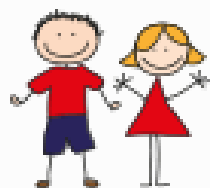
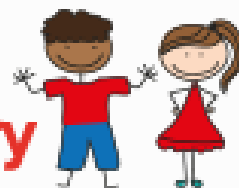




NOVEMBER 2023



**Holmesdale Community
Infant School and Nursery**



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 6th Dec
Nursery Christmas Celebration

Thursday 7th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day
Reception Christmas Celebration

Friday 8th Dec
Reception Christmas Celebration

Tuesday 12th Dec
KS1 Christmas Celebration

Wed 13th & Thurs 14th Dec
Open Doors

Fri 15th Dec
1.30pm – End of Term





A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY



Dear Families

I hope you enjoy exploring this month's newsletter and seeing the children in action. My thanks to the staff team for their commitment to providing such engaging learning opportunities and to you for your continued support.

A huge thanks to everyone who supported our fantastic Christmas Fair. You were incredibly generous with your time and kind donations. Community and Christmas spirit was all around, and it was lovely to see so many of you there.

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas in school. The children are practising their songs and gathering their courage ready for this year's Christmas performances. We look forward to seeing you there.

With best wishes
S. Mullarkey



SCHOOL COUNCIL

These are our new School Council representatives:



Owls:
Zander and Bella



Dragonflies:
Raffy and Jessica



Hedgehogs:
Joshua and
Jemima



Otters:
Luke and
Johanna



Falcons:
Kinzica and
Arhaan



Woodpeckers:
Lois and Sadie

Squirrels:
Chloe and Arlo



Year 2 Choir

We are very proud of our year 2 choir who performed at the Holmesdale Christmas fair. A big thank you to all the parents who have supported their children practicing at home. Thank you to all the children who have been working very hard to learn the lyrics and actions. We can't wait to see them perform again!

-Miss Vickery and Mr Charles



Please come and show your support at our next events:

Reigate Christmas Fayre 2nd December at 12:20
Reigate Late Night Shopping Event 7th December
at 5:30



Week

During the week children took part in activities to explore the idea of what makes a good friend. They particularly enjoyed making cards for each other and sharing books together. On Monday we wore odd socks to school to celebrate the fact that we are all unique.

We also enjoyed a visit from some Reigate Priory pupils who organised a Circle Time around the theme of friendship. The older children were incredibly mature and excellent role models. They spent the afternoon with us and supported the children with activities or heard them read.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Let's We Forget

KS1 enjoyed an assembly which was delivered by Reverend Martin, from St Marks Church. During the assembly, Reverend Martin explained what Remembrance Day is and why we celebrate it. Year 2 school council members went down to St Mark's Church War Memorial with Mrs Hill and Mrs Johnson-Laird to place a poppy wreath in memory of soldiers and their families.



WELCOME TO EYFS
NOVEMBER 2023

NURSERY AND RECEPTION

In Nursery, we really enjoyed our Traditional Tales topic! We loved reading lots of different stories including 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'The Gingerbread Man'. We retold the stories in our role play and acted them out.



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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



We have enjoyed learning about celebrations. We have made our own firework and rangoli pictures.



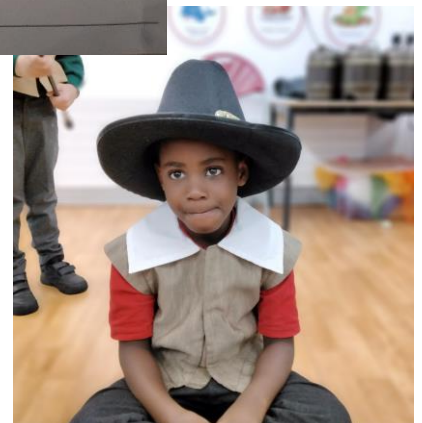
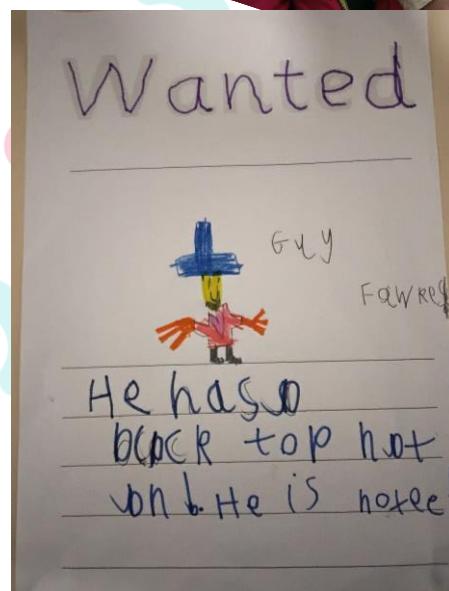
As well as making our own fireworks we have been learning about how people celebrate their birthday and enjoyed sharing out experiences.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Year 1 explored the story of Guy Fawkes with our fabulous Gunpowder Plot workshop. We created 'wanted' posters to see if we could catch Guy Fawkes and had a great time dressing up and acting the parts of the different characters. Can you tell who we were?



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

We also had a visit from a 'terrible beast' who made a mess in our classrooms and ate our food! We found out he was hungry and so designed, made and evaluated a fruit salad.



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Year two went on a visit to Reigate Park Church where Sparkfish took us on a Christmas Journey.

We learnt all about the story that Christians tell about Jesus and were able to take part in some role play as well.



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

We've been looking at reasons for pollution and the causes of it. We wrote persuasive letters to the Prime Minister to explain how we should ensure the planet becomes a better place environmentally and what we could do to help. We received a reply back from 10 Downing Street which was read out loud in assembly.



Dear Prime Minister

Introduce your letter

I am writing to you because I am getting upset because people are trying to make animals extinct. ✓ extinct

Key points to include in your letter

1. Stop throwing rubbish in the water. ✓
please don't hunt down animals. ✓
2. don't destroy habitats. ✓
Stop driving your car that much. ✓
3. don't throw away your rubbish. ✓
don't go hunting in the forest. ✓


Closing sentences

Thank you for ~~for~~ reading my letter.

I hope you can help us make the world a better place. ✓

From CHLOE

good points


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From the Direct Communications Unit

20 November 2023

Year 2
Holmesdale Community Infant School
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Dear Children


I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letters about helping endangered animals.

It was very good of you to get in touch, and for taking the time and trouble to share your thoughts about this important matter.

As the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is the part of the Government responsible for this issue, I have sent your letters to them so that they are made aware of your views.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely



Correspondence Officer

To learn about how the Prime Minister's Office uses your personal data, please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/cabinet-office/about/personal-information-charter>

SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES ►



Congratulations to many of our Holmesdale pupils who have sent in their sporting achievements.

If you'd like to share any sporting achievements in our upcoming newsletters, please send them through to the office email.

Congratulations to Sophie in Year 1 who has achieved her black belt in Kung Fu. This is an amazing achievement and shows the discipline and commitment to achieving such a great feat. Well done, Sophie. We're very proud of you :)



Congratulations also goes to Zoya in Year 1 who has achieved her Level 2 in Gymnastics. This is a fantastic achievement Zoya and your dedication to gaining your certificate is one to be proud of.