



# Newsletter



**Summer Term 2024**  
**Have a Brilliant Summer Holiday!**



## A Message from the Headteacher

Dear All

I would like to congratulate **Oscar Carling** 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.
- 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*



## AUTUMN TERM DATES

**Wednesday 04 September 2024 to  
Friday 25 October 2024**

**Monday 04 November 2024 to  
Friday 20 December 2024**

**Remember - Summer School  
Monday 22 & Tuesday 23 July 2024**

## 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  
Oscar Carling**

**Early Years Governors Award  
Isabelle Marks**

**Key Stage 1 Governors Award  
Lincoln Cairnes**

**Key Stage 2 Governors Award  
Daniel Reid**

**Holmwood School's English Award  
Millie Forrest**

**Holmwood School's Mathematical Award  
Jesse Lappin**

**Holmwood School's Sports Award  
Freya Naunton**

**Ben Laird Award for Improvement  
Luca Sapio**

**Exceptional Achievement KS1  
Kai Duffield**

**Exceptional Achievement KS2  
Michael Da Costa**

**Dr Lwyn's Award for Emotional Health  
Ethan O'Malley**

**Tom Glasper's Award for Most Improved Reader KS1  
Lenny Parkes**

**Tom Glasper's Award for Most Improved Reader KS2  
Isabelle Robinson**

**Key Stage 1 Artist  
Olivia Hawdon**

**Key Stage 2 Artist  
Harlie Andrews**

## **Mrs Cairns' Class**

What an end to an amazing year in Year 1/2! Well done to our class for all of their hard work. You have impressed your teachers with your determination and positive attitude.

Our topics this term were 'Why were Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong very brave people?' and 'Why do we love to be beside the seaside?'. The children have really impressed their teachers in phonics and have tried extremely hard to apply what they have learnt in their writing. The children are becoming very confident in Maths and they have shown great enthusiasm for the subject.

The first half-term allowed the children to learn all about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We used a variety of non-fiction and fiction texts to help us understand these key events in history. As part of our DT lessons, the children designed and created some wonderful space rockets. In the second half-term, the children have focussed on what the seaside was like in the past and how it differs from the present. We have spent a lot of time discussing the features of the seaside and which features are physical and human. We enjoyed a wonderful trip to Saltburn beach to help us consolidate our learning and to end a wonderful academic year.

We have been very lucky to have enjoyed lots of fun activities this half-term including our successful Sports Day, trips to Tweddle Farm and Saltburn Beach, celebrating the start of the Euros Championship, Pyjamarama Day and visits from our friends at Zoolab, Animals About Town, M&M Productions and Wilderness Outdoor lessons.

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 lovely Summer break!



## **Miss Randle's Class**

The children have had a hardworking and fun filled year in Year 4.

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 more willing to give it a go! In the Summer Term, we have really focussed on telling the time and learning positional and directional vocabulary.

We have had lots of opportunities to taste and make food dishes from around Europe including Spain and Italy; the children really enjoyed these sessions (YUM!). We have been able to conduct great Science experiments from circuit making, playing with slime and exploring habitats. The children are looked forward to 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 5!

## **Mrs Kearney's Class**

We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children in Mrs Kearney's class. The hard work, determination and effort they have put in over this last academic year has blown us away and it shows in how well they are doing at school.

Over the Summer term the children have learnt all about different animals, their habitats, what they eat and the names for their babies. We were very lucky and visited a farm to learn all about animals and how to look after them. We had Farm About Town visit school to further develop our knowledge of animals and the children were amazing at listening and following instructions.

We then moved onto learning all about People Who Help Us. The children have loved dressing up as their favourite trusted person and making up stories in the role play area to show how they would act in that job.

Our Sports Day was brilliant and we are so proud of each and every child for participating and building resilience if they didn't win. They were all so supportive of their friends and cheered them on with so much pride.

As an end of year trip, the children explored the Play Barn at Billingham Forum. They had an amazing time and loved swinging, jumping, sliding and running around with all of their friends.

I honestly could not be more proud of this class and how they have developed over the last year. We can't wait to see how they further improve next year at Holmwood. We hope you have the best Summer break.

### **Mrs Callaghan's Class**

We want to say a massive well done to Year 5 this year!

Our last two topics of the year have been 'Space' and 'America'.

We have been learning about space travel, Neil Armstrong and enjoyed a movie called 'Escape Planet Earth'. We had great fun in Science and know what would happen if the Moon fell from the sky!

During our final topic, we enjoyed the DT lessons as it consisted of cooking American fast food dishes and learning a lot about Native America.

We have had a great time swimming and everyone achieved their confidence in water!

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

We are so proud of all our children, we will miss you!

Good luck in Year 6!

### **Miss Horne's Class**

The children have had a fun filled, exciting year in Year 3.

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

The children have continued to gain confidence in Maths and have started to work more independently when completing tasks. We have some excellent readers and we are really proud of all the hard work each child is putting into Sounds-Write!

We have had lots of fun exploring our topic about holidays and the Mediterranean. We had a great time creating our own airport security and boarding our flight to Spain on our airplane simulator. The children have enjoyed our last week together filled with fun activities and treats for all of the hard work!

We hope you have a lovely Summer Holiday exploring new places, reading exciting stories and enjoying the sun, you deserve it !

We are so proud of each and every one of you! Well done Year 3!



### **Mr Ford's Class**

What a fantastic year we have had! The pupils have worked so hard and made amazing progress in all areas. Everyone had a fantastic positive attitude to SAT's and we were so proud of them. The reading and writing skills have improved so much and everyone has grown in confidence. There are too many certificates and awards to mention. However, we know you have all joined us throughout the year on Class Dojo and we appreciate your support. It has been a fantastic way of communicating with you all.

Our Sports Day was a day to remember and it was lovely to see so many parents/carers supporting us. There have been numerous pantomimes in school and one trip to the theatre at Christmas funded by the Rotary Club who also kindly funded our trip to Flamingo Land, which was amazing!

Our activity week was fantastic. Everyone enjoyed the different activities and experiences and the pupils' behaviour was just brilliant. It was an absolute pleasure to take them out.

This year has flown by and we are all going to miss these fantastic Year 6's. Everyone is excited to move on to their new schools and we wish them all the best for the future. We wish everyone a happy Summer Holiday!



### **Mrs Ahmad's Class**

Summer Term has been very productive for our class! We have been working exceptionally hard in the lead up to SAT's and equally working hard to develop our writing.

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 2 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 thoroughly enjoyed our Year 6 Activity Week– it was non-stop, but worth it!

Our Year 6 children are now ready for Secondary School! Well done to you all, it has been a pleasure to have been your teachers. Good luck for your next chapter!

## **Mrs Rollinson's Class**

A massive well done to the children in our class this year. You have all been superstars!

We are delighted with the progress the children have made this year in reading, writing and Maths. It has been lovely to see their confidence and independence grow.

We have had an excellent final term learning about the Mediterranean and the Ancient Greeks. We explored different holiday destinations and why people choose to visit them. We enjoyed tasting different foods to learning about which fruits grow in different climates. The children were really good at trying new things.

We have enjoyed playing Top Trumps to learn about the Greek Gods and their powers and have retold the story of the Trojan Horse using Talk for Writing actions. We learned about how the Olympics began and enjoyed taking part in our own events at Sports Day.

We had a fantastic trip to Hardwick Park where we explored map skills. To end the year we have enjoyed a range of fun activities and treats, including an ice-cream from Mr Whippy!

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Summer and wish all the children good luck on their move to Year 4. We are sure they will continue to shine!

## **Mrs McNeill's Class**

Well Y3, you have totally blown me away!

I am so proud to say that I have been your Teacher this year and watched you all blossom into such rounded individuals.

Along the way, you have completed so much learning and had amazing adventures! Your activities have ranged from Maths - Fractions, Time, Statistics, Position & Direction; English - Writing amazing Greek tragedies about the Myths & Legends; History - Going on adventures into the past and exploring all about the Ancient Greeks; Geography - Learning how to plot grid references and even make your own 3D garden; Trips - The Greek Mezeta-verna Restaurant & Billingham Forum's Go Climb.

Keep shining have a safe and exciting Summer!



## **Mrs Bourne's Class**

We would like to say what a wonderful term the Support Centre has enjoyed. The children have been very busy, working hard.

In Science we learnt about plants; we all had green fingers planting seeds and understanding what they need to grow. We learnt about trees that were evergreen and deciduous. To support this the children had fun being nature detectives in Preston Park.

As part of Geography we compared cities, towns, villages and coastal areas, identifying their key features and whether they were physical or human. We were hoping for a trip to the beach but sadly the British weather let us down!

Our Sports Day at Middlesbrough Sports Village was incredible. We were super proud of all the children. They displayed great sportsmanship, supporting one another in events and trying their very best. Everyone earned themselves a medal, well done!

The children have been lucky enough to experience visits from Animals About Town, Dance Workshop, Zoolab, Forest Schools with the Wilderness Team, Snappy Music and M & M Productions.

We are extremely proud of the achievements each and every child has made this year. So much progress in the 'Sounds-Write' phonic sessions, enabling each pupil to continue their love of books and reading.

We would like to wish all of the Support Centre children continued success as some of them move over to the main school in September. We look forward to seeing old faces in September.

Have a wonderful and safe Summer.

## **Mr Cairnes' Class**

Schools out for Summer!

This year has been wonderful and the children have had a lot of exciting and new experiences in Year 4!

We have had lots of fun activities including swimming, Animals About Town, M&M productions and ZooLab.

This term the children explored different countries around Europe. We got to make and taste foods from France, Spain, Scotland, England and Germany! The children really enjoyed tasting new things. We have explored biodiversity and have made our own flower bombs to place around the grounds of school to increase biodiversity.

We hope you have an exciting Summer. Have fun but stay safe!