

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

### Pupil achievements

This week we celebrate and congratulate the following children and their achievements;

**Green Cards** – Nadia Wielechowska (5V)

**Merits** – Bronze: Amy Redfern, Mia Lovelock, George Beale, Jude Baxter (5V) Jaiden Harvey, Luke Holmwood, Hiba Murtaza, Liam Taylor, Erin Wells (5N) Silver: Aimee Merchant, Tilly Baird, Sidney Geale (6K) Ethan Bradbury, Benjamin Collins, Eva Galani, Mia Lawson, Edwin Paul (6H).Gold: Sophie Holmes (6H)



**Karate Spelling** - Champion belt: Lizzy Copsey (6K)

### House Stars

This week's House Stars chosen by the House Captains are;

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
Lewis Guile 6K	Imogen Affleck 5N	Lucy Henley-Gower 6H	Melissa Acimis 5N



### Curriculum news

#### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

On Wednesday 8 children from Year 4 and Year 5 went to another school for Anti-Bullying Ambassador training, run by The Diana Award charity. The children learnt all about bullying behaviour and how to help and support their peers. The children represented the school brilliantly, talking in front of other children and sharing their own ideas and experiences. They have come away from it extremely motivated, with lots of ideas of what they want to put in place across the school. So, watch this space.....



#### Code Show



On Thursday and Friday, we had a visit from The Code Show (<https://thecodeshow.info/>) as (a rescheduled) part of our Science Week. Students from Years 1 to 6 were able to engage in a hands-on experience with computing technology from over the past 50 years. The students enjoyed playing games from the past decades and were amazed at how much games, computing and technology has changed. We also learned what an important role the UK played in the development of these technologies. Thanks to Gary for visiting our school and sharing his show with us!

## Basketball



On Thursday, three teams of year 5 and 6 children went to Kingslea School to take part in a basketball tournament. The children played matches against different schools, culminating in play-off games to decide the winners of each group and the tournament as a whole. Our teams came 15<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed every minute of it.

## Horsham District Mystery Trail



Whistlestop Arts have created seven **FREE** outdoor mystery trail games across the Horsham District. These immersive and exciting trails are aimed at family, friends and teams. To play, visit Horsham library, collect your Mystery Trail and start the quest by exploring the town and solving the puzzles in any order. If you like outdoor adventures, solving puzzles, or doing escape rooms, you will love Mystery Trails. Click [here](#) for details.

## Parent author

We were delighted to hear that one of our parents has written a book. Mr Wellings, a journalist and broadcaster, has now added 'author' to his repertoire. He will be signing first edition hardback copies of 'The Dilly Dong Bell' at Waterstones, Horsham this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May (11am to 1pm). It is a book about sport, society and life and we wish him well.



## Mental Health FREE workshops



As a parent, we often find ourselves ill-equipped when it comes to dealing with, or even being aware of, our child's or young person's mental wellbeing, but help is at hand. West Sussex Mind are running a series of friendly, confidential and relaxed workshops where we will discuss about the challenges to young people's mental health, gain confidence in having conversations about how they are feeling and thinking and explore ways to help your young person with any emotional difficulties. The next workshop is **Tuesday 10th May, 5.30pm-8.00pm** and can be booked [here](#).

## Safeguarding

Just a reminder that Holbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and the wider community to share this commitment. We ensure that our pupils feel secure, are encouraged to talk, are listened to and are safe. Throughout our curriculum, we provide activities and opportunities that equip our children to stay safe and develop essential life skills.

Where there is any concern about the wellbeing/safeguarding of a pupil in school this is referred to the Local Authority team for advice, support and further action where required. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for all Safeguarding and Child Protection issues are Mrs Davies (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Brooks (Assistant Headteacher) and myself.

**Diary Dates** (new dates in bold)

As covid safety measures are relaxed, we are planning more events this term. We will keep you informed via the newsletter, Parentmail and the school website.

<b>Summer 2022</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	YR/Y1 Drama Workshop
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Alternative Sports Festival
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Governors meeting
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Parent Practical workshop-calming strategies
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee picnic
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for INSET day
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Workshop- anxiety
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Country Dancing Festival at Shelly Primary school</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential trip
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition day
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>District Sports</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>FOH Summer Fayre</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the Summer term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Additional day off school to honour Queen's Platinum Jubilee during June half term

Term and INSET dates for 2022-23 can be found on the school website [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes