



Newsletter



Summer Term 2022
Have a Brilliant Summer Holiday!



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear All

I would like to congratulate Trenton Addison 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 10 children who received 100% attendance.
- Overall attendance was 96.1%.
- 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

Improving Attendance

Holmwood School's attendance is at 96.1%. This is one of the highest percentages in all of Middlesbrough. But next year we would like to be the best.



Celebration Time!

Today we would like to celebrate the special achievements of all of our children across the year. The awards winners were:-

**The Rotary Club of Cleveland
Citizen of the Year Award**
Trenton Addison

Early Years Governors Award
Aaron Akpoguma

Key Stage 1 Governors Award
Lincoln Corbyn

Key Stage 2 Governors Award
Jack Smith

Holmwood School's English Award
Tyler Hodgson

Holmwood School's Mathematical Award
Jacob Cleves

Holmwood School's Sports Award
Alfie Thompson

Ben Laird Award for Improvement
Hamza Tajek

Exceptional Achievement KS1
Hudson Galloway

Exceptional Achievement KS2
Oscar Gething

Dr Lwyn's Award for Emotional Health
Ethan Russell

Tom Glasper's Award for Most Improved Reader KS1
Corbyn Readshaw

Tom Glasper's Award for Most Improved Reader KS2
Jake Mount

Key Stage 1 Artist
Freya Naunton

Key Stage 2 Artist
Ben Shanley

Mrs Cairns' Class

What a busy, yet fun Summer Term we have had in Year 1/2! Our topics this term were, 'How can I grow my own salad?' and 'How could you be the next Cristiano Ronaldo or Harry Kane?'. The children have loved learning about how plants, flowers and vegetables grow. The children enjoyed taking part in numerous Science experiments to review the conditions that seeds need to grow effectively. This Science topic linked very closely to our topic in the second half of the Summer Term, where the children discussed being healthy and the contributing factors that help us stay healthy. The children completed experiments surrounding the effects of exercise on the body and they completed role-play activities using our Now Press Play headphones to discuss healthy eating and good personal hygiene.

In Literacy, we have shared a mixture of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topics but also a variety of texts to read for pleasure. The children enjoy voting for their favourite stories. In Phonics, the children have tried extremely hard to apply what they have learnt, in their writing. The children enjoy reading their work to their teachers and friends. In Maths, we have focussed on position and direction, problem solving, time, mass, capacity and temperature this term. The children are becoming very confident in Maths and they have showed great enthusiasm for the subject.

We have been very lucky to have enjoyed lots of fun activities this half term, including our successful Sports Day and our wonderful whole school Jubilee Celebration.

The children have worked exceptionally hard this term. We are so proud of all of their achievements this year. The teachers in Year 1/2 will miss the children but wish them the best of luck in their new classes in September. Thank you again to all parents and carers for your continued support this year. Have a wonderful Summer break!

Miss Kazeminia's Class

We have had a wonderful year together and a lovely Summer Term. We have learned about The Ancient Greeks in History and particularly enjoyed learning about The Trojan War. We all enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and had a fun day joining in with lots of different activities.

In Science we learned about seed dispersal.

Everyone has made progress in their reading and the children have tried well in their spelling test each week. We all participated in Sports Day at the Sports Village and we all won a medal, enjoying the experience of being in an actual sports stadium.

We looked forward to our picnic this week to end our year together. Well done to you all and good luck in your Year 4 class.

Miss Randle's Class

The children have had a hardworking and fun filled year in Year 5. We have had a great year as the school day has returned to normal after COVID.

All the children have made lots of progress in all subjects and we are so proud of them. We have delved into many different topics and explored many texts to support our learning.

The children have continued to gain confidence in Maths and are willing to give it a go, always trying their best! In the Summer Term, we have looked at telling the time, measuring and temperature - very fitting with the current heatwave!

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 rocket launches to parachute drops. The children have enjoyed our last week together filled with fun activities and our trip to the beach.

We hope you have a lovely Summer, exploring new places, reading exciting stories and enjoying the sun. Stay safe and we will see you all in Year 6!

Mrs Kearney's Class

What a lovely Summer Term we have had in Year 1. Our topics over this term have been The Queen and Julia Donaldson

The children loved learning about The Queen, where she lives and her family. They created their own family trees and can now identify the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom. We enjoyed the Jubilee Party and celebrating 70 years of Queen Elizabeth.

Our author to focus on this half term was Julia Donaldson. The children can identify the title, author, illustrator, blurb and spine of a book. We went on our first school trip to the cinema to watch The Gruffalo and Superworm. They loved every minute of it.

We thoroughly enjoyed Sports Day. It was so nice to see all the parents and give the children an out of school experience. They did a fantastic job with their races.

We know they will all be amazing in Year 2 and have loved watching each and every child grow and develop.



Mrs Callaghan's Class

We want to say a massive well done to Year 6 this year!

Our last two topics of the year have been Great Explorers and Passport to the World.

We have been learning about Christopher Columbus, Sir Francis Drake, Captain Scott, Neil Armstrong and other famous explorers. In Art, we have been drawing portraits of the explorers. We listened to stories and learned about the Aztecs, their beliefs and life. We also had a go at some Aztec art.

During our final topic, Passport to the World, we explored a different country each week, finding out where in the world they are located, looking at their famous landmarks, famous people and why they are famous.

We have had a great week of activities to celebrate the end of Year 6.

Thankyou to all the Parents/Carers for their continued support throughout this school year. We have appreciated all your feedback and contact through Class Dojo.

We wish the children leaving Holmwood School all the best in their new school.

Mrs Ahmad's Class

Summer Term has been very productive for our class! We have really enjoyed this term, in particular learning about our very own British history and celebrating the Platinum Jubilee – what a fantastic time we had celebrating!

We have been working hard learning about our Monarchy and the City of London. In the second Summer Term, we moved onto learn about the Anglo-Saxons.

Swimming was great fun and the pupils did amazing! Something a little out of the comfort zone for most, nevertheless, all pupils did amazing and made wonderful progress over the two weeks earning some fantastic certificates!

Sports Day was another highlight, participating in athletics in a real athletics stadium! Well done for being wonderful sports people!

We enjoyed another performance by M&M Productions. The Jungle Book was amazing!

We thoroughly enjoyed our class trip to Castle Eden Walkway – the children were fantastic!

Our Year 4 children are now ready for Year 5! Well done to you all, it has been a pleasure to have you all in the class. Good luck in your Year 5 class next year!

Mr Ford's Class

We have had a brilliant year! In English, we have read many books as a class and covered a wide range of genres. We have written play-scripts, letters, auto-biographies, poems and fact files. The children love to read out loud from the board, showing real confidence.

Everyone has made progress in Maths, showing independence and willing to 'have a go'.

In Science, we looked at The Rain Forest and The Solar System, looking at the history of space travel. In Art we made a colourful display of The Rain Forest, including many animals who live in the different canopies. We also created a fantastic Space and Planets display, complete with Space Shuttles.

In Geography, we learned about Captain Cook, his maps and explorations, and produced brilliant pictures of his ship, The Endeavour in ICT.

We recently made 'Our Memories' photo-stories and it was wonderful to see how much the children have done this year. They loved looking back through the photographs and seeing how they have developed their skills.

We have had lots of fun including a visit from Blue the Dinosaur, Zoo Lab, Virtual Reality, and a brilliant Jubilee Celebration day with lots of activities. We have also had a few panto's, including The Jungle Book, which everyone loved, especially Baloo the Bear!

Our Sports Day was a huge success, and we would like to thank everyone who came along to support us. Thank you also for all your brilliant comments on Dojo - the children love it when they see parents are viewing their pictures!

We must mention James, who leaves us this year. He has been a brilliant pupil and we will all miss him. Good Luck James in your new school!

Happy Summer everyone!



Mrs Rollinson's Class

We have had a fantastic Summer Term with lots of excellent learning opportunities. We began the term learning about London, in the lead up to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We learned many interesting facts about Queen Elizabeth's reign and explored key London landmarks. Our 'Great Holmwood Bake-off' was a huge success - the children enjoyed designing, baking and decorating their own scones, which were 'fit for a queen!' We definitely have a class of Star Bakers!

This half term we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and what life would have been like for a child during this era. The children have written some brilliant legends based on our class text, 'Beowulf!' They have enjoyed making Anglo-Saxon shields and purses, which are proudly on display in our classroom.

Other highlights of this term have included an excellent Sports Day, where all the children showed great teamwork and sportsmanship; it was wonderful to see the children developing their confidence and skills in the water at the Neptune Centre.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their hard work this year; it has been a pleasure to have you all in class! We wish all the children and their families a safe and happy summer break. We are sure you will continue to shine in Year 5!

Mrs Mansbridge's Class

The children have applied what they have learnt in phonics when writing about the seaside in the past. We have looked at how clothes and entertainment are different to the present day.

Children are becoming confident mathematicians in Year 2, they have been working with Number, Shape and Measure.

As a school we had lots of fun with The Jubilee Celebrations; the children loved the fun activities, singing, dancing and dressing up. They were all in awe when a special visitor arrived in the classroom!

Sports Day was also a huge success, with all children giving 100% effort and showing excellent team spirit and sportsmanship for each other.

The Year 2 teachers will miss the children terribly and we hope they will continue to excel in Year 3.

From all the staff in Year 2, we hope you have a wonderful, exciting summer and stay safe ready for our return in September!

Mrs Bourne's Class

We have enjoyed our Summer Term, filled with lots of fun learning and celebrations.

Our Jubilee celebrations were fantastic! This was a whole school event and the day was packed with fun activities! We even had HRH The Queen visit our classroom! In our continuous provision we were busy making crowns, bunting and decorated pebbles which will go on a whole school display. Our day was rounded off with a royal tea party where we got to eat our royally decorated biscuits.

Our love of reading was reflected whilst making our story map of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children were happy and animated when acting out their own version of the story using our characters in class.

To incorporate this into our learning we learnt about plants and what they need to grow and survive. The children were excited to plant their very own beans and sunflowers and recorded the changes each week, they even got to take them home. We hope they survived and are still growing taller!

We became Science Investigators using magnifying glasses and bug collectors outside on our field. It was incredible to see how many we could find and even better releasing them back into their habitat.

As we have been working hard to earn our Dojo points, we were rewarded with a trip to 'Go Climb' at Billingham Forum. It was so much fun!

Our Sports Day was a huge success, we got the opportunity to showcase what we have been learning in PE. We were delighted that everyone got to take a medal home.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break!



AUTUMN TERM DATES

**Monday 05 September 2022 to
Friday 21 October 2022**

**Monday 31 October 2022 to
Friday 16 December 2022**