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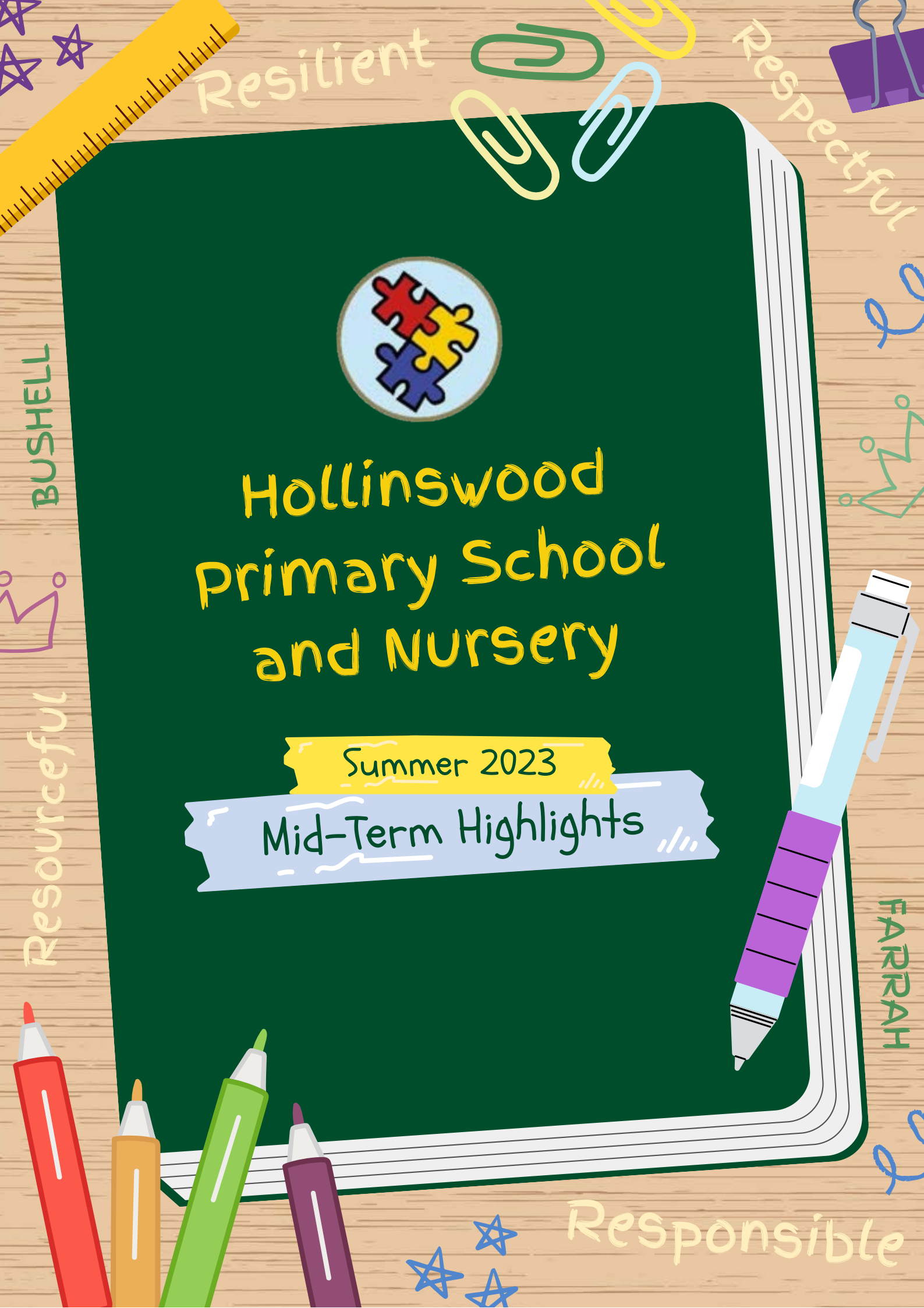
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Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

Summer 2023

Mid-Term Highlights



our headteacher

Hello!

Mrs Osborne

Welcome to our mid-term summer newsletter!

I am excited to share all the exciting events from this half-term!

From celebrating the **King's coronation** with the grand opening of our new **community fruit and vegetable garden**, **The King's Patch**, where we invited several **VIP guests** to thank them and our amazing volunteers for their **time, support, and donations**. This event turned out to be a huge success despite the typical **British weather**.

We also hosted our first **parent/carer lunch** since before the pandemic, inviting **year 3 and 4 pupils** and their guests to '**dine together**' and enjoy our ever-popular **roast dinner**! We look forward to inviting more guests soon so keep an eye out for your letter.

I am also pleased to share updates on our **Year 2's Arthog trip**, our newly formed **gardening club** who are working hard to maintain our community garden, and our efforts towards attaining the '**Plastic Free School Award**'. We have much more to come this term so please take note of the **upcoming dates** featured on the next page.

I hope you enjoy your break, see you soon!

Coming up soon...

Key Dates

5 June
Class Photos



SAVE
-THE-
DATE

7 June
PODS event
for SEND
Parents



9 June
Y5 Trip to
the Opera in
Birmingham



6th July
Sports Day
KS1 (am)/KS2 (pm)
(Weather permitting)



18 July
Y6 Performances
for KS2 and
Parents



20 July
Y6 Leavers
Assembly



19 July
Year 2 Graduation






For Your Information...

IMPORTANT!

Hollinswood Primary School & Nursery Private School Fund Audited Accounts Financial Year 2022/2023



A Private School Fund is described as any funds (other than those of the Council) which exist for the purposes of a school and are established under the authority of the Governors of a school. It is generally used for collecting money towards, and paying for things like educational visits, clubs, fundraising activities, school photographs, and similar.



Hollinswood Primary School & Nursery's Private School Fund is reviewed annually by an auditor and the audited accounts are presented to Governors at least once a year. The latest audited accounts are dated 31/03/2023.

Please see the [school website](#) for a copy of the audit certificate and final accounts.





Coronation

Celebrations



The whole school joined in celebrating the **King's Coronation** in true **Hollinswood style** with a picnic and fun activities throughout the day. Let's take a look at what the children got up to...



Mrs Mann

"Base 5 made bunting and crowns, danced and sang and enjoyed a picnic with some of the older children. All in all, a great day!"



Mr Noble

"Base 1 had a great time at the KSI Coronation picnic, having designed their own crowns, robes and party lists!"



Mrs Firman

"Year 3 decorated our own crowns, made bunting and waved our flags. We also sang the national anthem before having our indoor picnic."



The King's Patch at Hollinswood



To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, we have created a community fruit and vegetable garden within school. To tie in with the coronation, we held a competition to name the garden.

Our new garden is named 'The King's Patch'.

Mrs Dennis - Hollinswood's very own 'King' of Squeaky Beans!



Many people have been involved in setting up the garden including volunteer parents in the holidays, Mrs Telford, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Newbrook and Mrs Bearblock through planning and Mrs Telford, Mrs Dennis and Mrs Newbrook with our gardening club...

Volunteer Day



The King's Patch planters



THANK YOU!

to all our volunteers
and supporters!





Produce from *The King's Patch* will support our school dinners, be used for children to taste vegetables, go to community projects and hopefully be available for parents and members of the community to buy at a low cost.

THANK YOU!
for your donations

To do this, we were supported by a *Telford and Wrekin Grant* aimed at long term projects to celebrate the coronation. As well as this, we have had several kind donations including fruit trees, trowels, planters, netting, seeds, pots, plants and more. We are very grateful for all the contributions which will help our garden be a success.



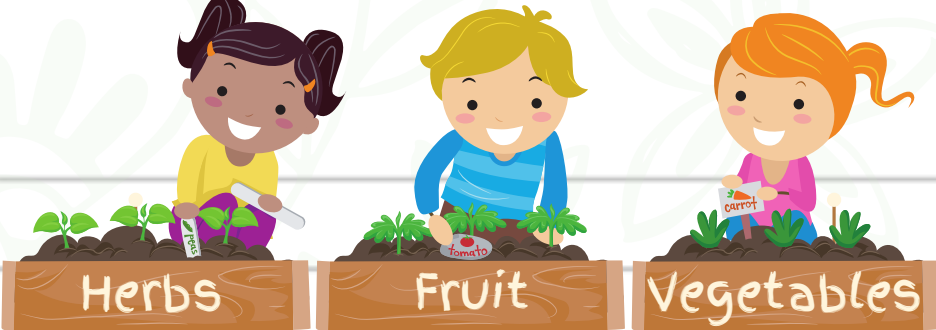
The Grand Opening



We welcomed several members of the community who helped to create this wonderful project. They were welcomed by our school ambassadors and were treated to a performance by the school choir led by Mrs Hayward. The afternoon tea was fabulous! Thanks Mrs Dennis and the catering crew from Let's Dine.

Watch this space for more information about this fabulous project and how you can get involved.





our Club leader



Mrs Newbrook

Gardening Club

The King's Patch Planters



At gardening club the children helped to get **The King's Patch** ready for the grand opening by **digging, seeding, weeding, planting,** and **cleaning up** surrounding areas. We have also been working towards a **Level One RHS School Gardening Award** with the help of **Mrs Dennis** and **Mrs Telford**.

Gardening Club is on Thursdays after school till 4.15pm.





No-Dig Gardening

This term the **gardening club** have been learning about 'No-Dig Gardening' to plant our potatoes, which you can see in the pictures to the top left.



We are hoping to have another **volunteer day** for the garden soon. This will be to help dig out the rest of the kitchen plots, and hopefully plant our fabulous new fruit trees.

The date will be confirmed soon and announced on **Class Dojo**.



Let's Dine



Together



Our School cook



Mrs Dennis

Following the launch of our new school menu that was designed by our very own school council, we believed this would be a fantastic opportunity for our parents/carers to further support us in educating the children about the importance of nutrition and eating healthily and so, we thought what better way to do that than to dine together!



We first invited parents/carers of year 3 children and we were pleased to host over 20 guests that day. We then invited parents/carers of year 4 children, where we then hosted around 35 guests! It was great to see parents/carers supporting the children and we are excited to see an uptake in dinners for KS2 overall!

Let's check out our guest reviews on the next page...



Year 3

BASE 11 & 12

03
MAY

"Really enjoyed spending time with the children at lunch, it was lovely to see the fab food, brill portions and the children with smiles on their faces"



Base 11 -
Year 3
Teacher



Mrs Firman

"It was so lovely seeing so many parents come to school and enjoying lunch with their children."



"It was a nice dinner and I had a good time with my child at lunch which is awesome! Love the staff and the food that was served! Thank you!!"



"Thanks for taking the time to come and enjoy our delicious school dinners with your children."



Mrs Colbert

Base 12 -
Year 3
Teacher

Now let's see our Year 4 guest reviews...



Year 4

BASE 13 & 14

24

MAY

"I had a lovely meal with my son! He doesn't usually have a cooked meal at school but he said he liked the roast dinner and would like to start having it instead of a packed lunch... he likes the way the dinner ladies cook the sprouts!"



"Thank you for inviting us parents, I had a great time eating with my son and happy to see other parents joining in. Lots of options to choose from. Tasty dinner!"

Did you know...

We have a quiet room available for guests with small children and prams to help make the event more accessible!



Thank you to all the guests for your support so far! We will be extending an invitation to Year 5 children and their parents/carers before the end of next term, so keep an eye out for your 'Let's Dine Together' letters coming soon!



Let's Dine

★ ★ ★
**5 STAR
RATING**

We had a surprise visit from Environmental Health this week and we are pleased to have been awarded FIVE stars! 5 is top of the scale, so this means our hygiene standards are very good and fully comply with the law; from the way we handle food, how food is stored, and prepared, as well as the cleanliness of the facilities, and overall, how food safety is managed. At Let's Dine Hollinswood, our team work incredibly hard to maintain these standards.



Our Let's Dine team:
Kathy, Sam, Loz, Serpil & Kubra



Hello again from

our Art Club leader



Art Club



Mrs Atkins

This half term Art Club have enjoyed getting involved in projects themed around the coronation of King Charles III...



Art Club takes place on Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime and is open to children in Years 3 to 6.





Lots of children have been getting creative...

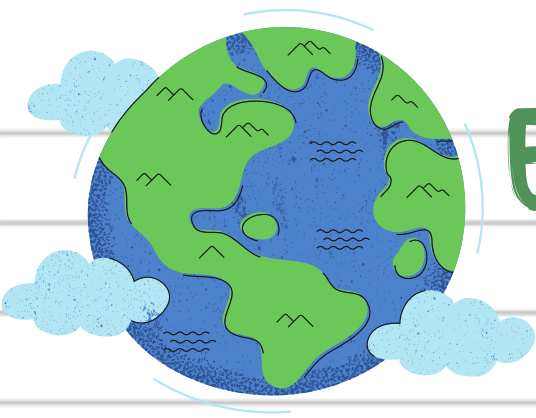


check out some of our masterpieces



At Art Club
it's okay
to get
messy!





Eco-Initiatives

at our school

Our Eco-Committee lead

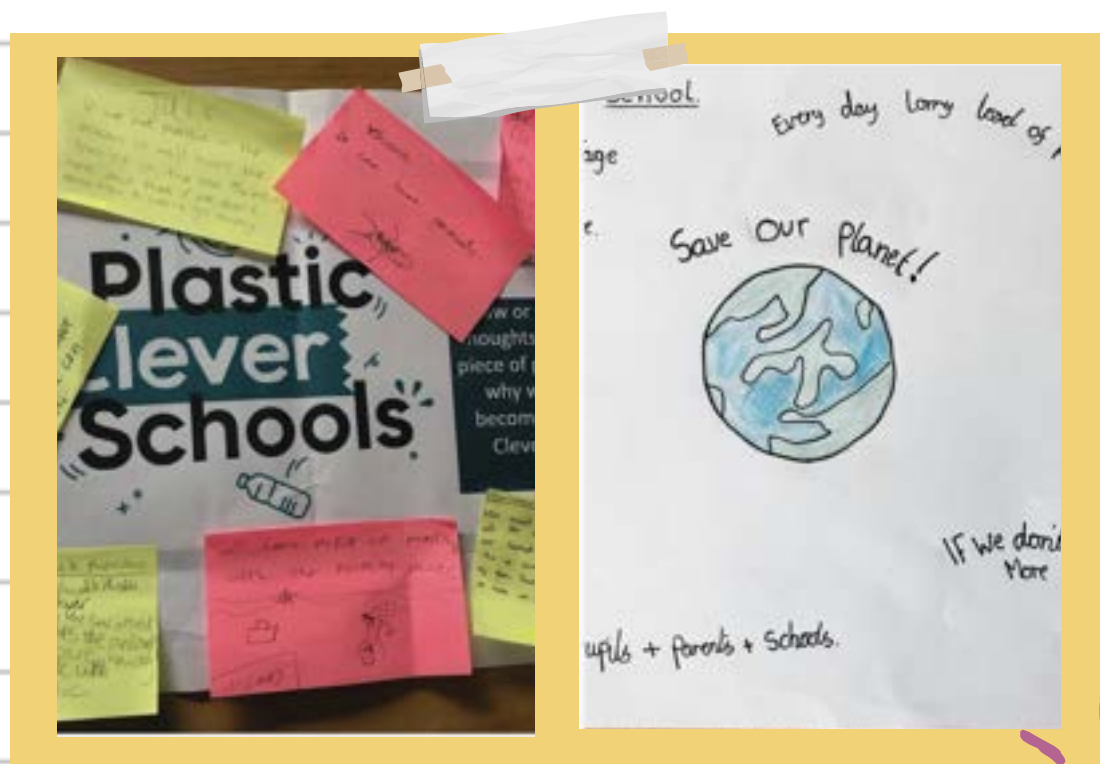


Mrs Bearblock



We're now working on a new Plastic Clever Schools award. Join us at home to reduce single use plastics!

This term one of Eco Committee's main focuses will be on plastic reduction. We're starting a new programme called 'Plastic Clever Schools'. This week all the children started working on our new award, creating some amazing mind maps and notes about why we want to take action on this project. We learned some key facts, and the children created some wonderful mind maps, see photos below..

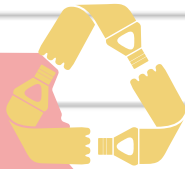


Check out some of the fun facts that we have learned about the ocean on the next page...





Did you know...



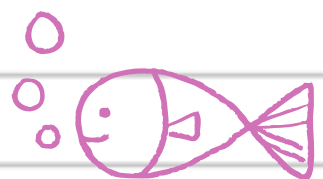
The ocean helps us breathe

$\frac{3}{4}$ of all plants live in the sea

More than 3 billion people depend on the ocean for food and work

There are more fish in the ocean than pieces of plastic (surprisingly!)

As always, thank you from the Eco Committee for all the support you give to our activities.



Year 6

Year 6 - Base 9 teacher



Mr Sheppard

At Hollinswood Primary School our school values (4Rs) are being responsible, resourceful, respectful, and resilient. During the SATs our Year 6 pupils demonstrated all 4Rs. We were so proud to see them embrace the challenge and persevere. We were impressed with their resilience in facing tricky questions; their resourcefulness in working hard to remember things that they have been taught; the respectful way that they conducted themselves in the papers and after them; and finally how they have taken responsibility for their revision and practice. They may not realise it, but they have developed lots of skills as learners that will help them as they move into secondary school.

It is not statutory for teachers to provide teacher assessments at the end of KS2 because the SATs results are used; however, at Hollinswood, we feel strongly that SATs papers only give a snapshot of a pupil's ability and not necessarily an accurate one; therefore, we will continue to share our teacher assessments with every child's secondary school. We believe the child's progress and ability is more accurately captured in what they do on a day-to-day basis....not what they can do in an hour.

Thank you to all Year 6 parents/carers for all your support and as a community we can all be proud of the values our Year 6 pupils demonstrate.

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Year 2 Trip to



Two weeks ago, 23 year twos went to Arthog in Wales for two nights. They had a wonderful time and displayed the 4Rs in many different ways. They took part in lots of exciting activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, team building and coastal exploration. The children behaved impeccably and were a real credit to the school. They all got stuck in and never said no to a challenge. A huge well done to you all – Mrs Hayward, Mr Noble, Mrs Raine and Mrs Reader are very proud of you!



Mrs Hayward



More trip highlights are featured on the next page...



Trip Highlights...



ADVENTURE





Competition



Mrs Scott

our Competition Lead

April saw some amazing portraits for our monthly art competition. To see all our entries, check out our gallery.

Join in the fun!

You still have time to enter this month's art competition - the focus is M. C. Escher.

To find out more about the artists that inspire us, visit our Artist of the Month page.



Can you guess who this is?

I started the monthly art competition during lockdown to motivate and inspire our pupils, their families and staff. Each month had a theme but it was pretty much open ended.

With such a positive reaction (over 3000 pieces of art submitted), I decided to refine the subject heading to specific artists, with the intention of providing insight into a broader variety of artists and different mediums.



Artists so far...

January 2022 - Kandinsky

February - Keith Haring

March - Rob Biddulph

April - Aurora Robson

May - Andy Goldsworthy

June - Guiseppe Arcimboldo

July - Romero Britto

August - Salvador Dali

September - Henri Matisse

October - Alma Thomas

November - Yayoi Kusama

December - Raymond Briggs

January 2023 - Steven Brown

February - Doodle Boy

March - Quentin Blake

April - Frida Kahlo

May - M.C. Escher

It has been great to see such creativity, imagination and artistic ability. If you know of an artist we haven't featured and think would inspire others, please let me know.



The artist is not a special kind of person, rather each person is a special kind of artist."



PARENTS OPENING DOORS AT HOLLINSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



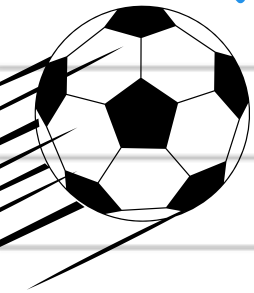
WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE, 9AM

Involving and supporting families who have a child or young person with a disability or additional need.

We invite you to join us for a drink and chat about **SEND**. The **inclusion team** will be on hand to answer any questions, along with the **school SENCo**. We have a lady joining us from **PODS** who would like to meet parents who might like some support. We know sometimes it can be hard to go somewhere new to get help. This way, you can meet in the **safety of our school** and find out what they have to offer. We hope you can join us.



Sports SCORE



Our Sports Coach



Mr Griffiths

Golfway Competition at TCAT:
Y3/4 finished 2nd with 310 points
Y6 finished 5th with 368 points



Y5/6 girls football friendly match vs. Old Park
Lost 4-0. First time playing a match for most
of the team they gave 100% and enjoyed it.

Y5/6 girls cricket competition at St.
George's cricket club. The team finished
2nd in their group and progressed into
the final against Sir Alexander Fleming
School. Won the whole tournament.

WELL DONE!



Y5/6 boys cricket competition at
Wellington Cricket Club. Boys won 4
matches, lost 2. Finished 5th.





Summer Term
starts again on
Monday 5th June
Class Photos!

Return on
Week 2 of
the new menu

Term Dates
2022/2023
End of
Summer Term
Friday 21st July



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See you
next
time!