



Holmleigh Primary School Newsletter



Our Values

Respect, kindness, Resilience,
Integrity, Honesty and Trust

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Our Pledge

- Listen and Learn
- Do our best
- Look after each other
- Look after our school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for this academic year. It's a slimmed down version. The class pages will be emailed to you and you will also find them on the school website. We are working hard to keep the website up to date and you will find the important dates for diaries and other information related to your child's class there.

It's been a very busy half term with lots of exciting learning experiences.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a wonderful half term.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

Miss Boateng



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 30 TH OCTOBER	
DATE	EVENT
TUESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	FRIENDS O HOLMLEIGH HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE AT 3.30pm
FRIDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER	WORLD SCIENCE DAY
MONDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER-	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
FRIDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER- ODD SOCKS DAY
FRIDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	CHILDREN IN NEED PYJAMAS DAY FUNDRAISING EVENT
FRIDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	WINTER FAIR PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE A TABLE.
FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FUNDRAISING EVENT
THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS SHOW (4PM)
FRIDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER
TUESDAY 19 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY& DISCO
THURSDAY 21 ST DECEMBER	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.35PM
MONDAY 8 TH JANUARY- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY	
SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON TUESDAY 9 TH JANUARY	

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

EARLY YEARS

The children in the Early Years have settled into their new routines, they have made new friends have been exploring different activities together and interacting with each other.

MEET THE TEACHER AND PARENTS' EVENING

It was great to see so many parents at both meetings and we hope that it was a useful opportunity to speak with the class teachers about how your child has settled this half term and were able to discuss how best we can work together to support your child

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Thank you to all those parents and carers who were able to join our Black History Month celebration assembly on the Windrush Generation.

YOUNG HACKNEY

Young Hackney provides a service for all young people aged 6-19.

We are fortunate to have Young Hackney at Holmleigh providing workshops and support for parents and children.

Please visit: <https://www.younghackney.org> for more information about their youth hubs and clubs.

RAZZAMATAZ- DRAMA AND DANCE WORKSHOPS

Year 4 enjoyed a dance and drama workshop from Razzamataz Theatre School.

They showed such great confidence and some impressive dance moves. We are in the process of organising a dance and drama afterschool club.

HACKNEY READING CHAMPIONS

We are excited to announce our very own Reading Champions for the upcoming school year: Tayla-Rae, Daniel and Serena from Year 6.

These reading champions will work to raise the profile of reading within the school and encourage reading for pleasure. They attended the launch on Wednesday 18th October at Hackney Town Hall, where they met Reading Champions from other Hackney Schools, and the illustrator, Sav Akyus, who has collaborated on books such as I Am Bear, Big and Bear Moves. They were set challenges to complete throughout the year which will encourage and build a reading ethos and stamina. As part of their role, they will meet half- termly with other schools to create networks, supporting pupil voice across the borough. We are very proud of them.



"I am excited to be a reading champion because I want to inspire other children to read books for it will improve their work and vocabulary." **Tayla-Rae**

"I loved the trip to Hackney Town Hall because it was so much fun recommending our books to other children and making friends from other schools. I can't wait for our next meeting!" **Daniel**

"I am really happy to start this new project because I can help people read and discover new books and make reading fun for everybody." **Serena**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school councillors met this week and are ready to influence the decisions that are made at Holmleigh.

WHO THEY ARE

Our school council is made up of 12 members, 1 boy and 1 girl from each class from Year 1 to Year 6. Year 1 and 2 children were elected by their teachers and Years 3-6 children were elected by their peers to represent them and their views.

They will be supported by Miss Angie and Miss Karima.

Class	Councillors
6	Raphael and Tayla-Rae
5	Kai-Enes and Muna
4	Nate and Bea
3	Gabi and Idrees
2	Lumi and Deniz Yelken
1	Dash and Zari

WHAT THEY WILL DO

- They will meet on Friday afternoons to discuss topics that are important to them.
- They will carry out projects put forward by the governors.
- They will report back to their class and collect more ideas in their school council books and suggestions folders.

Our Voice counts....



HALLOWEEN FILM NIGHT

The school hall was transformed into a cinema on Thursday evening by Friends Of Holmleigh. Children and parents enjoyed Hotel Transylvania dressed in the scariest Halloween outfits in Hackney. It was a great night for all.

A huge thank you to Ebony, Kahlo and Yara for making the popcorn and to all of the fantastic Holmleigh children who helped to set up



WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

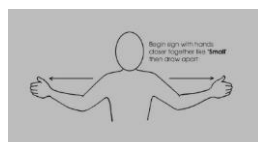


Sorcha our CAMHS worker is at Holmleigh every other Tuesday. She's back on Tuesday 31st October. She'll hold a coffee morning from 9.15- 10.30. It's a space to meet and talk about how we can best support you.

MAKATON AT HOLMLEIGH

Makaton uses speech with signs (gestures) and symbols (pictures) to help people communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention, listening and comprehension.

Our Speech and Language Therapist, Stella Wright has been teaching us a sign of the week every Friday during the Big Book assembly. The sign is displayed in the classroom and around the school. So far, we have learned the sign for **long** and **short**.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PUNCTUALITY

Every Day Counts

and being on time means not missing out

A reminder that the school gates open at 8.50am and all children should be in the playground ready for the morning exercise at 8.55. We will close the gates on Holmleigh Road at 9.00am.

Please make every effort to arrive at school on time. If your child arrives later than 9:00, please report to the Main Reception Office. You will be asked to sign in and give a reason. Coming to school on time every day helps your child to be ready for learning and not miss learning opportunities.

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for this half term was 96.2%. Attending school every day makes a real difference. Please remember that we do not authorise holidays in term time and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

If your child is going to be absent from school, it is important that you contact the school on the first day of the absence to inform us of the reasons. If this continues for more than one day, you should make contact with the school on a daily basis to keep us updated.

Our overall attendance this week was **92.5%** which is significantly below our target of

ATTENDANCE BY CLASS FOR THIS HALF TERM

YEAR 1	95.84%
YEAR 2	96.30%
YEAR 3	98.33%
YEAR 4	96.46%
YEAR 5	92.7%
YEAR 6	97.46%

Attendance Matters



CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have the most up to date details for parents/carers. Please email admin of any changes to the information we have on record for you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It's great to see so many children wearing the school uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

Uniform with our logo is not compulsory. You may buy uniform at supermarkets as long as it is part of the uniform colour scheme.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We have a supply of pre-loved uniform at school. Please speak with Miss Elena or Miss Jane at the office. We accept donations of pre-loved uniform at the school office too!

LOST PROPERTY

We were able to return all the items in the lost property box which were clearly labelled.

As we move towards colder weather, please ensure that all school uniform items are clearly labelled, including hats, coats and gloves.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays are very important and exciting occasions to celebrate. For birthday celebrations at school, homemade cakes and selections of fruit to share with the class are welcome.