



Newsletter

Autumn 2 Week 5

Week beginning – 30/11/2020



Important messages for this week:

Please can we remind parents & carers

- The deadline for ordering Christmas dinner specials has now passed. The list has gone to the kitchen and any further orders will not be honoured. You must provide a pack lunch if you haven't already ordered.
- Christmas Crafts will go live on Monday on ParentMail look out for your child's class.

Mentions:

This week's theme is linked to Responsibility and is for someone who has been impressing their teachers with their PE skills.

Nursery: Jacob H, James H and Darcie D.

Reception (F2): Brooke W, Archie B, Joel C and Jacob C-Y.

Year 1: Alfie P, Sonny F, Jake and Milli

Year 2: Charlotte H, Laila-Mai K, Rejus B and Wyatt W

Year 3: Poppy F, Rose-Marie H, Orla A and Alexa S

Year 4: Connor H, Louis L, Kayla S and Alfie O

Year 5: Kayden L, Dakota B, Alfie P and Neriah O

Year 6: Kacie-Lei G, Josh S, Alfie J and Faith

Attendance:

Whole School attendance:

97.4 %

Winning Classes:

2GF,3KW & 6IR - 100 %

Time 2 Chat:

Conversation starters for you and your little ones

Why do we feel happy when we see others smile?



These are the answers:

- Snow
- Santa
- Cracker
- 16

What are the questions?



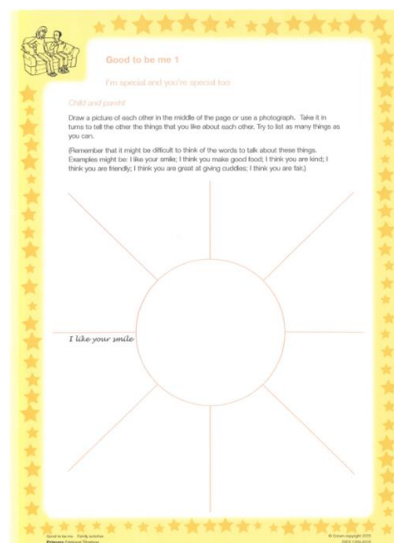
Sign of the week:

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Makaton Sign	Makaton Symbol
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Watch how to do it here: https://bit.ly/3nZajE6	

The Feel Good Family Factor:

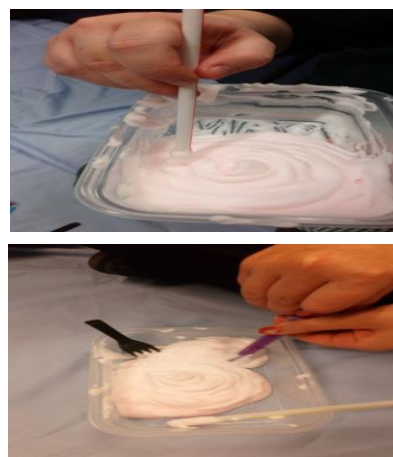
Christmas is a time of giving, but this doesn't just mean presents. Giving the gift of your time, kind words and a smile makes people feel they're loved and special too.

Choose someone (a family member, a friend) and think about what it is that makes them special to you. Give them your kind thoughts and feelings.



Mindset Lunchtime Group

In mindset group this week, we tried colour breathing. Picking a favourite colour, we imagined the colour covering our feet and bringing warmth to our toes, whilst breathing softly. Gradually our warming colour moved along our bodies, helping us to relax until it reached our heads. The children from 5DG were amazing and took it seriously. Our fun activity this week was playing with a container of shaving foam. Smelt and looked gorgeous with so many ways to play with it. Using spoons, forks and straws, we imagined whippy ice cream, bubbling volcanoes and magical slime. The children totally loved it.



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 a *winter theme*.

For EYFS and KS1

Miss Arnold reads *The Gruffalo's Child*

Mr Gleave reads *One Snowy Night*

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

For KS2

Mr Smith reads *The Snow Dragon*

Mrs Smart reads *A Christmas Carol*

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



Look out for:

- School Reports coming home on Monday following your child's Parents Meeting phone call.
- ParentMail coming out about applying for free school meals if you are eligible.

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:

Date	Year Groups Involved	Event Details
Monday 7th – Friday 11th December	Whole School	Christmas Craft Sales Week – Each day we will be selling items as a virtual Christmas Fair. Please see Parentmail for more details.
Friday 11th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day – please feel free to come to school dressed in festive jumpers, colours and a festive red nose :) Deadline for Christmas Cards coming into School
Monday 14th December	Whole School	Christmas Cards go out.
Wednesday 16th December	For those who ordered by 3rd Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December	For those who ordered by 3rd Dec	Christmas Party Bag School Dinner Day
Friday 18th December	Whole School	Rotary Santa Claus coming to visit the school car park. Class bubbles will each get to go and wave hello to Santa.
Friday 18th December	Whole School	Afternoon virtual 'Snow White' pantomime and treats provided by school.
Friday 18th December	Whole School	Break up for the 2 week Christmas Holidays.



EYFS

This week in **Nursery** we have been very active. We have been talking about our emotions and how we feel. We have read the story 'The Colour Monster' where the monster is feeling all mixed. He then sorts his feeling into jars and colours. The children have really enjoyed their PE session moving around with their motions that match their emotions. I think we have some great little actors and actresses.

The children have had a great time getting ready for Christmas. The children took part in our Elf day and all looked fabulous in their outfits. The children have also enjoyed creating and preparing our crafts for the Christmas craft sale. We have been all working hard to make our special gifts for you to purchase. The children have enjoyed our new advent calendars in their groups and the chocolates. We have decorated our Christmas tree and we have a special visitor in nursery called Elfis who is a good elf. The children have enjoyed finding him in different parts of the room. So far, he has been reading and writing and decorating a tree.



On Friday **F2** had a lovely afternoon doing Birthday themed activities. We had been looking at the story Kipper's Birthday all week. We had lots of fun talking about how we celebrate our birthdays and what we do. We then watched a clip about celebrating birthdays on the Tweenies. We played some birthday party games like musical statues and musical bumps. We had a lovely time.

KS2 (Years 3 and 4)

Year 3

had a Science lesson via Teams this week. Due to classes unable to mix and keeping to their bubbles, they put their thinking caps on as to how they could complete a science experiment. The answer was a live link via Teams. Where would we be without Teams this year! The children had lots of fun talking to each other next door.

This week, in **Yr 4**, we have begun reading an exciting new book in English called 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. We are going to be using this lovely festive book to help us write some winter poetry next week. So far, we have made our own predictions about what we think will happen at the end of story and creating story maps based around the text. We have also been thinking about 'wintery' texts we can add to our new Reading River and we have made sure the 1st book we added was 'Coming Home.' We have almost finished reading our class read;

'The Witches' so will need to select a winter story to read next. We have also been getting Arty! We have been making our own crafts ready to sell to parents for the '12 days of Christmas' in a few weeks' time. We made sure we used lots of glitter and sequins on our beautiful creations!



KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Year 1 have started reading a book where the children had gone fishing at a magic pond. We had to predict what they would find there. Was it a wand? A mermaid? A magic ball? No, it was a Bog Baby! We also needed to decide how we could help look after the Bog Baby. We have also started subtraction this week – looking at how we can use crossing out on 10 frames and jumping back on number lines to find answers to problems.

1BG were also very excited to decorate our class Christmas tree – it certainly looks very bright and colourful!



Year 2

This week the children in Y2 have been learning about fractions, we have been colouring in half and quarters of different shapes. We know that fractions are equal parts of a whole.

Perhaps you could practise cutting cakes or pizzas into halves and quarters at home.

In English we have been reading the book Katie in London. The story is about Katie and her k " Jack going on an adventure in London with a lion.

See how many London landmarks your child can name and then look them up on the internet.



KS2 (Years 5 and 6)

Year 5 have been working hard doing some tests this week. Mr Gleave and Mr Staincliffe have also had the opportunity to talk to many of the children's parents in our parents evening. In topic, we have learned about the Blitz and have produced some striking artwork.



Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this week completing some of their assessments. In PE, we explored different types of rolls such as a forward roll, a teddy bear roll etc., a variety of jumps including a pike jump and a tuck jump and some counterbalances, which we used to create a sequence. In outdoor PE, in our Hockey lesson we focused on passing the ball with accuracy and we realised it was rather difficult to be fast and accurate at the same time.

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2020-21



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