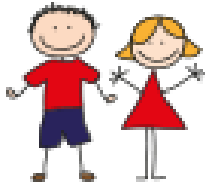
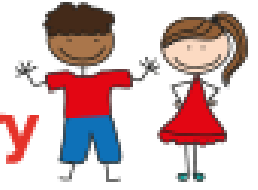




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Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs 5th December – Open Morning

Wed 11th December –
Open Doors & Nursery Nativity

- Thurs 12th December –
- Reception Nativity
 - Christmas Lunch
 - Christmas Jumper Day
 - Open Doors

Friday 13th Dec – Reception Nativity

Wednesday 18th December –
Yr1 & Yr2 Nativity

Friday 20th December – End of term
school finishes 1.30pm



A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY



Dear Families,

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter, giving you a view of the fantastic learning that has happened this month.

A big thank you to our dedicated staff team for creating such engaging learning experiences, and to you for your ongoing support.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making our Winter Fair a great success. Your generosity, whether through your time or donations, was truly appreciated. The event was filled with community spirit and festive cheer, and it was a joy to see so many of you there.

The sounds of Christmas are filling the school as the children practice their songs enthusiastically in preparation for this year's Christmas performances. We can't wait to welcome you and share these special moments.

Warm regards,

S. Mullarkey



Friendship Week



The theme for Friendship Week was 'Choose Respect'. We had a busy week learning about how to behave towards others in a kind and respectful way. On Tuesday we wore odd socks to school to celebrate the fact that we are all unique and special.



During the week we made friendship bracelets and wrote letters and cards to our friends. We had a visit from some Year 6 pupils from Reigate Priory, we listened to the story 'One' by Kathryn Otoshi and they taught us the terms 'bystander' and 'upstander'. We loved the message of the book that 'everyone counts'. We took part in art activities inspired by the book.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Let Us Not Forget



Year 2 school council members went down to St Mark's Church War Memorial with Mrs Mullarkey to place a poppy wreath in memory of soldiers and their families.



Year 2 Choir

We want to say a big thank you to the children who performed at the Winter Fair and to their parents who supported them at home. We are so proud of how well they performed despite the music issues, they persevered and sung even louder!

Please do come and support our choir at their next events if you can:

30th November- Reigate Christmas Fayre @ 12:20pm

(Main stage opposite Banana Tree)

12th December- Reigate Late Night Shopping Event @ 6pm

(outside Gails bakery)



WELCOME TO EYFS
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NURSERY AND RECEPTION

Nursery had a wonderful time learning all about the senses. After our listening walk around the school, we made a class book 'Nursery, Nursery, what do you hear?' which we have really enjoyed reading at carpet time! We had great fun making instruments and creating a Nursery Orchestra. We also loved smelling and tasting different foods and trying to guess what they are.



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We enjoyed learning about traditional tales, including a visit from Rosie Tells Tales.



We have been learning about 'Road Safety' and 'People Who Help' us. We were fortunate to have a visit from a police officer, who taught us about how to keep safe when crossing the road.

Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

The Gunpowder Plot Workshop

On the 5th of November, all the children in Year 1 took part in a lively reenactment of the famous gunpowder plot. The children were excited to dress in period costumes, transforming into key figures from 1605 to retell events. Some children wore elaborate cloaks and hats to portray Guy Fawkes, while others stepped into the shoes of the conspirators, the king's guards and members of the royal family.



The children learned about the conflict that led to the gunpowder plot and why it is still remembered today with fireworks, bonfires, and celebrations.

We extend our thanks to the Matrix Theatre Workshop for bringing history to life at Holmesdale in a way that was both fun and educational.



Year 1 News

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FIREWORK



We used a variety of materials to create firework pictures. We experimented with chinks, paint, glitter and pastels. We also used digital art to create fireworks!

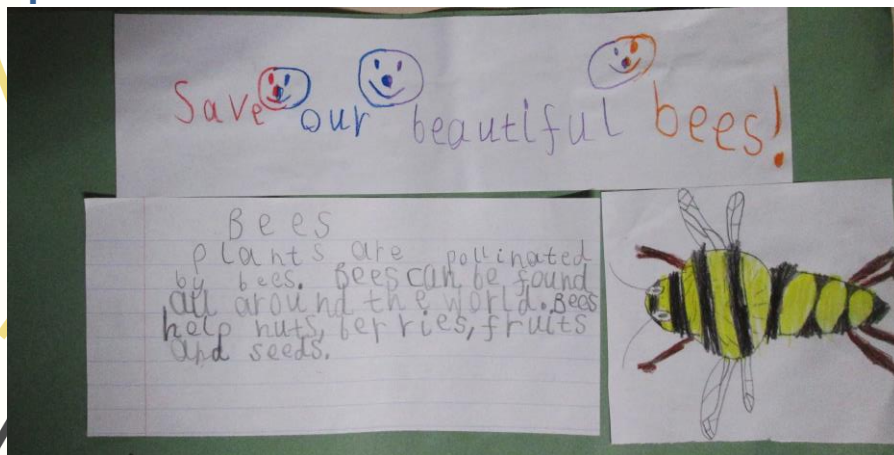
Look at our beautiful artwork!



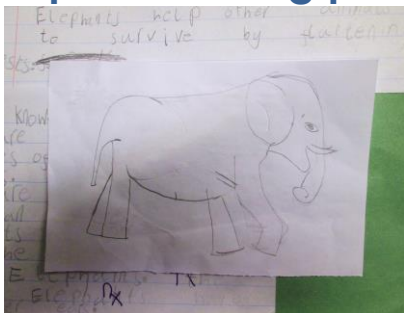
WELCOME TO YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

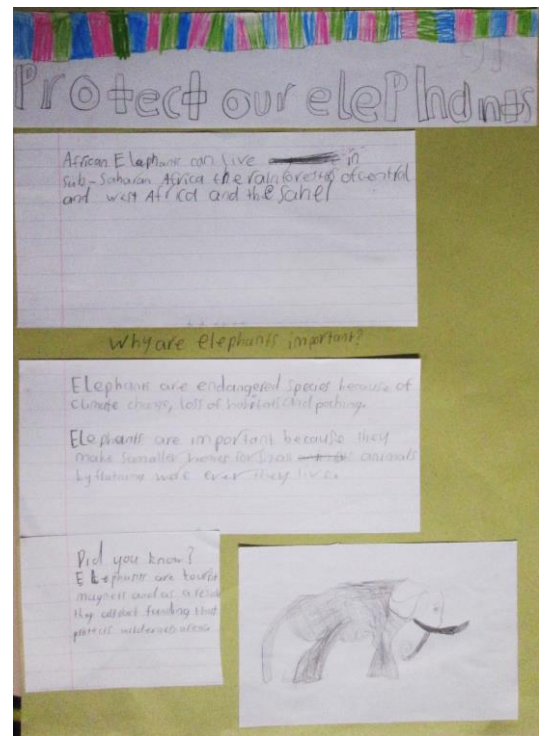
In Year 2 we have been learning about endangered animals, why they are endangered and how we can help protect them.



We researched some endangered animals and created posters using persuasive language.



We have also enjoyed creating pictures of endangered sea animals.



We sketched the animals and used oil pastels to add colour. Then we painted the background, making different shades of blue by adding white paint.

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We took part in a fantastic endangered animals workshop where we thought about the movements of particular animals like gorillas, elephants, tigers and rhinos.



We had great fun!



SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES ►

Congratulations

Max completed his first 5K Parkrun, tackling a tough and muddy course with perseverance and dedication. An amazing achievement. Well done!



"This is impossible... let's do it!" – Max



Now the weather is getting colder, why don't you follow some of these exercises to keep you warm!

[PhysiFUN - YouTube](#)

If you'd like to share any sporting achievements in our upcoming newsletters, please send them through to the office email at info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk