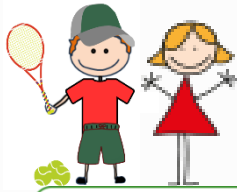
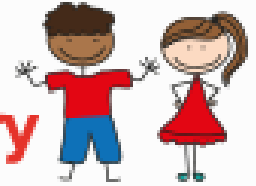


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Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 1st July
Moving Up Day

Friday 4th July
Inset Day

Tuesday 8th July
Year 1 Action Stations 9.15
Year 2 Action Stations 10.45

Wednesday 9th July
Reception Action Stations 9.30am
Nursery Action Stations 10.50am & 13.50pm
Open Doors

Thursday 10th July
Open Doors

Tuesday 15th July
Yr 2 Celebrations

Friday 18th July
End of Term – school closes 1.30pm



A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

Dear Families

I hope you enjoy reading and finding out about what has been happening across the school this month. It has been a busy and rewarding few weeks, with plenty of memorable experiences for the children.

Classes have enjoyed trips to the British Wildlife Centre and Nower Wood. A big thank you to the staff team for organising these visits, and to the volunteers who gave their time to help on the day – we couldn't do these things without you.

We also celebrated a fantastic Summer Fair, with live bands and a wonderful performance from our school choir. The event was very well attended and showed the great community spirit that makes our school so special. Thank you to everyone who contributed to its success.

With best wishes

S. Mullarkey



HOLMEFEST SUMMER FAIR

With a variety of stalls offering tombolas and games, a bouncy castle with a slide, an exciting agility course and go-karts and fantastic live performances from the Reigate College band and our very own choir, there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was a memorable day full of fun and community spirit.

We extend our thanks to our incredible PSA for organising such a brilliant event, and to all the parents and carers who helped, supported, and joined in the fun — thank you!





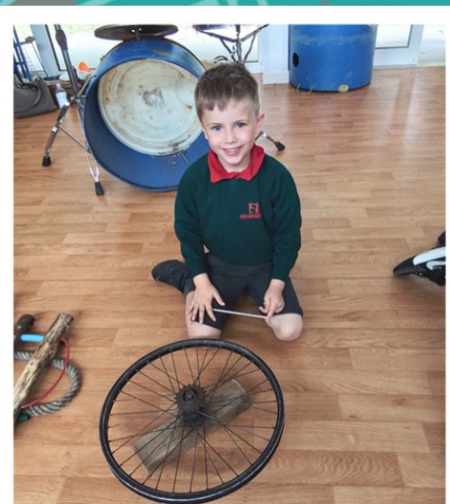
Junk Orchestra

This week, our studio was awash with rhythm and beat as we welcomed the *Junk Orchestra* for a hands-on musical workshop.

Year One children had the exciting opportunity to make music using everyday recycled items like buckets, bins and pipes. The workshop not only showed us how so-called "junk" can be repurposed into musical instruments but also encouraged creativity and resourcefulness.

Before the children got their turn, the teachers kicked things off with a lively performance to demonstrate how it's done.

If you'd like to hear this newly formed band in action, be sure to check out the video on our Facebook  or Instagram  page.



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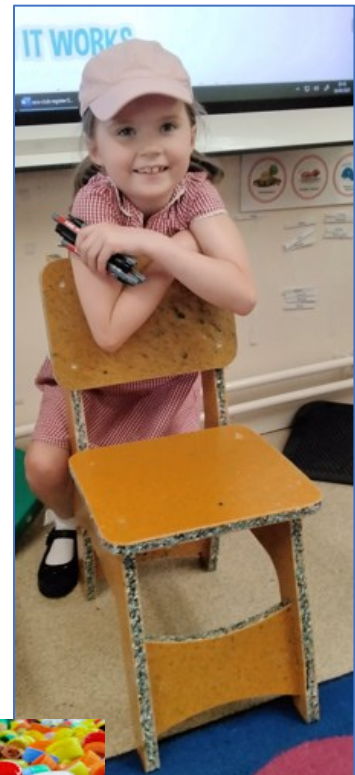


Holmesdale took part in the first ever Greensand Eco Summit this June — a valuable opportunity for schools to come together, share their ongoing sustainability initiatives, and learn from each other's eco-friendly practices. A small group of enthusiastic Holmesdale students walked to Wray Common School to talk about what we do to protect the environment.

BOTTLE LID RECYCLING

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting plastic bottle lids! The children have seen firsthand how these lids can be recycled into something new — they've even been transformed into a brand-new beautiful chair!

Please keep bringing in your plastic bottle lids, as we would love to collect enough to be able to add a recycled piece of furniture to our outdoor mud kitchen.



THANK YOU



A big thank you to our PSA for supporting the development of our music room. Their generous funding provided this lovely new rug, and they are working hard to raise additional funds for new instruments.



The rug not only brings the room together but also adds fun to the space, making music time even more enjoyable!

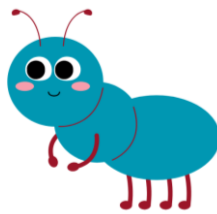


WELCOME TO EYFS
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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



Nursery have had a fantastic time learning all about minibeasts! We had a wonderful time on our minibeast hunt around the school! We made minibeasts from recycled materials and also enjoyed making and eating our healthy eating minibeasts!



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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



We had a fantastic time on our school trip to Nower wood!

We went pond dipping and minibeast hunting. We got to have a look at some of the insects under a microscope. We also got to feel what it would be like to be a woodlouse by going on a blind fold trail.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Year 1 have been buzzing with excitement as they learned about the life cycle of a butterfly in science.

The children were thrilled when real caterpillars arrived in class, each one lovingly given a name.



They carefully observed every stage of the cycle, from caterpillar to chrysalis and finally to beautiful butterflies.

Following a story session in the woodland, the delicate butterflies were carefully released into the wild.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Year 1 had a wonderful time taking part in the Junk Orchestra workshop. They looked carefully at what materials the 'junk' instruments had been made from. The children loved exploring and playing the instruments. They took it in turns to take on the role of conductor and lead their orchestra to create their very own masterpieces.

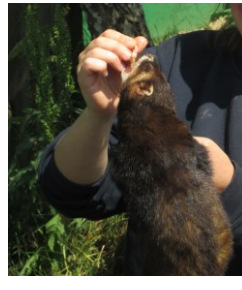


They were also inspired to design and make their own fabulous instruments!



WELCOME TO
YEAR 2 NEWS
HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

British Wildlife Centre



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the British Wildlife Centre where they saw lots of interesting animals.

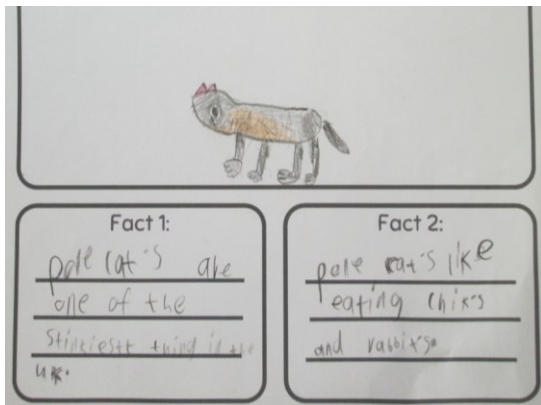
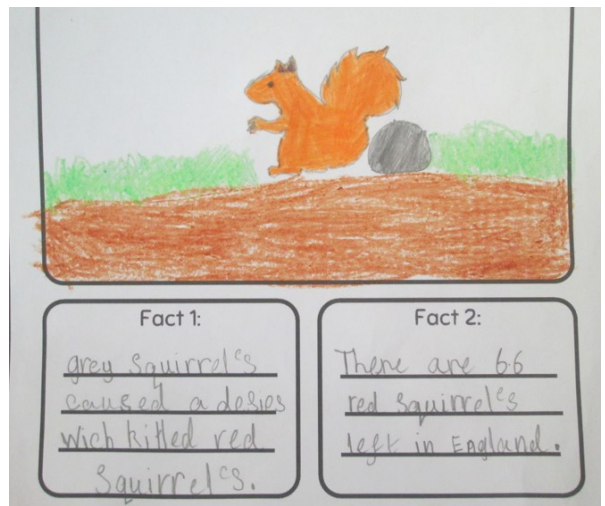


WELCOME TO YEAR 2 NEWS HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

We learnt lots of interesting facts on our trip.

Did you know...

If an owl could move its eyes it would squish its brain.



There are only 1 million hedgehogs left in the UK and they might soon be extinct!

We also wrote a recount of our time at the British Wildlife Centre, using lots of conjunctions and interesting adjectives.

One warm Wednesday the 11th of June Badgers and Falcons travelled to the British Wildlife Centre because we wanted to learn more about endangered animals. At 9 o'clock we jumped onto a warm, huge coach. When we finally got there we went to put our bags in the lunch area. Then we went to see the rats and mice and then Milly the brought out Yoda the fluffy tawny owl. After that we went to see a very fast weasle he was wising round and then a spiky Hedgehog hedgehog. Next we went out to see the red foxes and lots and lots of owls. We went to see the deer then others next we had lunch. After lunch we saw red squirrels after that we saw a scaly snake then just round the corner we spotted a polecat.
My favorite part was seeing the barn owl. The Barn owl had a very cool enclosure because it actually looked like a barn because it is where they like to live.

In the morning on Wednesday 11th June Falcons and Badgers class went to the British Wildlife Centre on a long, cozy coach. We wanted to learn about poor, sad, endangered animals. When we got there we dropped off our lunch and bags then we went straight to the rats after that Milly brought out a tawny owl. Next we saw the weasle it was borkers because it just woke up. Next we saw hedgehog. Next we went to the foxes after the foxes we saw the owls. Next we saw the deer and others. Then we had lunch. After lunch we went to see the Scottish wild cat. At the very end we saw the badgers and squirrels. My favorite animal was the Scottish wild cat because I liked watching it eat the chicks.

SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES ►



A huge congratulations to Luke, who has now completed 50 junior park runs! With each run being 2km, Luke was awarded a wristband to celebrate his 50 park runs being the equivalent of an ultra-marathon! Amazing achievement Luke.

Big congratulations to Amelie, who achieved 1st place in the annual in-house competition at Horsham Gymnastics Club! Competing against seven talented gymnasts, Amelie impressed with her floor routine and vault. Her performance earned her the top spot. We are so proud of her achievement!



Huge congratulations to some of our Year 2 boys who proudly represented Reigate Priory Football Club and remained undefeated in yet another tournament! What a fantastic achievement, the boys truly earned their trophy and thoroughly enjoyed lifting it together!

SPORTS ROUND

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Why don't you try these sports activities at home.
Can you come up with your own game?

Home Activity Ideas: Let's Move!

1. Pillow Hurdles

Line up pillows and jump over them like hurdles.

Can you do 5 in a row?



2. Laundry Basket Basketball

Throw rolled-up socks into a basket.

How many can you score in 30 seconds?



3. Frog Jump Challenge

Hop like a frog from one side of the room to the other.

Say "ribbit!" every time you jump!

4. Dance Party Freeze

Play your favorite music. Dance and freeze when the music stops.

Can you stay frozen like a statue?



5. Obstacle Course

Use cushions, chairs, and toys to build a mini obstacle course.

Crawl under, jump over, and spin around!