



Holland House School

Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to be back in school again after two long weeks of self-isolation and a pleasure to see all the children! Thank-you for your kind messages and thoughtful gifts: they were all much appreciated.

Mrs Gada has led assemblies this week, focusing on the importance of having a growth mindset. We are strongly encouraging the children to embrace this way of thinking and ask that as parents you help us at home by reinforcing certain key messages. For example, if your child says "I can't do that" explain that they can't do it **yet**, but that with practice, they will be able to!

I'd like to use this opportunity to say "Well done!" to a number of children in the school. Firstly, to all those who took part in the Mathematics challenge! WOW! I'm delighted to announce that HHS finished 8th in the world rankings! Given that just under 700 schools took part, this is an incredible achievement for our little, single-form entry school and a testimony to the dedication, perseverance and mathematical brilliance of our pupils! Remember, children can access their Mathematics account at all times and should be encouraged to do as much mental arithmetic as they can!

My second "well done!" goes to all those Y6 pupils who dutifully sat a barrage of 11+ tests this week. It's never much fun to be the "guinea pig" class and this year's changes have been very last minute due to the COVID situation. However, the pupils have been very well prepared and coped admirably with all the challenges thrown their way. Good luck to those who still have tests to go! This is a good time to remind parents that I hold an annual 11+ Information Evening in the Spring Term during which I will explain some of the recent changes.

I'm very excited about announcing the start of HHS Christmas next week! Doesn't the time fly by!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Brown

CERTIFICATES AWARDED THIS WEEK

Deeya Sadhwani R

Aryan Patel R

Ria Somayia Y1

Laila Noraiee Y3

Yusuf Tharoo Y3

Reiyen Desai Y3

Sienna Bhudia Y3

Ari Jalil Y4

Anjali Tailor Y4

Masha Karunaratne Y5

Rhidai Akhil Shah Y5

Rian Malde Y5

Ayushi Gill Y2

Zephaniah Lau Y2

Reya Turner-Joshi Y2

Ashwin Nagiah Y2

Kimi Shah Y6

Tito Ojurongbe Y6

Dates for the Diary

Christmas countdown and Play
Priority week start on Monday
30th November!

QOTW

If you're not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you're determined to learn, no one can stop you.

Interview of the Week!

Hello! Last week we interviewed Zi Feng Ong from Year 6. We asked him a variety of questions ranging from the Mathletics International Challenge our school is taking part in, to staying home in his Family Bubble. Here are his answers.

1. Are you participating in the Mathletics International Challenge?

I am participating in this week's Mathletics Challenge and I am hoping to get on this week's Leaderboard and help my class get onto it too.

2. How have you found being at home the last 2 weeks?

I find it more difficult to communicate and I find it difficult to connect in meetings. It is also not as much fun as I don't get to talk to my friends as usual. I prefer learning in person as its easier to understand and there are no connection difficulties.

3. What is your greatest achievement at HHS?

My greatest achievement is playing the piano in the School Spring Concert in front of around 300 people. It was a great experience to perform in front of so many people!

4. What fictional character would you like to have a Tea Party with and why?

I would have a Tea Party with Alex Rider as he would tell me all about his amazing missions, I can see what he looks like and he can tell me some of the details about saving the world.

Thank you for reading, Emma Shah and Neeya Patel.

Cake and Tea with Mrs B.

This week it was my pleasure to chat with Amara, Nishka and Aashni from Y6. The girls were delightful and had some good suggestions for playtime which are now on my To-Do list!

ISA Sport Design a T- Shirt Competition 2020

It was my pleasure to go through the T-shirt Competition entries this week! Together, Mrs Ng and I went through the designs and selected 10 for submission to the ISA. However, there were so many brilliant entries that we wanted to reward the excellent effort made by so many pupils. It was a tough choice but are winners are:

ISA competition

Khiyana Shah Y4
Maya Stavrev R
Shiv Chowdhury Y5
Ria Somaiya Y1
Leela Mistry Y1
Summer Sobczak Y2
Sia Rao Y4
Safa Vohra Y4
Huan Li Lee Y6
Ishaan Shah Y5

Internal achievement award

Alisha Gada R
Emma Shah Y6
Rhidai Akhil Shah Y5
Shayn Shah Y4
Kiana Yeung Y3
Tomiwa Ojurongbe Y2
Aarya Shah Y1
Aiyush Punde Y1
Vian Rao Y2

**MacMillan Cancer
Support**

**Coffee Morning
raised £269.80**

Well done School!

Mathletics Challenge

Outstanding performances from so many pupils,
we will be awarding certificates in school next
week and publishing names afterwards.

Well done, Team HHS!

8th in the World!

WOW!!