



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 another busy half term with a wide range of school visits and learning activities. Year 6 children worked their socks off for their SATs tests in Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Maths. We couldn't be more proud of their focus, positive attitude to learning, determination and resilience to do their very best-well done Year 6. Thank you Mr Richard, Ms Amena and everyone who helped with the preparation and administration. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you in July.

Next half term, Year 1 will have their phonics screening tests and Year 4 will have their Multiplication Tables Check. You will find important dates for your diaries, the class newsletters and all the exciting things going on in our school on our website:

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

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable half term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June.

Miss Boateng



SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that all our uniform guidance can be found easily on our school website. As the summer weather arrives, please note that suitable footwear is still needed at school. Please do not send your child to school in open toe sandals, flip flops or crocs.

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

Our lost property box is bulging and many items do not have a name. Parents/carers 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. 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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
FRIDAY 24TH MAY-BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM AT 3.30PM	
SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 3RD JUNE	
MONDAY 3 RD JUNE-FRIDAY 14 TH JUNE	YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK
MONDAY 3 RD JUNE-FRIDAY 7 TH JUNE	YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO KENCH HILL
WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 10 TH JUNE	YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK
FRIDAY 21 ST JUNE	SPORTS DAY
MONDAY 24TH JUNE- INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED	
THURSDAY 27 TH JUNE	HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL <small>Round Chapel Performance Arts Centre</small> HOLMLEIGH CHOIR (4-5PM)
FRIDAY 28 TH JUNE	HOLMLEIGH'S GOT TALENT SHOW WILL START AT 2PM
MONDAY 1 ST JULY	EURO 2024 TOURNAMENT LETTER WITH MORE DETAIL TO FOLLOW
TUESDAY 16 TH JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS' SHOW AT 1.45PM
FRIDAY 19 TH JULY	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY AT 1.35PM

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents, carers and family members are invited to watch our class assemblies at 10am. Our assemblies usually last for 30 minutes. Please see below an updated timetable.

DATE	CLASS
THURSDAY 6 TH JUNE 2024	YEAR 1
THURSDAY 13 TH JUNE 2024	YEAR 2
THURSDAY 20 TH JUNE 2024	RECEPTION
THURSDAY 4 TH JULY 2024	YEAR 4

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

CLASS SHARE SESSIONS

We kicked off our Class Share sessions with Nursery and Reception. It was a great opportunity for children to share their learning and personal success with their parents and carers using their books and work samples. Thank you to those who were able to attend and for the feedback.

Parents/carers of children in **Nursery** who were unable to attend the last session are invited to another session on **Thursday 13th June** from **9.15 am- 10.am. Year 3 and Year 4** will also have their Class Share session on **Thursday 13th June** from **2.45- 3.15pm.**

Please see the timetable below for the other sessions to come.

Year Groups	Date	Time
1 and 2	Thursday 27 th June	2.45-3.15
5 and 6	Thursday 4 th July	2.45-3.15

GYMNASTICS CLUB

Our budding gymnasts have had their first two sessions of gymnastics club. The sessions will help the children to work on their strength, balance, flexibility and co-ordination. We are looking forward to sharing gymnastics displays with you soon.



HOLMLEIGH CHOIR VISIT ST ANNE'S RESIDENTIAL HOME

Our amazing school choir visited St Anne's Home in Finsbury Park on 9th May and gave another brilliant performance. They sang all the way to the venue and passers-by commented on their beautiful voices. The care home residents thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to welcoming them back. We are incredibly proud of them. A huge thank you to Miss Kate, Miss Elena and Kath.



OUR DAZZLING DANCERS

In April a group from Holmleigh took part in the 23rd April National Children's Day Festival in Ankara, Turkey. This was our 5th visit to the festival since 2016, and we went there as representatives of the United Kingdom.

The group of 12 children and 3 adults worked really hard to prepare two traditional dances with a Northern Irish theme (in previous years we featured dances from other parts of the U.K.)

The festival is a huge event involving 30 countries from Europe, Asia, Africa and South America, and our children did the school proud by performing flawlessly, watched by huge crowds at the festival and by millions on TV and online.

What a fantastic opportunity for Holmleigh children, who enjoyed their great adventure whilst representing the school and their country so brilliantly. They left Turkey with an invitation for us to return for next year's festival.

Thanks to Ms Ercan for managing and organising this experience over five visits, to Mr Ward for training the dancers, and Ms Elena for her support and participation in the visit this year. Thanks also to the parents who allowed their children to take part. We look forward to returning next year!



SUMMER FAIR

Superheroes came out in their droves at our annual summer fair. It was such an enjoyable and successful event. A huge thank you to Friends of Holmleigh for their hard work and commitment. We are grateful for the amazing raffles prizes and all that you did to ensure that the fair ran smoothly. Thank you to those who volunteered, cooked, baked, donated and ran stalls, as well as those who came to support us. We are very lucky to be part of such a wonderful school community.

HACKNEY READING CHAMPIONS

This half term, we are taking part in the Yoto Carnegies award for the Illustration Medal. The shortlisted books are:

- The Midnight Panther by Poonam Mistry
- The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish by Chloe Savage
- The Bowerbird by Julia Donaldson
- The Tree and the River by Aaron Becker
- To The Other Side by Erika Meza
- Lost by Mariajo Ilustrajo
- April's Garden by Isla McGuckin
- The Wilderness by Steve McCarthy



We held a survey for children to vote for the best illustrations. There was a clear winner, The Midnight Panther by Poonam Mistry.

Hackney Libraries have a huge variety of activities throughout the week. Something for everyone to keep you entertained throughout the half term.

At Stamford Hill Library, there is a Rhymes & Stories session for babies and toddlers every Wednesday from 2pm to 3pm. There is a reading group called Chatterbooks for ages 8-12. Check out this website for a list of sessions and activities to keep you entertained: <https://www.lovehackney.uk/regular-activities>

Tayla-Rae, Daniel & Serena



MURAL PROJECT

Our special mural project will begin after the half term break.

The project will involve our children and their families working together to create a masterpiece that celebrates our vibrantly diverse school community. The mural will transform the slopes at the main entrance of the school. Please complete the media consent form that will be emailed to you and return to school on Monday 3rd June.



GAMES NIGHT

Thank you David and your wonderful team for organising our second games night. The children had a lot of fun and learned how to play new games.

Did you know that in addition to teaching children about teamwork, patience and how to win and lose gracefully, board games can benefit children's brains and language development, so get the board games out during the half term break!

INTERNET SAFETY

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Holmleigh Primary School. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What should you do if someone sends you unkind messages online?
 - Ignore the unkind messages.
 - Respond to the messages online.
 - Share the messages with your friend.
 - Tell a trusted adult.
2. When posting something on the Internet, who might be able to see it?
 - Anyone who has an Internet connection.
 - Only the people who you are friends with.

WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH



Sorcha our CAMHS worker is at Holmleigh every other Tuesday. She is back on **Tuesday 3rd June**. She will hold a coffee morning from **9.15- 10.30**. It is a space to meet and talk about how we can best support you.

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 PLAYSCHEMES & ACTIVITIES - MAY HALF TERM 2024

Please use the link below to access a list of playschemes and activities taking place in Hackney during the half term.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/ChildcarePlay/Documents/Playschemes.pdf>

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals can attend these clubs free of charge. Each session includes a meal and a range of activities including physical activities with the aim of helping children to be active, socialise and have a meal together. There are also opportunities for food and nutrition education. Many of the clubs also offer paying spaces.

Please visit <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/holiday-activities-and-food-programme> for more information.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

HEALTHY SNACKS

Healthy Snacks Polite reminder: children are not permitted to bring sweets into school. Unfortunately, we have had a few incidents relating to this recently, any sweets found will be confiscated. Thank you for supporting this matter.

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 Matters



Our overall attendance this week was **92.5%** which is significantly below our target of **ATTENDANCE BY CLASS FOR THIS HALF TERM**

YEAR 1	96.6%
YEAR 2	97.3%
YEAR 3	97.7%
YEAR 4	96.8%
YEAR 5	94.1%
YEAR 6	95.6%