Forums

Last week we went on our first Parliament day with other schools across Transform Trust. We had a fantastic day talking about Holgate and learning about other schools in the trust.

Poppy and Jack

Children's Parliamentarians

For more information about our Forums in school see the document which has been sent out alongside the newsletter.



# Celebrate

This week at Holgate we are celebrat-

## PRIDE AWARDS

This week we are very proud of the following children who have received **PRIDE** awards from Mrs Sheridan for demonstrating that they are taking **Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence**:

Azalea A—Y6	Lanaya P—Y4
Gracie C—Y6	Poppy-Leigh P—Y3
Louis M—Y6	Callum C—Y3
Oliver J—Y4	Kylan E—Y3
Malakai M—Y4	Jania O—1/2EB
Isla M—Y4	Emilia H—1/2EB

Whole School  
Attendance:  
95.7%

Winning Classes:  
F2SB—99.13%  
4NW—100%

## Special Mentions

This week our assembly special mention is for: **Someone who loves to be different .**

We are pleased to announce that the following children received a nomination from their year group team in assembly this week:

**Nursery:** Freya B, Elsie-Mae B.

**Reception:** Jenson M, Holly M, Aarush P, Georgia C.

**Year 1:** Olive H, Leo L, Otis C.

**Year 2:** Kray G, Archie W, Ajay B.

**Year 3:** Lena P, Poppy-Leigh P, Freya O, Immanuel N.

**Year 4:** Joel C, Amelia H, Jess M, Faith M.

**Year 5:** Aseel N, Harley K, Darcey C, Kacey P.

**Year 6:** Azalea A, Otis M, Nathan O, Emily W.



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## Golden Table



Each week we have a special Golden Table set up in our school dinner hall. This table is for those “always” children who always make the right choices, always follow our school rules and uphold the Transform Trust Values of *Respect, Kindness, Equity and Creativity*. This week the following children were celebrated on our Golden Table.:

***Golden table will be re-launched soon—please keep an eye out here for details! In the meantime, chosen children will be rewarded in class.***



Reading is such an important life skill and as a school we actively encourage regular reading alone and with others. Using our Boom Reader Records we can see which children are recording their reading regularly. ***We now have 238/300 Parents signed up.***

***“READING IS A PASSPORT TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES.”***  
—MARY POPE COLEMAN



***2DG currently have the most parents signed up 85%, 1HO are close behind with 84%***

***Most reads logged = 5KK***

***Most in school reads = 3JB***

***Most parent reads = 12EB***

***Most pupil reads = 5KK – almost every child reading every day!***





## Signs of the Week

This week our school signs of the week are:



Harvest



Halloween



[Harvest Psalm 67 v 6 Makaton Signed by Becky George - YouTube](#)

[Makaton for Halloween 🧛‍♀️👻🍬 - YouTube](#)

## Musician of the Month

This month's Musician of the Month is:

Bob Marley



Musician  
of the Month

More information can be found on the school's website: [Holgate Primary and Nursery -](#)

## After-school Enrichment

Clubs this week are:

**Monday:** Football, Pen Pal, Dance (all KS2)

**Tuesday:** Glee (KS1 & KS2)

**Wednesday:** Cricket/Rounders (KS2), Dough KS1 & KS2).

**Thursday:** Cinema Night (F2–Y6)

**Friday:** Gardening/Welly Club (F2—Y6)

Please contact the school office for booking

## Time 2 Chat

This week's topic for chatter time at home is ...

Who do you think lives here?





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School Holidays
  Public Holidays
  Administration Day

**Autumn Term**

2 September - 18 October **7 weeks**  
4 November - 20 December **7 weeks**

**Spring Term**

6 January - 14 February **6 weeks**  
24 February - 4 April **6 weeks**

**Summer Term**

22 April - 23 May **4 weeks 3 days**  
2 June - 29 July **8 weeks 2 days**