



# Holmleigh Primary School Newsletter



## Our Values

Respect, kindness, Resilience,  
Integrity, Honesty and Trust

## Our Pledge

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short but busy half term of immersive learning with great activities, trips, class assemblies and fundraising.

We have been working hard to update our website and you will find important dates for your diaries, the class newsletters and all the exciting things going on at our school there. Here's the link for our website:

<https://holmleigh.hackney.sch.uk/>.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Miss Boateng**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024	WORLD BOOK DAY WE'LL DRESS UP AS OUR FAVOURITE CHARACTERS AND GET STUCK INTO OUR FAVOURITE BOOKS
FRIDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024	FOH BOARD GAMES NIGHT (TIME TO BE CONFIRMED)
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024	COMIC RELIEF WE'LL DRESS UP IN OUR MOST COLOURFUL AND VIBRANT OUTFITS AND DONATE £1 TO COMIC RELIEF.
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024	PARENTS' EVENING (NURSERY-YEAR 6)  REVIEW TARGETS SET IN OCTOBER
MONDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH-THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024	WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024	SPRING DAY
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024-BREAK UP FOR EASTER AT 1.35PM	
SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024	

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Years 5 and 6 treated us to two outstanding assemblies this half term. We are very much looking forward to the other assemblies on our calendar.  
Parents, carers and family members are invited to watch our class assemblies at 10am.  
Our assemblies usually last for 30 minutes.

DATE	CLASS
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024	YEAR 3
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024	YEAR 1
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY 2024	YEAR 2
THURSDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024	RECEPTION
THURSDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024	YEAR 4

## CO-CREATION CONNECTION

We are excited about a special project taking place in the summer term at Holmleigh Primary School. Rose Hill, Summer's mum and founder of Co-Creation Connection has secured some funding to transform the slopes at the main entrance of the school into a masterpiece that celebrates our vibrantly diverse school community.

### ALL ABOUT CO-CREATIVE CONNECTION

Co-Creative Connection (CCC) collaborates with local people to co-design and paint murals; creating joyful spaces.

Our mission is to inspire, connect, and foster a sense of community and well-being. These values underpin everything we do and guide our decision-making process. At the nucleus of our free inclusive workshops and community projects is to make art accessible to people from all walks of life, enable them to discover their creative selves, foster collaboration, well-being, and local engagement, while providing lifelong skills and friendships.

By transforming public spaces into vibrant works of art, we empower, nurture a sense of pride and connection within communities.

See more on our website here: <https://www.cocreativeconnection.com/holmleigh-primary-school-community-mural-project>



### HOLMLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT

A special project where Holmleigh Primary School students and families come together to create a vibrant mural. We want everyone to feel a part of it and to share lifelong skills

#### Our Goals:

1. **Everyone Included:** Year 2-6 students, families, and staff to help plan, design, and create the mural. Showing off our different backgrounds and dreams in the process.
2. **Celebration of Diversity:** The mural showcases the richness of our different backgrounds in a safe and welcoming space.
3. **We're a Team:** By working together on the mural, we want everyone to feel proud and a real sense of belonging.



**4. Long-lasting positivity:** Even after the mural is done, we want it to keep making our community feel good and connected.

### What We'll Do:

1. **Fun Workshops:** We'll have creative workshops to hear everyone's ideas. We want everyone to share their great ideas.
2. **Workshop Fun:** We'll do activities like making mood boards, exploring colours and patterns, and picking out colours for the mural. We'll talk about what we think is important for the mural.
3. **Co-Design:** Rose Hill a professional artist and founder of Co-Creative Connection will help us make sure the mural looks amazing. She's really good at this and knows how to include everyone's ideas.
4. **Let's Paint:** After deciding on the design, a selection of students, families, staff, and local artists all paint the mural together.
5. **Big Reveal:** We'll have a big party to show off our finished mural to everyone at school and in our neighbourhood. Making everyone involved feel proud and happy.
6. **Keep Having Fun:** Even after the mural is finished, we'll create a video. Our mural will always be a special part of our community.

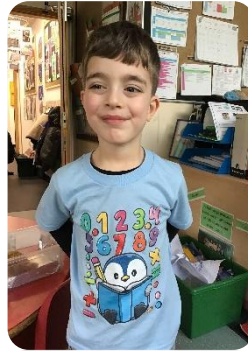
**Rose Hill**



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

### NUMBER DAY

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we dressed up in digits and raised money for the NSPCC's services such as Childline and Speak Out Stay Safe. We took part in fun maths activities in class and a maths workout and games in the school hall. We beat last year's total and raised £100. Thank you for your generosity.



### SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024

This special celebration takes place in February each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all and especially for children and young people.

Each year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores a new issue or theme, that speaks to the things children and young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year's theme is: 'Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.'

During our assembly, classroom discussions and workshops with Young Hackney, we talked about keeping safe online and focused on the 3Cs of staying safe online: Contact (the risk of harm we may face when interacting with other users online, Content (anything posted online) and Conduct (the way we behave online).

**Top tips for parents/carers:** <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>



## FRIENDS OF HOLMLEIGH QUIZ NIGHT

Friends Of Holmleigh's quiz night took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. There was plenty of laughter and the necessary bit of brain gym. It was a great opportunity for members of the Holmleigh community to come together and raise much needed funds for our school. Thank you everyone!

A huge thank you to the businesses who donated the raffle prizes:

The Little Wine Shop  
Spence Bakery  
Wholefoods  
Earlybird Designs  
Rio Cinema  
Shine Hair & Beauty  
Toby and Lucy



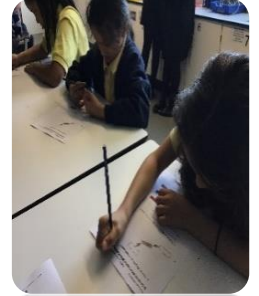
## TEDDY AND HARRY

Meet the new members of the Holmleigh family: Teddy (1) and Harry (2). They are our attendance teddies. They spend a whole week in the class with the best. So far, they have spent some time with the children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Teddy is currently in Year 1 and Harry is back in Year 4. They are looking forward to visiting every classroom.



## Attendance Matters





### SCIENCE WORKSHOPS AT OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Children in Years 3 to 6 visited Our Lady's Catholic High School for science workshops and activities.

Specialist science teachers and Year 11 pupils taught them and covered topics such as Forces and Magnets, Earth and Space and Living Things and their Habitats.

They were able to conduct science investigations in a modern, fully equipped science lab. They were given the opportunity to use and apply many skills including literacy, maths, social skills, communication, flexibility and initiative.

This experience helped to boost their confidence and spark our children's creativity and passion for science.

We are grateful to our Our Lady's Catholic High School for this wonderful opportunity.



### 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.

## HACKNEY LIBRARIES

From reading groups to chess groups, stories & rhymes to arts & crafts, Lego clubs to creative writing classes, Hackney Libraries have something for everyone.

Visit: <https://www.lovehackney.uk/regular-activities>

## SPONSORED READ

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise money for our Sponsored Read. Together we raised **£1516**. The money raised will go towards buying new resources, books, magazines and comics for our school library.

A special mention to Dashiell (Year 1), Ezra (Year 1), Luke (Year 5) and Lukas (Year 6) who each raised over £100. Well done!

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, so get your costumes ready! We will be hosting an 'Open Library' day, for parents/carers to come and read with their children. More details will follow after the half-term holiday.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Ms Amena**



## HACKNEY READING CHAMPIONS

This half term, we went to Hackney Town Hall where we met the author/illustrator, Sav Akyuz, again. Sav did a live drawing session with us from his book "Hip and Hop: you can do anything."

We have invited him to our school to do a session with some children next half term. It will be a very fun and interactive session.

We were given a selection of books for our school, and a National Book Token for £50 to spend for our school library so we went to Stoke Newington Bookshop and bought six different books of our choice for the library. One of the books we bought was "The Hackney Martians" by Paul Brown, which is based on a story about Hackney Marshes.

One of our aims as Reading Champions is to improve and encourage reading for fun. We are doing this by taking different children from across the classes to the library so they can choose a book and read with us. We have also set up a reading station outside in the playground for KS1 and Reception class. The younger children really enjoy coming to the reading station to read a selection of different books from our library. Next month, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, is World Book Day. Get your costumes ready!

**Daniel, Serena & Tayla-Rae**





## WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH



Sorcha our CAMHS worker is at Holmleigh every other Tuesday. Her dates for next half term are: 27th February, 12th March and 26<sup>th</sup> March. Come along to her coffee morning, which she runs from 9.15am-10.30am to meet and talk about how we can best support you.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Holmleigh takes a whole school approach to maintaining excellent attendance and it is a joint responsibility of parent/carers and all staff members to ensure that children are attending school, as they should be. Thank you for your support with our school attendance target and getting the children to school on time each day.

### 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.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

There has been a huge improvement in the number of children wearing school uniform. Thank you everyone for your support with this. We do still have some children coming in without the school colours. We would appreciate 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

Parents are asked to ensure that all items are clearly labelled including hats, coats and gloves. Named items are normally returned to your child's classroom. Unnamed items are put into the yellow Lost Property box. Parents and carers are welcome to look for unnamed lost property. At the end of each half term, any lost property items that have still not been claimed, will be added to our pre-loved uniform sales or donated to charity.

## 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.

## WEA NUMERACY SUPPORT WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

We're excited to be working in partnership with the WEA to offer FREE government funded numeracy sessions.

If you are interested in attending the sessions or want to find out more information, please register your interest at the school office by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The sessions can take place in person at Holmleigh or online. Please indicate your preference on the registration form at the office.

Please email: [LMalaolu@we.sc.uk](mailto:LMalaolu@we.sc.uk) or call 01189814538 if you have any questions.