



Holland House School

Dear Parents

What a busy week we have had! The school was buzzing with excitement on Tuesday for our Maths Puzzle Solving day. The children faced a number of interesting challenges, some of which couldn't be mastered without close-knit teamwork and it was interesting to see how the different groups coped with this! A special thank-you to all the parents who dutifully queued in the rain to make purchases!

On Wednesday the Y5's went off to Hampton Court, many decked out in their best Tudor Garb! The children really enjoyed themselves and were fascinated by the Haunted Corridor!

Thursday was World Book Day and the children were treated to two very special visitors! Anthony Horowitz delivered a live question and answer session to the pupils in Y4-Y6. He spoke of where he got his inspiration from and how he chose the names of his characters. He even planned out stories there and then, on the spot, with titles provided by Mr Dave! He was a wonderful inspiration to the children and staff alike and we all felt touched by his passion and positivity. Perhaps the seed of a future HHS author was sown that morning! All classes were also visited by Anjli Shah who spoke to the children about her lovely book "Who am I?" The Y6's were particularly impressed with its incredible artwork and, again, a special thank-you to all the families who purchased her book.

Amber Waite, the Headmistress of St Albans' Girls visited today and she had a long chat with some of our pupils about life at her school. Mrs Waite was really impressed by them and I was so proud of how engaging the girls were.

Assemblies

This week our assemblies were around the theme of reading, how important it is and the joy that can be found in a good book. Today I read the children a short story that I wrote too!

Votes for Schools

This week we have been debating "Is it useful to keep up with the news?" and again, for the second week running, the views of the HHS children have been used in the Votes for Schools feedback pack which is shared nationwide. I'm so proud of them for their articulate arguments and for taking the Votes work so seriously.

Tooled-Up Education

Dr Kathy Weston has written an article this week entitled [War Worries](#) which I think is worth a read, particularly with the children being so exposed via the talk of the adults around them, TV, radio, the internet and their phones to the dramatic events unfolding in Ukraine.

Other

Please keep a look out for my email about the Spring Concert and the Book Fair.

Certificates Awarded

Dylan Mehta Y6	Yousuf Beg Y5
James Tran Y6	Kavina Patel Y5
Yash Makwana Y3	Zephaniah Lau Y3
Sasha Karunaratne Y3	Tonghe Li Y2
Jai Dhebar Y3	Vian Rao Y2
Summer Sobczak Y3	Aarya Shah Y2
Ayushi Gill Y3	Aiyush Punde Y2
Sienna Bhanderi Y3	Bethany Yang Y2
Maya Dodhia Rasul Y3	Sam Jalil Y4
Ashwin Nagiah Y3	Maitri Rao Y4
Reya Arhi Y3	Shay Bid Y4
Micah Jess Y3	Aarav Arhi R
Riaan Desai Y3	Kaia Shah R
Sienna Dhiman Y3	Leela Mistry Y2
Sarina Tailor Y3	Aarav Patel Y2
Maya Desai Y1	Aarya Shah Y2
Tamara Clark Y1	Dylan Bhudia Y2
Sienna Dhiman Y3	

Sports News

TABLE TENNIS

Reiyeen Desai (Year 4) took part in a Schools Individual Table Tennis Tournament Saturday 26th February. This was an amazing experience for him and one that he thoroughly enjoyed. Well done, Reiyeen!

CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross-country teams did a great job yet again this year! On Thursday, we went off to Aldenham for a multi-school competition. We couldn't be prouder of the boys, who have retained the shield, coming first for the fourth year running! The girls did an amazing job against some very stiff competition finishing 3rd!

My deepest congratulations to the following children who took part:

Boys - Eliyaan Jamal, Yash Bid, Rian Malde, Haroon Osman, Albert Perry, Rhidai Shah, Habeeb Tharoo, Imran Villegas

Girls – Vaanya Chadha, Masha Karunaratne, Shyloh Khalid, Maahi Malde, Iwinosa Osarumwense, Kavina Patel, Keya Chandaria, Khiyana Shah

Special congratulations go to Eliyaan Jamal who was overall winner of the boys' race and Yash Bid who came third. Maahi Malde had a phenomenal run and came second overall in the girls' race.



I'd also like to thank **all** the children, and their families, who come to weekend training for cross-country! This dedication to the sport is hugely appreciated and I hope the children can see how the extra practice really helps to reap the rewards.

Well done to you all!

Dates of the Diary

Class Outings :

Y6 – Black Park 16th March

Y1 – Mill Green Mill 16th March

Yr2 – Museum of the Home 18th March

Y6 – Merchant Taylors' School (Maths afternoon) 18th March

Yr3 – Verulamium 18th March

R – Willows Farm 24th March

Yr4 – Mount Fitchet 24th March

Parents Info Evening for Yrs 5 & 6 Culmington Manor trips – 9th March

New Reception class Coffee Morning – 11th March

Parents Info Evening Yr 4 Bushcraft trip – 16th March

Parents Evening R-Y5 – 21st March

Spring Concert - 23rd March