

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Pupil achievements

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

Green Cards – Ava Brewster, Meagan Rotherham, Holly Steward, Rosie Hughes (4F), Blake Penfold, Amelia Willis, Zoe Jackson (Badgers), Hermione Jones, Freya Eales, Mikayla Thomas, Imogen Finlay, Murilo Ficagna Seeber, Ozzy Voice (Rabbits)

Merits – Bronze: Nathan Still, Silver: Freya Morris, Olivia Shepherd, Sam Dales (6H)

Karate Spelling – Champion Belt: Joel Sheridan, Ryan Davenport (6H),
Master Belt: Sienna Bishop, Charlotte Lintern (6H),
Grandmaster Belt: Aimee Merchant and Fatma Parlak (6K)



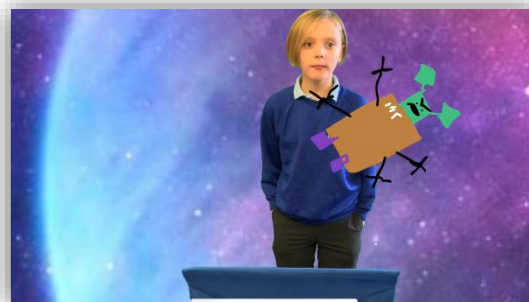
House Cup

Another win for Unicorns this week – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
168	155	163	190

Curriculum news

This week Year 5 have been writing alien invasion speeches. They then filmed themselves against a green screen to tell the world of what is happening. Finally, they edited their video and animated their alien.



Safer Internet Day

At Holbrook, we celebrate Safer Internet Day every year and we teach our children to be safe, positive and responsible online. This year, the theme is 'All fun and games?', which considers respect and relationships in gaming and other parts of life online. The key message for our children is to tell a trusted adult if they encounter meanness, bullying, swearing or anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Top tips for responsible gaming from [CBBC Own it](#)

- 1. Be yourself** - video games are a place for you to express your creativity and live amazing adventures and experiences. Don't try to be someone else and don't feel pressured to play certain games. Just do what makes you happy!
- 2. Protect your safe space** - remember that this is your space, not anyone else's. You are in control of it and if someone makes you feel uncomfortable, there are ways to block, remove and report them.
- 3. Be kind** - Whether you're playing with your best friend or your new classmate, try to be nice and patient with them. Be the type of person you would like to meet online.

4. **Take breaks** - There is more to life than just gaming, so if you feel stressed or upset it's always good to take a break.
5. **Ask for help** - Together we're stronger. So, if someone is bugging you, don't be afraid to talk to a trusted adult about it. Gaming should always be fun and safe and if it isn't feeling like that, there is help out there.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and the theme of 'Growing Together'. In assemblies and other activities, the children considered how they have grown emotionally and how they can help and support others to grow too.

Free mental health webinars for parents

The Charlie Waller mental health charity are running a series of live webinars for parents and carers. The webinars explore strategies for maintaining positive mental health, paying attention to our own wellbeing and supporting their children. Topics include 'Low moods', 'Sleep', 'Perfectionism' and. Click [here](#) for further details.



Community news

We have been informed that one of our neighbours is terminally ill and requires access to their drive 24 hours a day. Please ensure that you park considerately and do not block anyone's driveway. Thank you to all of our parents who drive and park considerately in Holbrook School Lane or reduce the congestion and pollution by parking at St. Mark's Church, Tythe Barn and other locations.

Friends of Holbrook

The Friends of Holbrook play a very important part in the life of the school, especially the fundraising aspect. Recently, the numbers of parents involved have fallen, so that a few do many things which does place a strain on those people. It would be fantastic to reverse that trend so that many do a few things – many hands make light work! Please take a look at the Parentmail sent yesterday '**Plea for Help**' about how you could support the school in many small ways. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Spring 2022	
Monday 14 th February	Parent workshop (social/emotional development)
Wednesday 16 th February	Y5/Y6 Swimming Gala
21 st – 25 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 28 th February	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 1 st March	Cross country event at Christ's Hospital
w/c Mon 7 th & Mon 14 th March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15 th March	Planetarium visit
Thursday 24 th March	Annual Governors' Day
Friday 8 th April	Last day of the Spring term

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Ian Holmes