



Newsletter



Summer Term 2019
Have a Brilliant Summer Holiday!



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear All

All of our pupils have received outstanding results this year. Yet again, we are one of the top Special schools. Well done to all of you.

I would like to congratulate Erin O'Shea who received the Citizen of the Year Award and all the children who achieved the other school awards. Congratulations to you all.

I would now like to highlight a number of achievements this year:-

- Congratulations to the 11 children who received 100% attendance.
- Overall attendance was 96.8%.
- A fantastic Sports Day at The Sports Village.

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and support during these activities.

May I take this opportunity to wish all the children leaving Holmwood School this year every success in their new school.

Dennis Ley



Celebration Time!

The awards winners are:-

**The Rotary Club of Cleveland
Citizen of the Year Award**
Erin O'Shea

Early Years Governors Award
Theo Harker

Key Stage 1 Governors Award
Millie Forrest

Key Stage 2 Governors Award
Keighan Shanley

Holmwood School's English Award
Rocco Allen

Holmwood School's Mathematical Award
Toby Craig

Holmwood School's Sports Award
Apryl Danieli

Ben Laird Award for Improvement
Alfie Spraggon

Exceptional Achievement KS1
Ethan Russell

Exceptional Achievement KS2
Lenni Johnson

Dr Lwyn's Award for Emotional Health
Ava Crossling

Tom Glasper's Award for Most Improved Reader KS1
Eleanor Allgood

Tom Glasper's Award for Most Improved Reader KS2
C.J. Kinhead

Key Stage 1 Creative Arts
Jesse Lappin

Key Stage 2 Creative Arts
Zachary Hill

Support Centre Award for Achievement
Oscar Carling

Mrs Wake and Miss Kelly's Class

We have had a fantastic Summer Term! The children have really enjoyed our topic on 'Why do people visit the Mediterranean?'

We have found out why the Mediterranean has a warmer climate, why people like to visit there and which fruits grow well in Mediterranean countries. The children have had an opportunity to try a range of foods from different countries – with mixed reviews!

In Science, the children have carried out practical experiments and investigations and really enjoyed finding out about different plastics and where they come from.

The children really enjoyed our class trip to Stewart Park and all children participated in our Sports Day. It was a great success, everyone tried their best!

All children have made amazing progress this year and we are very proud of them all. Keep up the good work in Year 4!

Have a wonderful Summer Holiday!

Miss Kazeminia's Class

What a wonderful year we've had! All of the children in Year 4 have worked extremely hard and have made fantastic progress across the curriculum. We have had a wonderful Summer Term and have enjoyed our topics of 'The History of Middlesbrough' and 'Modern Europe'; however our highlights of the term have definitely been our trips to Saltburn and Tweddle Farm.

We are so proud of all of the children in Year 4 and all they have achieved. We hope that they continue their success in Year 5!

We would also like to use this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers for their support and communication throughout the year. We hope that all of the children have a lovely summer.



Mrs Cairns' Class

It feels like only yesterday that it was September and the beginning of a new academic year but here we are at the end of the Summer Term! It has been a very successful year for our Reception/Year 1 class and they have achieved so much academically, socially and emotionally. We could not be more proud of them!

Our topics this term were 'What was Captain Cook famous for?' and 'Why can't we live under the sea?'. We have been fortunate enough to have lots of educational trips this term including a trip to the Captain Cook Museum and the Blue Reef Aquarium. These trips supported the children's understanding of significant people in history and their understanding of sea creatures and their habitats. In Literacy, we read a mixture of fictional and non-fictional texts and from this the children have produced some pleasing written work. In Numeracy, we have focussed a lot on counting, addition, subtraction, position and shape.

Other fun activities the children have enjoyed this term include Sports Day and a Forest School session with Mrs Miller. The children learnt to develop their communication and listening skills through several activities including making campfire pizzas and building a hammock.

As always, the children have worked extremely hard this term and thoroughly deserve their Summer break! Thank you again to all parents and carers for your continued support this year. Have a fun-filled summer!



Mrs Callaghan's Class

The children made fantastic progress during the Summer Term. Our Learning Challenge was to research 'The Egyptians' and 'Space'.

In History, the children learnt how important the Egyptians were and we re-enacted great tomb robbery scenes. We also discovered how important the 'Death Mask' was to the kings. The children had great fun making their own 'Pharaoh Death Mask'

In Science the children learnt about 'Forces'. They carried out practical experiments and had lots of fun, particularly when we created 'Centrifugal Force' by spinning a bucket filled with water round and over their heads.

Thank you to parents and carers for your help and support with the children's homework and Communication Book, this has been extremely beneficial.

Mr Slowther's Class

We have had a great year and all children have done really well in their assessments and produced some lovely pieces of work. All children's reading ages have improved greatly over the year. We would like to thank parents and carers for taking the time to read with your child at home.

Our topics over the last term have been 'Middlesbrough' and 'Modern Europe'. When learning about Middlesbrough we focused on famous landmarks, Captain James Cook, famous people and the history of Middlesbrough. When learning about Europe we visited different countries in Europe and the children produced their own passports to explore these countries, finding out how to speak some of their language, sampling some of the food and exploring key landmarks in that country.

We have continued to go horse riding and all children have greatly improved throughout the year; they can all trot, guide their horses through a course and hold the reins correctly.

We wish the children all the best of luck in their new class with their new teachers and we have full confidence that they will continue to achieve and progress in all aspects of their learning.

Have a great Summer Holiday and see you September!



Mr Ford's Class

Once again, we say goodbye! We have worked our way through a very busy year and Mr Ford is really impressed with our progress and SAT's results. It has been hard work but we are proud of ourselves.

Throughout the year, we have learnt so much. Our English Language has improved significantly and we have progressed in all areas of Maths. Our reading has developed, with most of us now being free readers! We have enjoyed so many aspects of the year including our Kingswood three day residential.

We are feeling excited at the prospect of our new schools and we have experienced transition days in preparation.

As we say goodbye, we take away many happy memories of Holmwood; friends, staff and events throughout the years. We have had a fantastic end to Year 6, with trips to Flamingo Land, Hollywood Bowl, Fun Shack, Go Climb at Billingham Forum and our Sports Day held at The Sports Village. It was lovely to see all the parents and carers who came along to show support.

As we leave, we take with us, our Records of Achievement and art folders, displaying all our fantastic work and many photographs throughout our time here. We wish everyone good luck and a happy holiday, from all in Mr Ford's class.



Mrs Ahmad's Class

Summer Term has been very productive for our class! We have really enjoyed our 'Space' topic. We know lots about the solar system and how astronauts survive in the International Space Centre.

Sports Day was a great day and everyone tried their best! The weather was fantastic and we were all a little rosy the next day!

The children have enjoyed working with Mr Dale in Woodwork. They were delighted with the end product. We have thoroughly enjoyed our class trips; Guisborough Forest was so much fun as was Sandsend.

Our Year 5 children are now ready for Year 6!

Well done to you all, it has been a pleasure to have you all in the class. Good luck in your Year 6 class!



Mrs Mansbridge's Class

The Year 2 team would like to thank every single one of the children for a fantastic year. The achievements they have made both academically and socially have been amazing and they should be very proud. We have had lots of fun and different experiences, but the highlights for us have to be our trip to the theatre to watch 'Stick Man', singing with other schools from all over the area at Snappy Spring and our trip to Tweddle Farm.

Good luck to all the children in Year 3, they are definitely ready for the challenge! A big thank you to all the parents and carers, your continued support with homework and reading has been greatly appreciated.

Miss Pilkington's Class

Summer Term has been very busy in the Support Centre! We have covered the topic 'Under the Sea' which the children enjoyed very much! As part of our topic, we have visited Redcar and Saltburn, exploring the different beaches. The children especially enjoyed eating ice cream and playing in the rock pools!

All of the children enjoyed Sports Day and won lots of medals! Everyone had great fun and tried their best! The weather was fantastic!

As always, the children have worked extremely hard this term and have been a pleasure to teach! You have thoroughly deserved your Summer Holiday, enjoy!!



AUTUMN TERM DATES

**Tuesday 03 September 2019 to
Friday 25 October 2019**

**Monday 04 November 2019 to
Friday 20 December 2019**



*Thank you to all the parents
and carers for your support.*