



## Holland House School

QOTW: Winning isn't always coming first, its doing better than you've done before.

Dear Parents,

I start my bulletin this week with a message of deepest thanks to the Y4, Y5 and Y6 children who gave up their Saturday morning to help us with our Open Day, and of course to you their parents for ferrying them around an extra day! The children acted as tour guides, accompanying families around the school and they were phenomenal! The Chamber Choir also sang so beautifully I had to look away for fear I would cry and ruin my make-up! Lastly, a heartfelt thank-you to our wonderful parent ambassadors, Mrs Osarumwense and Mrs Shah – thank-you for all your support over the years.

It has been a very intense week here at HHS with a huge amount going on! There has been much excitement in Y1 where 10 beautiful butterflies have emerged from their cocoons. The children have named them all, my favourite being, Steve. We wish Steve the Butterfly and his fluttery friends a happy life in their new found freedom, having been released today.

Despite Tuesday's somewhat cataclysmic weather we were able to push ahead with our whole school photograph! Not sure what the children found more exciting: the piles of hailstones all over the playground or the novelty of the raised rig but we got there in the end! Photos to follow shortly!

Wednesday saw the Y4 children along with Simon, Sally and Mr Longman depart for the Bushcraft 3 day residential to Blenheim Woods. They had a fabulous time learning all those things a traditional classroom simply can't teach such as survival skills, emergency first aid outside, building shelters and the art of camouflage: I include a photo – Can you find Simon hidden in this image?!

We also had a visit from Helen Stanton-Tonner, former Headmistress of HHS, visiting us in the formal capacity of her new role as Director of Education and Inclusion at the ISA. She was thrilled with the progress the school has made and how warmly she was welcomed by the children.

Today, I accompanied the Y3s on their trip to Celtic Harmony. It's a lovely venue and such fun for the children to get a glimpse of what life in Celtic England was like 2000 years ago, before the Roman Conquest.

We also had an email at the last moment from the ISA to let us know that once again we have a handful of winners in the Jubilee competition – You can view the gallery here:

<https://www.isaschools.org.uk/platinum-jubilee-design-challenge>

It remains only for me to wish you all the happiest of half-terms: I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, in red, white and blue for our Jubilee celebration!

My warmest regards

Emily Brown

## Recognising Pupil Achievement, whatever the field

### Certificates Awarded this week

<b>Jay Gill Y1</b>	<b>Joseph McDonald Y2</b>	<b>Akshi Shah Y6</b>	<b>Summer Sobczak Y2</b>
<b>Alisha Gada Y1</b>	<b>Aarya Shah Y2</b>	<b>Ayushi Gill Y3</b>	<b>Oreva Orivi Y2</b>
<b>Kai Jiwan Y1</b>	<b>Maya Stavrev Y1</b>	<b>Micah Jess Y3</b>	<b>Sophia Anagnostopoulos R</b>
<b>Saad Hashisho Y6</b>	<b>Fayotomi Balogun Y1</b>	<b>Yash Bid Y6</b>	<b>Tishe Adebola- Lawal Y6</b>
<b>Isabella Chung Y1</b>	<b>Aanya Sachdev Y5</b>	<b>Vera Bhudia R</b>	<b>Maiya Nagiah Y2</b>
<b>Caitlin Cheeks Y2</b>	<b>Sarina Tailor Y3</b>	<b>Maya Dodhia Rasul Y3</b>	<b>Anoushka Vicnesan Y4</b>

Special congratulations to Anushka, Arya, Vera, Aanya and Year 2 for their award-winning contributions to the ISA Jubilee competition.

Yash (Y6) travelled to Cambridge where he took part in the British Junior Golf Tour and came second. Well done!

Last weekend, Sia & Vian challenged themselves by participating in the Pretty Muddy 5k Challenge for Kids at Finsbury Park. This was a Cancer Research fundraising event and I am proud to say they have, so far, raised in excess of £2000



for Cancer Research! They completed the 5k challenge with muddy obstacles in 45mins and were definitely very muddy thereafter!

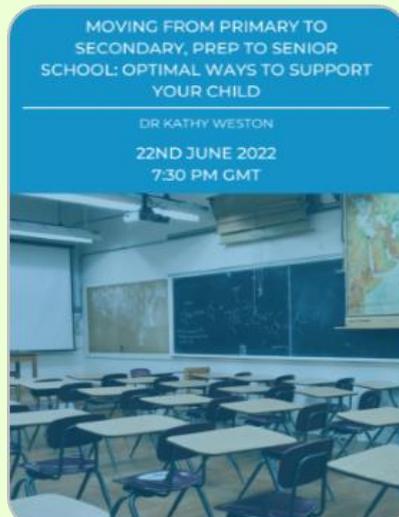
## Votes for Schools

Should we have more street parties? A festive Jubilee themed topic for debate!

## Tooled-Up Education

There is a wealth of information to support parents available on Tooled-Up education. I've included some links to some very interesting webinars

- The Perils of perfectionism: how schools and families can respond
- Moving from primary to secondary school – optimal ways to support your child
- Ask us anything: one hour with a psychiatrist specialising in Adolescence.



### Dates For the diary

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June **HALF-TERM**

6<sup>th</sup> June **Jubilee Celebration Day At HHS**  
**Wear Red white and blue to celebrate**  
**£1 charity donation to Autism Uk kindly requested**

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June **Y5 Residential Manor Adventure**

7<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Junior Citizen (school uniform, normal schools)

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Cycling proficiency week

15<sup>th</sup> June Moving Up afternoon

16<sup>th</sup> June YR to Gulliver's World  
 Y2 to Kew Gardens

22<sup>nd</sup> June Y1 Knebworth House

27<sup>th</sup> June YR Prizegiving assembly 08.45  
 Y3 Prizegiving assembly 15.00

28<sup>th</sup> June Y1 Prizegiving assembly 08.45

29<sup>th</sup> June Y2 Prizegiving assembly 08.45  
 Y5 Prizegiving assembly 15.00

1<sup>st</sup> July Y4 Prizegiving assembly 15.00

5<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Radlett theatre all day for rehearsals

6<sup>th</sup> July Whole school visit to Radlett Theatre to watch Y6 Production  
 Y6 Leavers' Show to Y6 parents 13.30

## Donations Gratefully Received

If you have any of these things at home that you could donate to the school, we would love to have them!

Things on our wish list:

- Wet-break board games in good condition.
- Full chess sets + boards
- Lego
- Duplo bricks
- Wooden building blocks
- Suitable pre-loved books in good condition, for our library

**Special thanks to Mr Malde for donating this week: much appreciated.**

**BUSHCRAFT:** Can you spot Simon in the first photograph?



## Year 1 Butterfly release

