

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Pupil achievements

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



Green Cards – Freya Walker, Sophie Bliss, Marley Hickling, Olivia Eales (5V), Olivia Shepherd (6K), Isaac Hill, Oliver Miclea, Henry Cable (Otters), Effie Jull, Jessica Yetman, Sophia Seymour, Jasmine Duggan, Basil Evans, Suriana Montes, Cleo Munyani (Badgers), Mark Whelan (5N), Darcy Coomber, Jayden Moyo, Evie Clements, Isla Jones (Squirrels)

Pen Licences – Henry Brown, Tristan Varga (3B), Olivia Hurman, Ben Matson, Meagan Rotherham, Jessie Smith (4F)

Karate Spelling – Champion Belt: Nathan Still, Ava Lovett (6H)

House Stars

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

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
Alice Hampson 4N	James Leyton 4F	Ben Callaghan 6H	Erin Baxter Foxes



House Cup

A very close result this week - the winners of the House Cup are Unicorns, congratulations!



Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
272	205	243	273

Sports news

On Tuesday 1st February, we took some year 4 pupils to participate in an interschool Indoor Athletics competition. The children were amazing and displayed real sportsmanship, really supporting one another and competitors from other schools. The running events included sprints and longer runs, relays, obstacle course, and hurdles. The children also participated in field events such as standing long jump, vertical jump, chest throw, speed bounce a throwing a beanbag. Overall, we came 4th out of seven schools but we also won the award for the 'best cheering team' which was well deserved. Well done to all who competed.

Mrs Harman & Miss McLoughlin



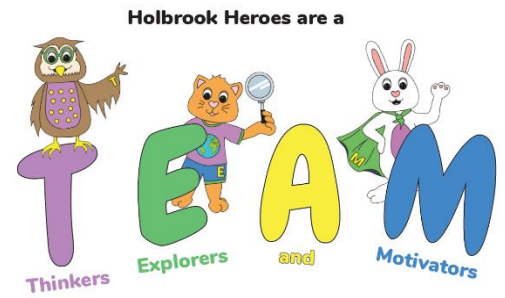
For anyone interested in athletics there is a flyer attached for an external athletic club.



Last Friday, a squad of 23 children travelled to The Bridge to take part in a Dodgeball competition. All three teams played with tremendous skill and spirit to reach the quarter-finals. It took extra time in the final to decide the eventual winner and our B team finished as runners-up to Southwater. The A team and C team finished fourth and tenth respectively.

Holbrook Learning Skills

The Holbrook Learning Skills are the positive attitudes to learning and transferable skills that enable pupils to be independent, responsible and successful life-long learners, well equipped for modern day Britain. We believe that effective and successful learners are **Thinkers**, **Explorers** And **Motivated**. Your child may earn a sticker for one of these skills, so please ask them what they received it for.



Police grant



We were delighted to receive a grant of £500 from the Police towards the purchase of a selection of new books. The grant was secured through Mr Walker and the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF), which is a pot of money made up from the sale of found property and from property confiscated by order of the court and then sold. This kind donation will help provide a selection of books that will enrich our curriculum and be enjoyed by children for years to come. Thank you Mr (PC) Walker.

Mr Holmwood STEM grant



Holbrook would like to thank Mr Holmwood for successfully applying for a STEM grant from his employer Bentley Systems. We have used this grant to enable STEM projects across the school, including Year 5 moon buggies using both DT and coding skills.

Curriculum news – Y6 microscopes



Year 6 have started carrying out investigations using microscopes provided by the Royal Microscopical Society. They took samples of water from the conversation area and prepared slides of insects, plants and soil to view. Each class in KS2 will have a chance to carry out some exciting investigations, whilst working scientifically over the course of this term.

Junior Bake Off



The producers of Junior Bake Off have contacted us to say they are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old to take part in the next series of the programme. Filming would take place from July 2022, but our applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022.

We know that Holbrook has some very talented bakers and anyone interested can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Diary Dates

Spring 2022	
Wednesday 9 th February	The Forest school visit Y5 pupils
Friday 11 th February	Phonics workshop for EYFS parents
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
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