



## Holland House School

This week the subject of our assemblies has been Diwali. The children were able to learn more about this special festival and the idea that it represents the triumph of good over bad and light over darkness. It reminds us all of the importance of being good, by developing good habits, good actions and good thoughts. In the same way that a small light can fill a whole room, kindness and good deeds can light up the path, or day, for someone else. Holland House would like to wish all those celebrating, a very happy Diwali for tomorrow: May the Diwali season fill your home with happiness and may the coming year be filled with joy!

Next week is national Anti-bullying week, a subject taken very seriously by the school. Our assemblies will follow that theme and there will be classroom activities in support of it.

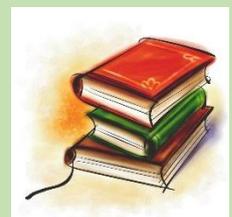
It has become part of our School tradition that we start the week with Odd Socks Day: Children and staff alike are encouraged to wear wacky odd socks in celebration of the fact that we are all different and that this difference is what makes us wonderfully unique individuals! No charitable contribution is expected - just a little bit of fun to draw attention to this important issue. Remote learners are more than welcome to join in; I too shall be sporting my own mismatched pair!

On the academic side of things, next week also happens to be a Mathletics Challenge week. Maths is a subject close to the heart of so many children in our school and so they will be excited to hear that they can pit their arithmetic skills against pupils across the globe in a fun and safe environment. During the Summer Term, many HHS classes finished in the top weekly rankings on both the national and international level so we are excited to see what this challenge brings! All pupils can access Mathletics for free via their school accounts and are encouraged to sign in from home to practice their mental arithmetic on a daily basis. Teachers will also be setting some homework via the site- If pupils notice their names on the leader boards, they can take a screen shot and email it to me or the school office so we can celebrate their success with them!

Lastly, many thanks to all those who sent me get well soon messages. Your kind words were much appreciated and I am looking forward to being back in school once I am over the virus.

Kind regards

Emily Brown



## CERTIFICATES AWARDED THIS WEEK

**MUSA AHMED R**  
**ANYA LIU Y1**  
**JAI DHEBAR Y2**  
**SIENNA DHIMAN Y2**  
**AYUSHI GILL Y2**  
**TARA CUDDIS Y2**  
**YASH MAKWANA Y2**  
**SHIV CHOWDHURY Y5**  
**AKSHI SHAH Y5**  
**MAAHI MALDI Y5**

## QOTW

If you light a lamp  
for someone else, it  
will also brighten  
your path.



## Dates for the diary

- Odd Socks Day – 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Parents' Evening for Reception - Year 5 - 18<sup>th</sup> November – please book your time-slot

Year 2 participated in the Joe Wicks Children In Need PE Challenge

