



# Newsletter



**Summer Term 2021**  
**Have a Brilliant Summer Holiday!**



## A Message from the Deputy Headteacher

### Dear All

Once again, the children of Holmwood School have exceeded themselves this year, with their ability to face the daily upsets that COVID-19 has brought and still continue to smile and get on with life. Teaching resilience to young children is a tricky job but your children have shown they've bags of it! I'd also like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and carers that have continued to support the school through this difficult year.

In school this year, we have celebrated many achievements by all of the children, including 19 children who have achieved 100% attendance, which is outstanding given the present circumstances.

Overall attendance this year was 96.6%

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our amazing Year 6 pupils all the best in their new adventures to secondary school. We all know you'll be fantastic in whatever you choose to do in life, just believe in yourselves like we believe in you!

Over the holidays have fun, stay safe and make some wonderful and happy memories that will remain with you for a life time.

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

*Helen Miller*



## Celebration Time!

The awards winners are:-

**The Rotary Club of Cleveland  
Citizen of the Year Award**  
**Jacob Cleves**

**Early Years Governors Award**  
**Dominick Walker**

**Key Stage 1 Governors Award**  
**Mason Lewis**

**Key Stage 2 Governors Award**  
**Millie Forrest**

**Holmwood School's English Award**  
**Isaac McHale**

**Holmwood School's Mathematical Award**  
**Sebastian Pietrzak**

**Holmwood School's Sports Award**  
**Jenson Evans**

**Ben Laird Award for Improvement**  
**Leo Parfitt**

**Exceptional Achievement KS1**  
**George Foreman**

**Exceptional Achievement KS2**  
**Blake Stead**

**Dr Lwyn's Award for Emotional Health**  
**Callum Calvert**

**Tom Glasper's Award for Most Improved Reader KS1**  
**Noah Caley**

**Tom Glasper's Award for Most Improved Reader KS2**  
**Marley Ward**

**Key Stage 1 Creative Arts**  
**Harris Clayton**

**Key Stage 2 Creative Arts**  
**Hamza Tajek**

## Mrs Cairns' Class

What a wonderful year we have had in Reception/Year 1! It feels like only yesterday that it was September 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 'How Big Can Things Grow?' and 'Who Can I Ask For Help?'. The children have loved learning about how plants and flowers grow and we have even grown our own sunflowers and beanstalks! The children have taken responsibility of caring for their plants and have helped their teachers to re-pot and water them. Most recently, we enjoyed learning about people in the community who help us. The children have enjoyed wearing real clothing that a firefighter would wear when putting out fires. In Literacy, we have shared a mixture of fiction and non-fiction texts and the children have tried extremely hard with their phonics work. In Numeracy, we have focussed a lot on counting, addition, subtraction, position and shape.

We have had lots of fun this year! We were lucky to meet some unusual animals when Zoo Lab visited. The whole class enjoyed a picnic in the sunny weather as part of 'International Picnic Day' and we also enjoyed dressing up as part of 'National Storytelling Week'.

As always, the children have worked extremely hard this term and thoroughly deserve their Summer Break! We are very proud of the children and we wish them the best in their new classes in September. Thank you again to all parents and carers for your continued support this year. Have a fun-filled and safe Summer Holiday!



## Mrs Lees 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 and why people like to visit there. We also had the opportunity to taste French food in our own 'French Café'!

In English, the children have worked hard to develop their vocabulary in poetry and creative writing. They have also researched famous landmarks that tourists like to visit in the Mediterranean and put their persuasive writing skills to use by creating leaflets and posters.

In Maths, the children have continued to develop their Arithmetic skills with weekly challenges. We have also explored shape and developed our measuring skills. The children were excellent measuring out ingredients accurately when making cupcakes!



In Science, we learned about a balanced diet and the best foods to eat to keep us healthy. We have also identified and named the main bones in the body and found out the scientific names for our skeleton.

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

Stay safe and have a wonderful Summer Holiday!

## Miss Kearney's Class

We have had such a busy Summer Term in Year 3. We started the term off by looking into the Ancient Greeks. We learned about gladiators, Greek landmarks, the different types of foods they ate in ancient Greek times and all about different Greek gods and goddesses. We used our imaginations and stepped back in time to experience how the Greeks lived. We also wrote our own stories using a mythical god and beast that we created.

This term has been all about Mediterranean countries. We have 'travelled' by plane, boat and car to visit Italy, Spain and France. We have tasted a variety of Mediterranean foods, learnt parts of the different languages and developed our comprehension skills reading 'Theodore's Adventures.' The children have developed their ability to tell the time, identify properties of shapes and recorded data with a tally and created a bar chart.

Have a lovely Summer Break and we hope you enjoy next year in Year 4!



## Mr Ford's Class

Once again, we have had a busy year. It's been very different, but the children have coped so well with all the changes and we are so proud of them all.

We have continued to work hard, even though there were no SATs. In English, the Independent Writing has improved and there are lots of examples of work on display in school. Most children will read out loud from the board and those with a little less confidence are willing to read to staff, which is fantastic progress.

We haven't been able to go on trips this year, but we have managed to have some fun with lessons, including Science experiments. The electrical circuits were very popular as you all saw on Class Dojo. Our new interactive I-Wall has been a great hit for PE lessons. It's been a very different way to achieve fitness with lots of fun, and the children loved the competitiveness. We have also managed to do some cooking and tasted dishes from different countries around the world.

We have some budding artists in the class and all their fantastic work is in their art folder to bring home. The End of Year Achievement Files have very fond memories of the children's time at Holmwood. They have changed so much and the memory discs that they have all worked on, are well worth watching. We wish all our pupils every success in their new schools and for their future years. Thank you to everyone who supported us through Class Dojo this year. Have a good Summer Holiday and stay safe!



## 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 topics of 'Anglo Saxons' and 'Birds'. We were very pleased with our Anglo Saxon village and had fun trying to make our own bird's nests, comparing them to the beauty of real birds' nests.



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

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

## PUPILS USING THE NEW I-WALL IN PE



## Miss Randle's Class

The children have had a hardworking and fun filled time in Year 5. We have had another very different year in school and the children have adapted well.

All the children have made progress in all subjects. Our Literature lessons were linked to our topic work and we were transported around the world, back in time and to outer space!

The children have continued to gain confidence in Maths, always willing to give it a go and trying their best! In the Summer Term, the children have been working on telling the time. We also worked on shapes and measuring and we used these skills to make cupcakes!

In PE lessons, the I-Wall has been introduced this year. It is an interactive learning resource for across the curriculum and it has been a great success and enhanced the children's competitive and teamwork skills.

We have had lots of opportunities to taste and make food dishes from around the world, the children really enjoyed these sessions. We have been able to conduct great Science experiments from an alien crash landing to parachute drops!

The children and staff have had a great time in Y5 this year!

We hope you have a lovely Summer Holiday and have time to go exploring new places, read exciting stories and enjoying the sun!

Stay safe and we will see you all next year when you are in Year 6!



## Mrs Callaghan & Miss Horne's Class

Last term, our topic was 'Great Explorers'. Using our 'Passport to the World', we found out about the places they visited. We have also looked at the history of travel and enjoyed designing and making our own Aztec masks. Using the computer program 'Now Press Play!' we became great explorers ourselves!

Our Science topic was 'Scientific Challenges'. We have learnt all about centrifugal force and loved creating our own rockets with mints. We have discovered how Charles Darwin's theories worked and know where we came from and how we have evolved.



Even though we had an unusual start to the year, we have still been as busy as ever. We hope you have enjoyed all the great fun we have had learning, especially when you have joined us on Class Dojo! It has been a brilliant way of communicating with you all and we would like to say thank you for all your support.

We are having regular outdoor PE lessons and we had some fantastic indoor games using the new 'I-Wall'.

Good Luck Year 6, we will miss you all. We hope you all have a lovely Summer Holiday.



## Mrs Mansbridge's Class

It is hard to believe that we are at this time of year again, a time to celebrate all our successes of the year!

We have had a lovely year together, Year 1 & 2 have been putting a lot of effort into phonics, they are all very confident in recognising and saying real and 'alien' words. We look forward to seeing them applying their knowledge in their writing books.

We had great fun acting out different stories during 'Story Telling Month'. In their groups the children made up and performed their stories to the rest of the class.

In Maths, the children have been impressing the teachers with their knowledge of time. We have enjoyed singing various songs to help us recognise days of the week.

Science has been so exciting this term, we have looked at 'What Plants Need to Grow'. The children have enjoyed observing the development of their plants and investigating how to solve problems such as when a plant grows too big for the pot. The children were so excited to take their plants home and we have had regular photographs on Class Dojo to keep us updated on their progress. Well done to all the children on the care and commitment they have shown to help their plants grow.

The children have enjoyed spending lots of time outdoors in the lovely sunshine that we have seen lately, we really hope this continues over the holidays. Please remind your children to keep safe in the sun and playing in or near water throughout the Summer Holiday.

The staff of Year 1/2 would like to wish the children and their families a very happy Summer Holiday!





## **Support Centre - Mrs Bourne's Class**

We can't quite believe that it is the end of another school year! Summer Term has been an exciting one for the Support Centre as we were finally able to move in to our new classroom. The children have fully embraced the opportunities to learn through play alongside more focused teacher-directed tasks. We have seen lots of collaboration, problem solving, creativity, evaluating and adapting. The children are growing in confidence and independence, taking ownership of their learning through completion of their weekly challenges. The reward of spending their Dojo points in our tuck shop on a Friday is a great motivator!

This term, we have been finding out all about plants. We found out that plants are living things that grow and that they need air, sunlight and water to survive. Using the school grounds for inspiration, we compared common garden plants and wild plants. We also found out about the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees. Examining a variety of plants helped us to identify and name the different parts of a plant. We put our green fingers to the test by planting a range of different seeds, observing the changes over the weeks.

Although we were still unable to do many of the fun things we would normally do in the Summer Term, we have tried our best to provide as many enriching activities as possible to end the school year. The children loved supporting Wales and Spain during the Euros, especially when it meant that they could try many national foods from both countries! They also had lots of fun preparing for a summer picnic, competing in a mini Sports Day, and having an ice-cream party!

The children have worked so hard this year, making us proud in so many different ways. We would like to wish them and you a relaxing, fun and safe Summer Break.



## **SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **SCHOOL DAY - CHANGE OF TIMES**

When school re-opens in September, the school day is going to be back to our normal opening and closing times. School will be open from 8.50am to 3.00pm.

Transport have been notified of these changes and they will contact you over the Summer Holiday with your child's pick up/drop off details.

If you have any queries about your child's transport, please ring Transport Section direct on 01642 353447.

This change in hours is based on the current Government Guidelines/Recommendations for Covid 19 Uplifting of Restrictions. Please check the school's website for any changes in this arrangement over the holiday closure period.



### **SCHOOL MEALS INCREASE**

The cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.10 per day (£10.50/week) as from 01 September 2021.

### **AUTUMN TERM DATES**

**Monday 06 September 2021 to  
Friday 22 October 2021**

**Monday 01 November 2021 to  
Friday 17 December 2021**

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