

Resilient

Respectful

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Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

Autumn 2023

Mid-Term Highlights

Resourceful

FARRAH

Responsible



Hello!

our headteacher



Mrs Osborne

Welcome to our mid-term autumn newsletter!


I am delighted to say that we have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term, welcoming new and returning pupils as they settle into new classes and year groups.

BACK TO SCHOOL



We have also enjoyed a host of activities...

At the beginning of term, we had a whole school Spanish themed day, followed by a Year 5 Greek Day. We also hosted our first Let's Dine Together lunch for KS1 and welcomed our new sport coaches - Mr Chau and Mr Jones. Our pupils have also enjoyed working with Mrs Needle and the Eatwell team from Telford & Wrekin in their cooking sessions, as they learnt about healthier alternatives.



By the time you read this, we would have hosted our first Get-Teagether event where we invited parents/carers and our friends of Hollinswood community into school for the afternoon. Our guests were able to meet some of our staff, speak to our inclusion team.

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and enjoy a **cooking tutorial** with our school cook, **Mrs Dennis**, utilising produce from the **King's Patch community garden**. There was also an opportunity to participate in craft tutorials, buy **pre-loved uniform**, and learn about how to 'Keep **SAFE** in the Dark', with a friendly **police officer** who was invited by our **safeguarding squad**. The choir also gave a **fabulous** performance. It was a lovely afternoon.

Thank you to those who attended, and to all the guests and staff who helped to make it possible. We look forward to hosting another event soon - **keep an eye out for our poster!**

We have also been trailing our newly designed '**Positive Postcards**' that are centred upon, and reward pupils for demonstrating our **4R's** - **Resilient** - **Responsible** - **Respectful** - **Resourceful**.

Well done to those who have received a positive postcard so far! **check them out here**



This postcard is awarded to pupils who demonstrate all of our 4R's!



We have many exciting trips, events, and activities to come before the end of the year but for now, I hope you all enjoy the half-term break, have fun and stay safe!



Introducing...



Mrs Firman

with

MAKATON MONDAYS

DID YOU KNOW?

Today over 100,000 children and adults use Makaton symbols and signs, either as their main method of communication or as a way to support speech.

Makaton has been shown to be useful for all sorts of people including those who struggle with understanding concepts, those who have poor literacy skills, including grammatical knowledge, and those with English as an Additional Language. By using Makaton, children and adults can take a more active part in life, because communication and language are the key to everything we do and learn.

My daughter Betsy has Down syndrome and Makaton is her main form of communication.

We have learnt Makaton as a whole family and have seen first-hand the impact it can have. This is why I wanted to introduce Makaton symbols to the children at Hollinswood. I have been blown away by the response from the children and parents. They are using their signs in and around school and it is wonderful to see.



Click here to see how me and Betsy say dinners or sandwiches!



Let's learn some more...

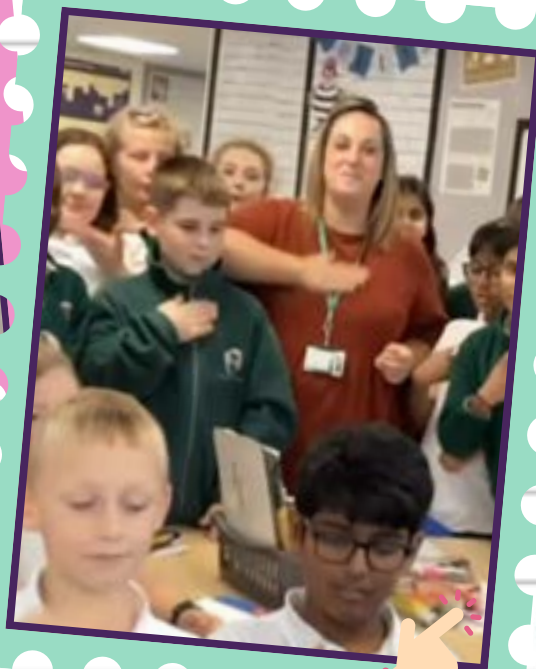
MAKATON



Good afternoon



Let's talk
Makaton



I want



Good morning

Check out our
webpage every
Monday to learn
more Makaton
with Mrs Firman!

Abilities in me non-uniform fundraising day

On Monday 25th September, we
invited all the children and staff
to wear colourful clothes to
celebrate the different abilities
we have at Hollinswood Primary
School & Nursery! With your
support we raised an incredible...



£284

Thank You



Mrs Mann

Base 5 teacher

Harvest Festival



Pam Spellen

This half term, we held our traditional Harvest Festival Assembly. Pam Spellen from Telford Minster at Southwater, talked to the children about the importance of being thankful for our food. All children were exemplary and listened respectfully to what she had to say. We ended the assembly with a favourite song - The Harvest Samba! Thank you for all the kind donations for Telford Crisis Support, your support makes all the difference to people who are experiencing difficulties at this time of year.

More details about Telford Crisis Support and their wish list for donations can be found [here](#).

Thank you!



Hello from our



School Council



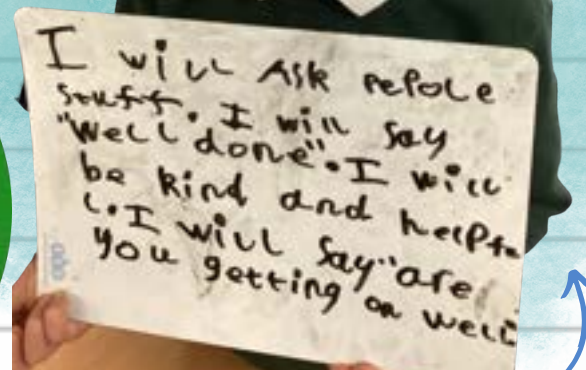
Mrs Mann

Base 5 teacher

This half term, we held our **elections** for this year's **School Councillors**. Children were invited to apply for the position of **School Councillor** for their class and write an **application** stating why they wanted to be elected and what ideas they had for the forthcoming year. Each class then held a **democratic vote** and the children were **elected** by their **peers**.

The **School Council** meet **monthly** and work hard to **share** ideas about how we can ensure that school is a place where all feel **welcome** and **safe**.

Check out our
new School
Councillor
badges!



This sounds great, Reuben!

They **represent** the school, meeting with **school governors** and **visitors** and in the past have helped decide new **desserts** for the **school menu**, raised funds for **new games** for each class and held **raffles** to raise funds for school.

Look out for more School Council news in future newsletters!



Let's 'Eat Well' Together



Our Healthy Eating Lead



Mrs Needle

This term we hosted The 'Eatwell' team who delivered sessions around healthy eating and sugar awareness. The children completed food diaries, used the NHS Food Scanner app and were introduced to new foods such as pickled red cabbage and sprouts as chosen by Mrs Osborne!



yummy



Learn more about the Eat well guide [here!](#)



Parent Cooking Session

Some of our children were also joined by their parents/carers to cook a meal together for the Eatwell project! They all enjoyed the experience and had fun cooking, they even got to take some leftovers home!



THANK YOU!

to all the
parents/carers
who attended
and to all the
staff for
organising!



WELL DONE

Prepping the
ingredients to
make a Chicken
Chow Mein!



They even made
enough for
leftovers!



GOOD JOB!



Age appropriate

Recommended Reads



Get
Lost
IN A GOOD
BOOK

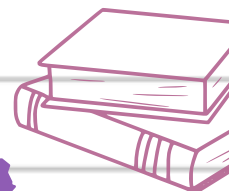
Year 1



Mrs Szehofner



Miss Avery



This story has a lovely message about the power of kindness and lots of laugh out loud moments. A great story to read as a family.



Mrs Gibbons



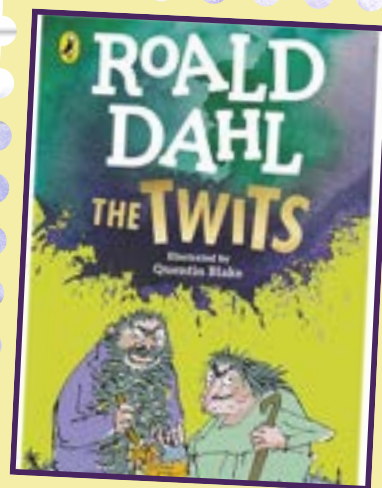
Mrs Jones



Mr Noble

The adventures of Mr and Mrs Twit and the upside-down monkeys make it a fun, entertaining read. The children love the character descriptions!

Year 4



Reception

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Mrs Atkinson



Mrs Mann



Reception love sharing this book at story time. The simple, repetitive language is perfect for the children to join in with and they love doing the actions that go along with the story.



Once upon a time in ...

ANCIENT GREECE

Year 5 Ancient Greek Day



Ms Thomas



Mrs Firman

On the 8th September, Year 5 enjoyed an Ancient Greek Day to kick-start their study of History. We had a guest appearance from the famous bard and storyteller, Homer (aka Mrs Atkins) who helped the children to re-enact the Ancient Greek creation story. We also learned about Greek Games such as Petteia; used the Greek alphabet; solved Aristotle's puzzle and made catapults which we tested on the playground. Everyone had a fantastic day. Thank you to everyone at home, who helped with the costumes.



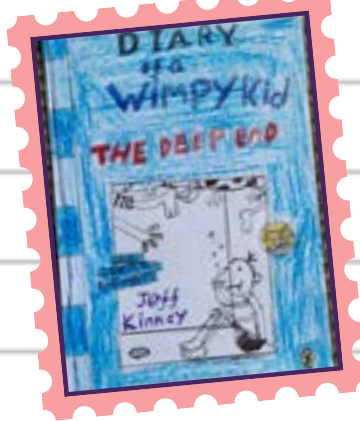
Something looks a little different about Mrs Atkins!



Art

Competition

Akshaj, Y5



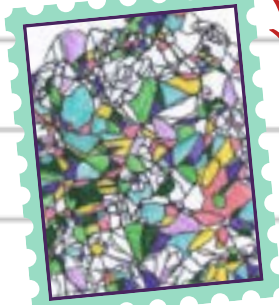
Mrs Scott

our Competition Lead

Akshaj, Y5



Bhavdeep, Y4



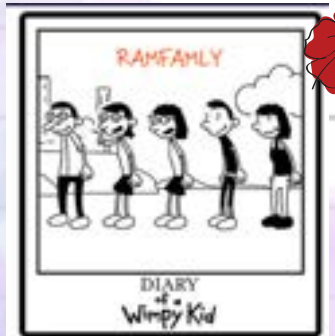
Melania, Y1



Alexander, YR



October has seen lots of family portraits inspired by the author and illustrator Jeff Kinney. It has been wonderful to see more adult entries from parents and staff. Next month we will be inspired by Monet, particularly his 'Field of Poppies' to coincide with armistice day, 'Lest we forget'. I look forward to seeing lots of amazing poppies uploaded to Dojo.



Artists so far...

September - William Morris

October - Jeff Kinney

November - Monet

To learn more about these artists and to view the amazing art entered into each month's competition, check out [our gallery](#).

Click the picture to wimpy your family!





Eco-Initiatives

at our school

Our Eco-Committee lead

Meet our Year 6 Eco-Committee



Mrs Bearblock



The Eco Committee will be working on helping everyone in school to reduce how much electricity we use. We will be working with Year 4 as our lead year group to work on this important issue, reducing our carbon footprint and saving money at the same time. This is a big challenge, and we will be sharing ideas you can use at home as well – look out for our Class Dojo posts after half term.

T & W Climate Action Conference



Mrs. Bearblock represented the school in September at the Telford & Wrekin Climate Action Conference. She received lots of positive comments about all the wonderful environmentally friendly actions we are taking in school, including Telford & Wrekin staff saying they often think of Hollinswood School when they are talking about great eco actions. The other attendees asked questions about what activities would work in their children's schools, top favourites were reducing plastic, planting trees, and reducing kitchen waste.

Click here for more information



Sustainability at Hollinswood



Lots of amazing sustainability actions happen in school, and not all of it is organised by the Eco Committee. See our wonderful sustainability map below that captures all the eco actions being taken in every area of school. Please look; we hope the images will inspire you to add new eco actions to your daily life. Let us know your favourite actions on Class Dojo.



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Eco activities in school. Having so many children, teachers, parents, and the wider community involved in our sustainability activities means that we can make a positive difference to the environment and help the wider world see what actions they can take.



Let's Dine



Together

Our School cook



Mrs Dennis

13
FRI

Year 2



Mrs Needle



Mrs Colbert

"It was fantastic to see so many parents attend our parent lunch, and the children were so excited to have them join them especially for Fishy Friday! We can't wait for next time."

Let's check out our guest reviews...



"Thanks for the invitation, I really liked that dietary requirements are taken care of by giving tokens"

"Thank you for inviting us for lunch. It has been a very good experience"





"Thank you for inviting me for lunch, I can see why [the children] like Fish Friday"

"Thank you for inviting us, it was lovely being a part of the school day!"

"Lunch staff are very friendly knew what the kids liked, tasty food - thank you!"



"Food was very tasty. Thank you to all staff, amazing service :-)"



"Thank you for the lunch today, it was so lovely being a part of it"

"Thank you so much. It was lovely to spend some time with my child"



Sports SCORE



Our Sports Coach



Mr Chau

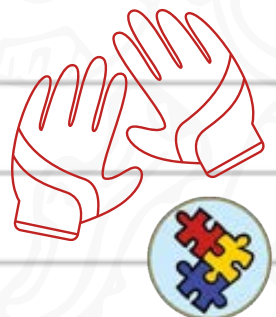
Dear parents/carers,

You may have already heard from your child(ren) about us but Mr Jones and I (Coach Lincoln) would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce ourselves in this edition of the school newsletter.

Both Ben and I came from a sporting background (football and fencing) before starting our coaching roles, and so, we fully understand the importance of how an engaging and inclusive physical education can be a life-changing experience to our students. Since the start of the academic year, we have worked closely with the school to ensure that we are delivering a high-quality PE curriculum that is in-line with Hollinswood's core values.

We will continue to make sure that PE lessons are fun and inspiring so that all pupils, regardless of their previous experience in sports or ability level, can enjoy, gain transferable skills within sports, and develop a life-long habit of being physically active both in school and in inter-sport festivals/competitions.

That's it from me for now, we look forward to the wonderful journey we have in the coming year.



Sports SCORE



Our Sports Coach



Mr Chau

Notable Achievements



Completed the T&W
Primary Cross-Country
Race 1 with 20+ KS2 pupils



Over 85% attendance
for Lunchtime and
Afterschool Clubs

Winning the first Y3/4
Girls Football Fixture
Well done girls 🏆🏆🏆



**WELL
DONE**

Progressed through to the plate
competition for Y5/6 Boys Football!





NEXTGEN
FOOTBALL

JOIN NGA FOOTBALL FOR
HALLOWEEN FUN



HALLOWEEN *Soccer* *Camp*

Come and join NGA Football this half term for our
Halloween themed Soccer Camp!

We cover a range of football activities from skills/ball
techniques to tournaments & fun games.

ONLY £15 PER DAY

- Ages 5-12 years
- Boys & girls welcome
- All abilities welcome

30TH OCTOBER — 3RD NOVEMBER

9AM - 3PM

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PD Day.
Friday 22nd
December

Return on
Week 1 of
our menu

Autumn Term
Return to School:
Monday 6th November
Term Ends:
Thursday 21st December



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