

14/05/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been so lovely to have the children in every day this week. All year groups have been showing great focus in lessons and we are very proud of them. Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming sessions and have made fantastic progress. It will be Year 3's turn soon!

It has been a very exciting week here as new books have been handed out to classes so children have a lot of new material to read in their book corners. We are promoting reading for pleasure at Duncombe and know how important it is for children to have access to a wide range of books which match their interests. Thank you to the Richard Reeves fund for giving us the money to buy these books. Please remember that local libraries are open again and it's so important that children have an opportunity to visit them. The Summer Reading Challenge will be starting soon!

Reception now have two new fish and the children have loved naming them. Next week, they will be moving on to nursery.

We were thrilled that so many children enjoyed their Eid celebrations at home and then came in to school to celebrate with us today. The parties were very exciting and it was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes

Dates for your diary:

Relationships & Health Education curriculum parent meetings: Year 2 & 3 on 18th May; Year 4 & 5 on 19th May; Year 6 on 20th May. All will be at 9:15am-10:00am on zoom.

Friday 28th May- last day of summer term 1 (Half-term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June)

Monday 7th June- Children return for summer term 2

Parent/teacher meetings after school on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd June

Wednesday 7th July – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 15th July, 2-4pm Summer Music Concert

Wednesday 21st July – Year 6 production (time tbc)

Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 leavers prom

Friday 23rd July – End of term (half day)

Duncombe Car Boot Market

As you know we were due to launch Duncombe's car boot market last year, but unfortunately, we were not able to go ahead due to national lockdown.

We are very excited to announce that we are hoping to re-launch in June!

If you would like to find out more and apply for a pitch please email Duncombecarbootn19@gmail.com or speak to Monique in the school office.

We will announce the first date soon!



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson

73%

Eric Carle

81%

Judith Kerr

81%

Tony Ross

82%

Earnest Shackleton

88%

Francis Drake

82%

Florence Nightingale

86%

Marie Curie

89%

Isaac Newton

87%

Michael Faraday

84%

William Shakespeare

82%

Charlotte Bronte

83%

Martin Luther King

84%

Emmeline Pankhurst

85%

Nelson Mandela

84%

Winston Churchill

85%

The whole school's attendance this academic year is currently at 95%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2 year olds: Sara

For being a great member to little nursery. She is very happy and smiley. She has the best manners and will encourage the other to say please, thank you, your welcome. Well done Sara, you are our star.

Eric Carle Nursery: Shohaib

For being very kind to his friends and for following all the carpet rules. You are a star! Keep it up!

Tony Ross: Batul

For trying so hard during her phonics sessions. Batul has been practicing writing the letters and trying to blend some CVC words as well! Keep it up!

Judith Kerr Reception: Jesse

For trying really hard to blend his set one sounds. Congratulations Jesse for trying your hardest.

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Ibrahim

Ibrahim has been working very hard with his number bonds to 10 this week. He is also very respectful and kind to his peers and the adults. Keep up the excellent work Ibrahim!

Francis Drake Year 1: Ismail

Ismail reads every single day at home. I have seen a huge improvement in his reading and has moved up phonics groups. Well done Ismail, keep up the hard work!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Mumina

Mumina has worked her socks off this week! In class she shares thoughtful, relevant comments. In maths, she persevered and is now confidently adding two digit numbers. In English she has applied all she knows about gorillas to begin writing her non-fiction text about primates. Just amazing. Well done!

Marie Curie Year 2: Isabella

Isabella has been a superstar in maths this week! She has been focusing so well on the carpet which has made her excel in every activity we do. Keep it up!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Dila

For excellent listening skills. Dila has joined Duncombe with a positive attitude and a great smile! She has been working well with others and helping her new friends improve their writing. Great start Dila. We are very proud of you and very happy you have joined our school.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Jannat

Jannat has worked hard to improve her writing and is always ready to answer questions with an interesting answer. She is Michael Faraday's Science expert and has been setting a wonderful example for her classmates. Well done Jannat!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Mohamed Sharif

For settling in well to Charlotte Bronte class. Mohamed - you are a joy and we are so happy that you are part of the class.

William Shakespeare Year 4: Abdullahi

Abdullahi never ever gives up in his lessons. He is so resilient and because of this, has developed a great sense of his own self esteem. A great role model, well done you!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Husna

Husna has been amazing all week- she always puts 100% into her work and never complains when she is asked to do more. I have been particularly impressed with her writing this week, not only are her ideas great but her presentation is amazing too! Keep up the hard work Husna

Martin Luther King Year 5: Jazmin

Jazmin has been such a star at swimming. As with everything she does, she has always tried her hardest, has been incredibly well -behaved and kind to others.

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Mohamed

Mohamed works diligently and always delivers his best effort. His presentation is neat and thoughtful and he has impeccable manners.

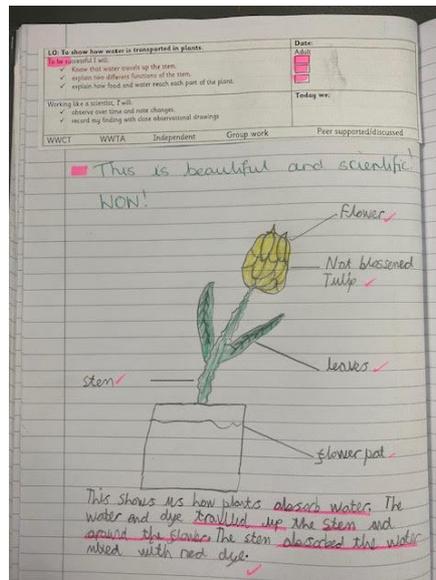
Winston Churchill Year 6: Sami

For his focus on his learning and his ability to get on with other children. He sets an excellent example to others.

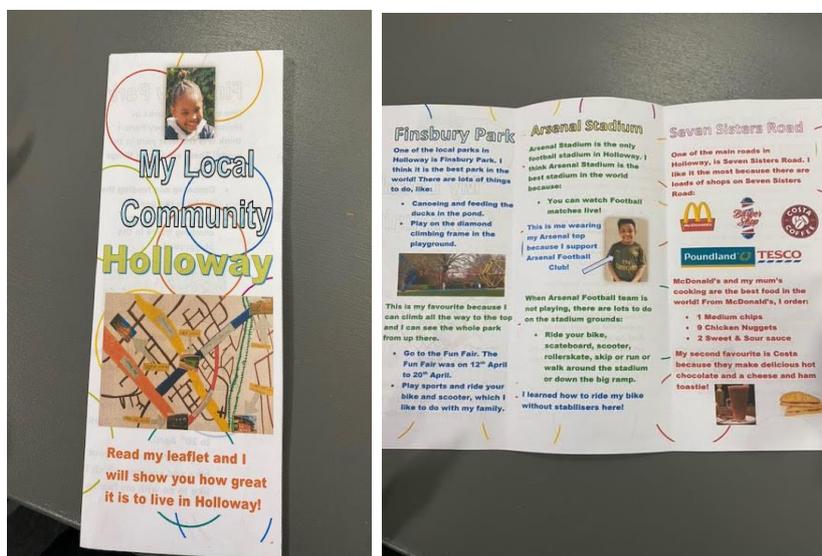


Year 3

In year 3 we have been showing how water is transported in plants and learning the different parts of the stem. The children have been focusing really well on the process of flowers and how they are looked after.



We are learning about our local community in Year 3, here is a beautiful leaflet Kamari created, with lots of colours, detail and great information.



Year 1

In year 1 we have been learning our number bonds to 20. They have used different manipulatives such as counters and numicon. The children liked the numicon best and loved doing this.

Reception

This Week in reception we have been looking after goldfish and writing out some fish facts. We have learned as well how to pet a fish.



Nursery

In nursery we tested out the floating and sinking objects and Maria was trying her hardest to guess which ones were sinking or floating. You are a star! Keep it up!



2 Year Olds

In the 2s this week we have been practicing our writing. We have been writing letters to post, writing to our parents and some of us have been starting to write letters.



Parent Messages

Healthy Sleep Routines: Workshops for parents

The Islington School Health Team have been running weekly health promotion sessions on Mondays at 1:30pm and Thursdays at 9:30am via Zoom for parents and carers to attend.

Monday sessions at 1:30pm:

<https://zoom.us/j/92323700635?pwd=UlhmSmJsa3o0NEVVVHBjZGszNDlwQT09>

Meeting ID: 923 2370 0635

Passcode: 1234

Thursday sessions at 9:30am:

<https://zoom.us/j/96916093378?pwd=NXFhZmNxV0o2NldMeWkyOC93UkgxQT09>

Meeting ID: 969 1609 3378

Passcode: 1234

The Parent House Gardening and Walking Clubs

Local organisation, The Parent House, are resuming their gardening and walking clubs this week. The Walking Club meets every Friday at 10am and the Gardening Club every Friday at 2pm. They run for an hour, during term time. You can find out more or register your interest by emailing: anita@theparenthouse.co.uk

Online Zumba for parents

Bright Start offer Zumba fun on Thursdays 1:30-2:30pm on Zoom. It's a fun and energetic class and is suitable for parents and children. You can book by email and will be sent a link 24 hours in advance:

BrightStartSouth@islington.gov.uk

Well-being tip of the week

Reframe unhelpful thoughts

The way we think, feel and behave are linked. Sometimes we develop patterns of thoughts or behaviours that are unhelpful so recognising them, and taking steps to think about things differently, can improve your mental health and wellbeing. Sometimes it is referred to as the 'Some people call this the catch it, check it, change it' approach. Watch this short video to explain more: <https://youtu.be/tfkhkFwCtxs>