

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Holbrook Primary School are excited to release our **first ever** edition of The Holbrook Herald! A team of enthusiastic editors have been given exclusive press access around the school to get the 'inside scoop' on lots of the exciting events that we have taken part in this term. They have worked incredibly hard and put time and effort into producing this

fabulous publication, which even includes games! Our editorial team should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you and well done to all involved: *Eva, Amelia, Erina, Harrison, Evie, Angelica, Bianca, Ivy, India, Henry, Charlotte, Hattie, Marcy, Millie, Abigail, Niamh, Takara, Harry, Natalie, Josie, Olivia and Iris.*

We also have an EXCLUSIVE interview with the one, the only, MC Grammar!

DOT DAY!

At school we had a dot day!

Dot day was when everybody in Holbrook dressed up in dots or stripes. We did lots of dot related activities, including making our own dot! Different year groups used different media, e.g. Year 5 used pencils and made lots of patterns and different sketching techniques. Year 4 used coloured tissue paper to make a collage. The whole school, from Year R all the way up to Year 6, all made dots!

Miss Harding created a whole school mural. It's on display by the school entrance so that everyone can see the mural and admire

people's creativity. Miss Harding, who organised the event, said, "We started the day with a whole school assembly to discuss what a growth mind-set means to us and look at the book we were going to use for the rest of the day. We used the book 'The Dot' to create different art in different year groups and they will all be put on a whole school mural for everyone to see and celebrate."



Every year group was inspired by a particular artist. Each individual had a different idea of what their dot would look like and how they could express their emotions through them!

Swimming Gala

Excitingly, our proud year 5s and 6s took part in a swimming gala/competition, at the Pavilions Leisure centre Horsham.

Stages 3 and above are participating.

There was groups A and B and they all did really well. There were relays and basic lane

swimming. B team came 6 out of 8 and A team came last. Once it had ended everyone got a free swim and really enjoyed it.



QUOTES

Josie: "My favourite part was the end because we got a free swim".

Harry: "I loved the ball relay!"

Harrison: "It was a great experience!"

Mrs Harman: "They represented the school very well, and were incredible."



Racket Sports!



Holbrook went to the Bridge Leisure Centre where Y5 & Y6 took part in a festival: Racket Sports. There were 4 schools taking part: our school, Leechpool, Northeath and Loxwood. There were 4 sports which were Badminton, Tennis, Table tennis and Squash. The event took place at 9:30-12:00! Holbrook got split into 2 teams: one team mixed with Loxwood and the other was with Leechpool. By the time the festival was over, Holbrook had enjoyed themselves very much.



Quotes from : Mrs Wright:

Q: What was your favourite thing about the racket sports?

A: Probably, my favourite thing about racket sports was just seeing lots of people trying events that had never done before! It was really nice!


Q: What was your favourite sport that was played?

A: I think it would be squash; it is not a sport that is played every day.



A big well done to all pupils who participated!

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Learning!

This term, our Year 6 classes have been dissecting pig hearts in science, due to their similarity to human hearts. They were learning about all the features inside the hearts and how they function.

Did you know?

In 2022, a man called David Bennet nearly died from heart failure, but the hospital put a modified pig's heart into him and he survived for two more months.

Quotes

We have collected quotes from people who have experienced this lesson:

Archie said, "It's a fantastic experience because of all the different scientific features."

Mr Kenny said, "I honestly didn't eat one... They were for educational purposes only... 😊"



Fun Facts!

Your heart beats around 100,000 times a day.

Your heart pumps 2,000 gallons of blood a day.

WHERE IN THE SCHOOL?

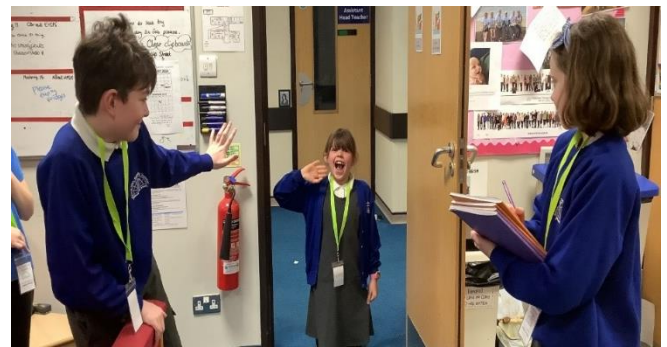
How well do you know your school?
This game will prove it.

Try and guess where the photos are taken in the school to test your knowledge.



WHAT REALLY HAPPENS IN THE STAFFROOM?

MARKING
(and struggling to stay awake as they do it!)



When a child knocks on the door, they really think "NO! HELP ME! It's a child!"

When they are going to get some "coffee",



but they're really just grabbing something sweet!



AND DON'T FORGET THE CAKE!

When one's doing the dishes, another's having seconds...



Main corridor, school hall entrance, Y3 pod, Year R entrance and library.

ANSWERS:

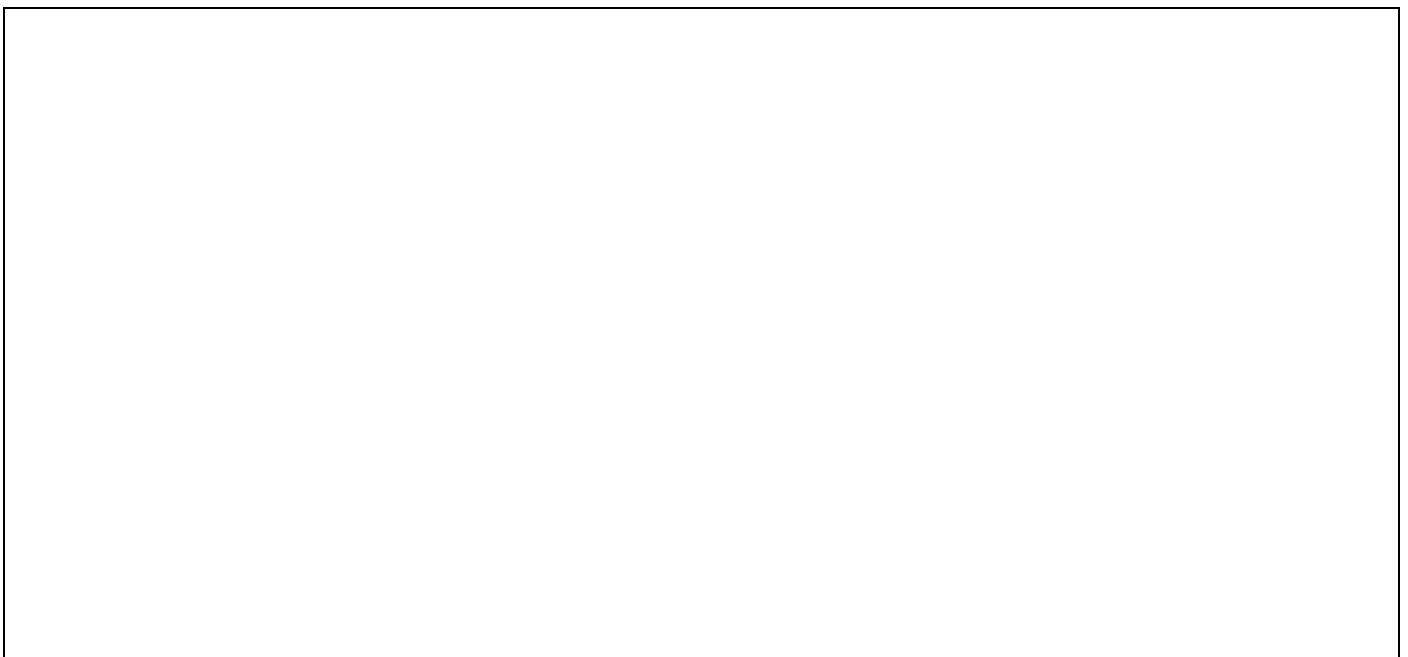
World Book Day 2024

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HARRY POTTER
MARY AND BURT
MATILDA
STITCH
CLARA SCOTT
DRACO MALFOY
LOTTIE BROOKS
PYJAMAS
DOLLY PARTON
HEDWIG
LUCY PEVENSIE
GORDAN D'ARCY
LITTLE RED
MR TICKLES

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6854889/>

Draw a picture of you dressed up in your costume:



RE WEEK AT HOLBROOK!

In our second to last week of term, the whole school celebrated RE Week, with every class learning about a different religion and festival:

Reception: Lots of ways in which people have different beliefs.

Year 1: Judaism and Hannukah

Year 2: Hinduism and Diwali

Year 3: Sikhism and Vasisakhi

Year 4: An introduction to Buddhism

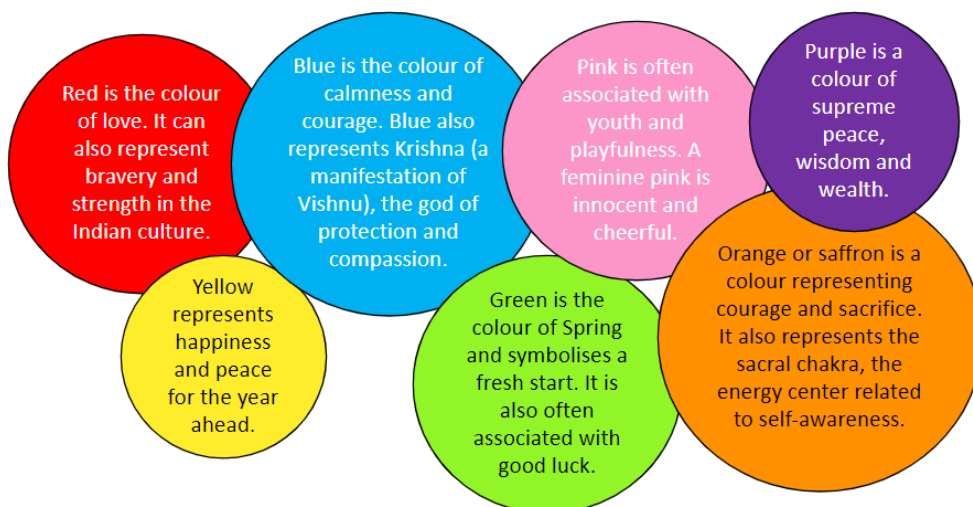
Year 5: Hinduism and Holi

Year 6: Islam

Our journalists are going to teach you more about our Holi and Islam learning!

Holi, which is also known as the festival of colours, is celebrated over two days; the first day is called Holika Dahan when they eat some delicious food and have a bonfire because of this story: Once there was a King, but he wasn't very nice he wanted everyone to only worship him. But his son disagreed, he only worshiped Vishnu, so the king was outraged. He decided to get his sister who couldn't be burnt by fire to go in with his son, but the son was saved by Vishnu and the sister got burnt because her spell had broken! The second day is for throwing powder paint and spraying coloured water at each other. It is a celebration of Spring and new beginnings.

Different colours symbolise different things:



White and black typically are not used.

In India, black is a colour often associated with sorrow and bad luck, as well as bad desires, evil and negativity.

White is mainly used for funerals and ceremonies that mark a family death and is the colour that widows must wear.

We would like to thank Mrs Gengaraj who came and spoke to us and Year 2 about Hinduism.



Y6 had a visitor Mr Dahl who told them about the religion Islam. They asked him many questions and found out many new things!

Thank you for coming in!

The whole school enjoyed learning about their focus religion and our diverse society. Well done everyone for your hard work!



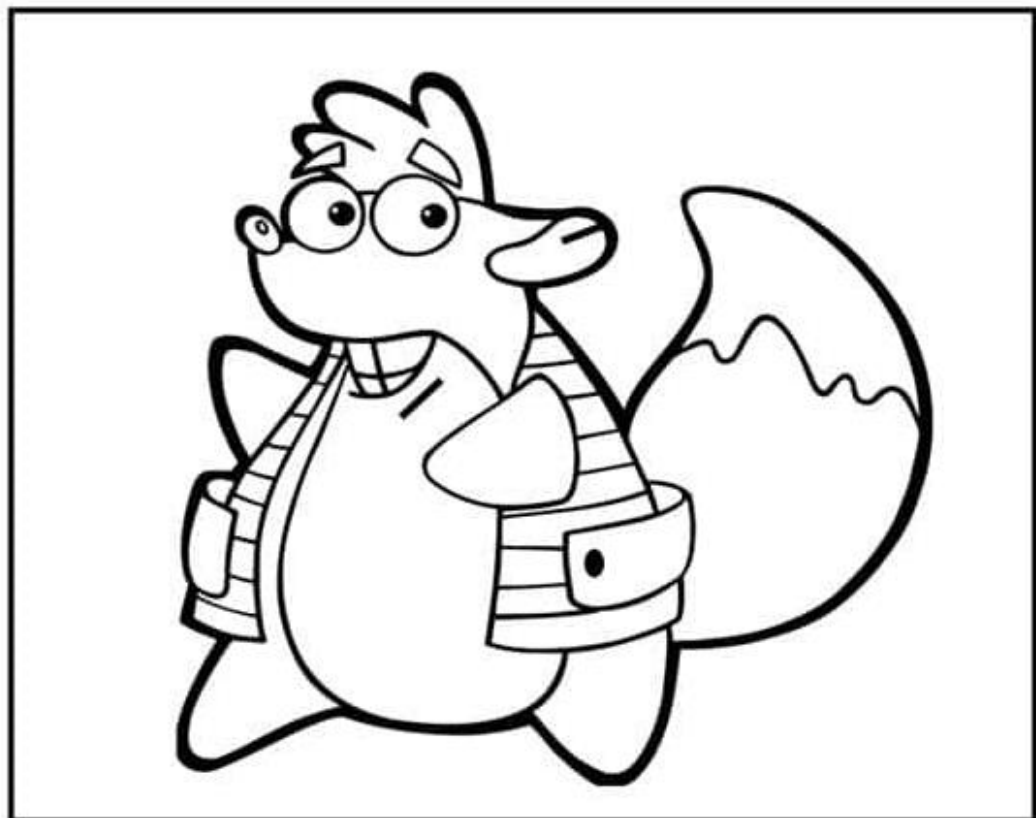
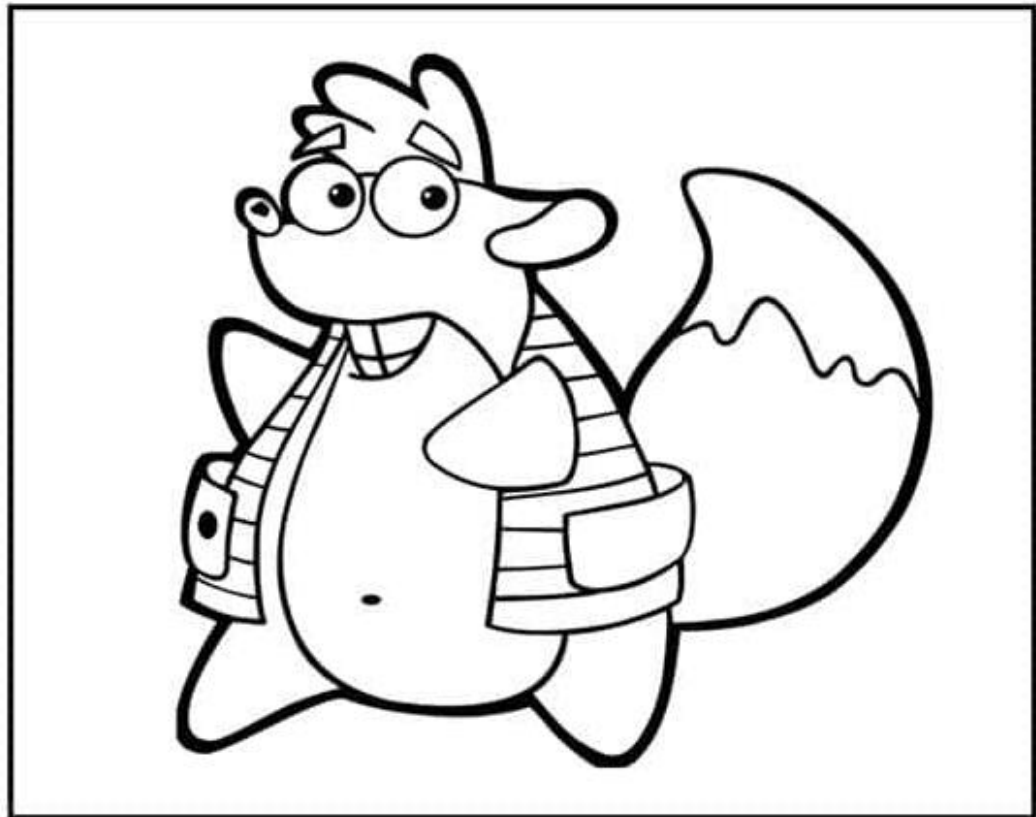
Our Governors came in to see all of our wonderful learning at Holbrook during R.E. week and were very impressed! Thank you all for everything you do to help us.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

A traditional spot the difference picture are some of the kids' favourite things to do! Here we have from Kindergarten Teacher Resources.

We hope this makes you smile!

Can you find all 5 differences?



Number Day

2024

On Friday 2nd February, we celebrated Number Day for the NSPCC (National Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Children).

The whole school took part in lots of fun maths activities!

In Year 3, they played lots of games and took part in maths activities on the playground.

Year 5 children read “If the World Were 100 People” by Jackie McCann; they used facts about our global diversity to create bar graphs!

We spoke to Mrs Nicholls, one of our maths subject leaders, who said, “I was really excited to see what everyone wore for number

day and we all had so much fun!”



(although we think she won the prize for best dressed!)

When we spoke to Mrs Swift, also one of our maths leaders, she enthusiastically said, “We had really been looking forward to Number Day as it gave us a chance to celebrate numbers and all things math!”

Mrs Harding, one of our Year 2 teachers, said, “We had Number Day and the children loved it! We played lots of number games. Also, we always have lots of numbers around the school.”

Most importantly, we raised lots of money for a wonderful cause. Thank you for all of your donations.

Sphero Workshop

Mrs Hunt, a teacher from Milais School, came to Holbrook school, and helped us fill the gaps with sphero work and show us how they work and we got to make mazes with obstacles and code them to dodge and weave past and through it and get through the full maze.






Computing at Holbrook

Did you know that our parent newsletter and school website has regular online safety updates?

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SAFER INTERNET DAY

On 6th February, the school celebrated Safer Internet Day. KS1 had Digital Leaders read a story and play some games focusing on online safety. KS2 took part in a live lesson on BBC about AI and how to stay safe online. We learnt that AI is controlled within human set limitations. AI stands for Artificial Intelligence. Here is an interview with Mr Thompson, our computing leader, about the day:

What did you like about safer internet day?

It was a day that we got to celebrate the benefits of technology and learn more about using it responsibly and safely. I loved that the KS2 Digital Leaders got to teach KS1 – they were excellent role models.

How hard did you find planning for the digital leads?

I didn't find it hard at all because my Digital Leaders took most of the responsibility and they came up with lots of the ideas themselves.

YOUNG VOICES 2024

About our day:

First, we went on the coach (that took about an hour and a half). We went through: Sidcup, Greenwich and many more places; finally we were there. First, we had a photo in front of Starbucks when all our energy was high. Then, we ate outside of the exciting Cineworld (where there was a lot of noise and excitement in the air). Once we finished our lunch, we waited for rehearsal to start. We did a 2 hour rehearsal with some celebrities, including the one and only 13 year old drummer Nandi Bushell, Natalie Williams, the group dancers Urban Stride and Mc GRAMMAR! Everybody had the time of their life in the O2 arena singing our special songs with pride.

Thank you to Mrs Davies and Mrs Kerr for organising!

Quotes from some who went:

Isobel said: "It was a great experience and I had lots of fun."

Ellie said: "I will definitely recommend it for other people and it was a very good experience; I didn't really want to go first of all (nerves!) but then once I was there, I really enjoyed it."

Samuel said: "I really liked the O2 because it was very fun and very colourful and I am pretty sure every child and the adults through teachers to all of the people who were there had a great time. It was very noisy, but it was worth missing a day of school!"

Callum said: "It was a great atmosphere at the O2. All of the children, adults, carers and teachers would go again."

April said: "It was so much fun and I would definitely go again."

Sofia said: "I would recommend it for other people, but if you don't like loud noises, this is not for you!"

Mrs Davies: Said "It was such an exciting day, so much fun and to take all those children to somewhere so magnificent, especially when everybody started singing... it was joyous!"

Can you find all of the songs we sang?

Young Voices 2024

M M P G V Y E E W G C I U K T A Z K P C R J Y
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T T V N B G O W K O U M R T G O L N R P Y V J
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G Y I F B T H E M O M E N T N L B V S C K K D

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

ARIRANG
CHOIR
GET ON BOARD
IN THE MOOD

LONDON
MATILDA MEDLEY
MOANA MASH UP
POP MEDLEY

THE MOMENT
WALKING MEDLEY
YOUNG VOICES



And now, for an **exclusive** interview with one of the celebrity guest performers...
MC Grammar!



Where did you used to teach?

I have taught in three schools in North London, but I have also worked with schools all over the UK and in the US, Cyprus, Italy, Germany, Dubai and Bermuda.

What do you like more: poems or rap? Why?

I like them both the same. In fact, when you put a poem on a beat, it creates a rap. Try it!

What is your favourite song to rap?

Wow! That's tough. Hmmmmmm... too many to name and some have lots of rude words! :/

What is your favourite book to rap and why?

Has to be 'The Gruffalo'! It goes well to so many beats and the book has literally changed my life.

Why did you decide to be a teacher?

I didn't have the best learning experience at school, so I am on a mission to make learning fun for all kids with my music and raps!

Who is your inspiration and why?

My mum. She's the bravest and strongest person I know x

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a basketball player and then a detective... and then a rapper! Worked out in the end :)

How many Young Voices did you perform at?

I did all 30 dates. So much fun! And I am so lucky to connect with and reach so many people all over the country. So grateful!

Were you nervous to perform at the gigs?

Hmmmm, a little. But I like the nerves; it means you care. It's then all about transferring that energy into a positive performance.

Was there anything you did to get ready and relaxed before the Young Voices gigs?

Yep. I FaceTimed my wife and kids every night and then chilled with the crew in the canteen. It's always good to relax before you do your thing on stage.

Would you like to go back and teach in school?

One day 100%. I would love to be a teacher again and have my own class. I really miss those connections and the kids.

Is there more you want to tell us?

Yeah of course. I want to say thanks for this opportunity. You are now **all official members of my Grammar Gang!** Welcome to the crew: just remember to keep reading... and RAPPING!

Thank you MC Grammar!

"P.S. Hi Harrison, Hi April, Hi Amelia and hey to Mrs Filson and Mr Thompson!"

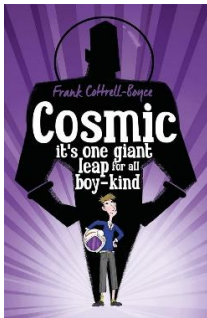
Book Reviews

Here are some books we recommend; some are even our class books this term!

If you have any book reviews for the next edition of The Holbrook Herald, pass it on to one of our editors!

Cosmic

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce
Genre: Comedy



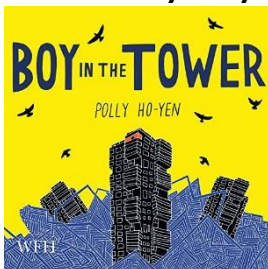
Cosmic is an exciting adventure book featuring a boy called Liam who is an unusually tall boy; some people even think he is an adult which causes trouble and even gets him to China.

'A writer of cosmic genius'- Sunday Telegraph

'An inspiring and funny book'- Lily y5

Boy in the Tower

Author: Polly Ho-Yen
Genre: Mystery



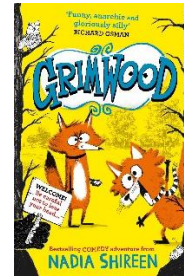
Boy in the tower is a mystery story that will leave you on the edge of your seat and is a young boy who is one of the last living people of south London.

Will he survive the sea of bluchers?

'The story is full of suspense' – a year six student.

Grimwood

Author: Nadia Shireem
Genre: Comedy

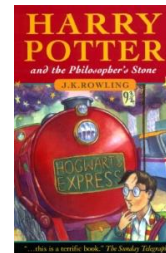


Fox cub siblings Ted and Nancy are on the run from Princess Buttons, the scariest street cat in the Big City. They flee for Grimwood, expecting to find refuge in the peaceful countryside. Instead, they are met with thieving eagles, dramatic ducks, riotous rabbits and a whole host of unusual characters.

"10 out of 10, funny and exiting"- Erina Y3

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Author: J.K. Rowling
Genre: Fantasy



Harry Potter is a magical fantasy book about a young 11 year old boy how was invited to the magic world of Hogwarts and make lifelong friends along the way (Ron and Hermione).

'A magical mysterious fantasy and adventures series '- year 4 student



What does your birthday say about you?

Capricorn ♄

The horoscope for these hardworking Capricorns state that this year, Capricorns will get full support in anything from the love of their family. You will get new opportunities.

Aquarius ♒

The amazing Aquarius will have a refreshing transformation and bright opportunities in all areas.

Pisces ♷

The creative Pisces this year will be healthy, well and will succeed in every task they have.

Aries ♈

The energetic Aries this year will be blessed with the right guidance, relationships, academic achievements and progress.

Taurus ♉

The brilliant Taurus will have a good reputation with people and achieve many accomplishments throughout the year.

Gemini ♊

The compassionate Gemini will get newly found strength through optimism and curiosity.

Cancer ♋

Kind Cancers will experience transformative waves in personal growth / success.

Leo ♌

The lovely Leo will fulfil long-pending dreams and progress in those areas of life often seen as more challenging.

Virgo ♍

The considerate Virgo will explore new territory, encouraging growth and good success.

Libra ♎

The warm-hearted Libra will achieve growth academically and in relationships.

Scorpio ♏

The helpful Scorpio will find recognition and value in their work and show strong resilience if things get tough.

Sagittarius ♐

The adventurous Sagittarius will have a series of adventures and achieve growth in learning.

Jokes for all ages! 😂

What do you call someone who greets you at the school door every morning?

Matt!

What do you call a large, grey animal that's just eaten a tonne of beans?

A smellyphant!

What do you call a dumb elephant with his own aeroplane?

A dumbojet!

Why did the lettuce blush?

Because it saw the salad dressing!

Why can't you tell an egg a joke?

Because it'll crack up!

What do you call a really sad strawberry?

A blueberry!

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta!

What are two things you can't have for breakfast?

Lunch and dinner!

Which vegetable should you never invite with you onto a ship?

A leek!

Why couldn't the bicycle stand on its own?

Because it was two-tired!

Learn a new Language!



There are lots of different people at Holbrook who either come from a different country or know another language. At school, we learn languages, but we only do two. Here are some words in different languages.

French:

bonjour=hello

Salut=hi

cava mal=i am sad

cava bien= I am happy

com ci com ca=I am ok

Polish:

dzien dobry= good morning/evening

czech= hi

propoze= please

dzenkuje= thank you

Spanish:

hola=hello

por favor=please

gracias=thank you

adios=bye

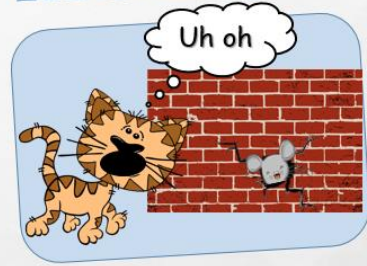
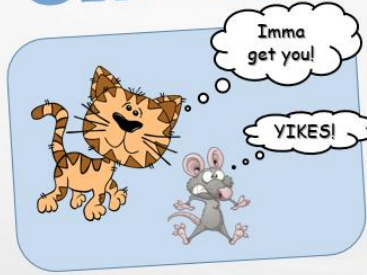
Italian:

Ciao=hello/goodbye

Si=yes

Gracias=thank you

CAT AND MOUSE!

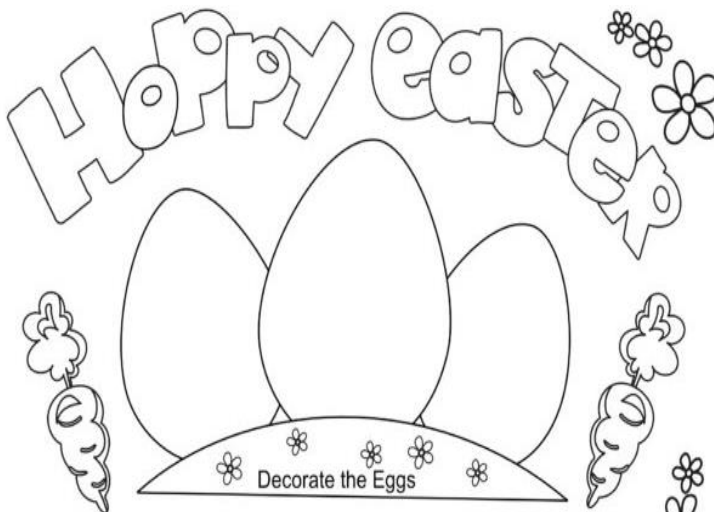


CREATED BY ABIGAIL AND NIAMH!

Scared mouse - ©memoanges22717089

We hope that you have enjoyed the articles, games, jokes and comics in our first ever edition of The Holbrook Herald.

We wish you all a wonderful Spring Break and look forward to seeing you in the new term!



Word Search

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Basket Chocolate Spring Ducky
 Eggs Quack Treats Cracking
 Bunny Rabbit Yummy Easter

