



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

"Working Together, Learning for Life"



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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK ~ 13th to 17th NOVEMBER 2023

Anti-bullying Week begins next week. The whole school will be involved in activities to promote working together to prevent bullying at Holden Lane. Each class will focus on working hard to encourage positive relationships and to spread the anti-bullying message throughout school and our local community.

This year's theme - **Make a noise about bullying** - aims to empower children, staff and families to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be this way.

This Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

Throughout the week, our children will be learning to understand what constitutes bullying, where to go for help and how to help others. They will be raising awareness of the effects of bullying on the lives of children both in the short and long term. They will be discussing the safe and responsible use of technology and exploring how anti-bullying links to our school's STARS Values.

Children and staff are warmly invited to come to school on Monday 13th November wearing odd socks with their school clothes to mark the start of Anti-bullying Week. This will help us to remember and celebrate that we are all unique and equally special in our school.

In addition, families are warmly invited to join us on **Wednesday 15th November at 1.30pm** to take part in our anti-bullying workshops and to help us celebrate being the first school in England to achieve the Anti-bullying Quality Mark Gold status.

There will be a range of activities in the Learning Street for parents and carers to take part in with their children.

Please sign in at the school office.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SHOW THAT BULLYING BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT HOLDEN LANE!

To find out more visit <http://www.antibullyingweek.co.uk/>, <http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/aba-week.aspx> or <http://www.childline.org.uk>



YEAR 3 VISIT STANLEY HEAD

Well done to our super Year 3 class who visited Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre before half term to enhance their learning about life during the Stone Age. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day. They braved the great outdoors to work as a team in order to develop their survival skills.

In the woods, they went foraging to find out how Stone Age people found suitable food. They also gathered wood to make a fire. They then took part in orienteering and explored how Stone Age people would travel to different places at different times of the year to stay warm and find food. Everyone embraced the activities enthusiastically and had a great day finding out whether they would have survived during the Stone Age.

Well done to our Year 3 historians and adventurers, we are very proud of you all!



YEAR 4 FRIENDSHIP ASSEMBLY VERY WELL DONE!

Many thanks to all the families that joined us to share our Year 4 class assembly before half term. We would like to congratulate our super Year 4 children for performing such an excellent assembly and making us smile whilst sharing their special messages about the importance of friendship and kindness.

They worked as a team, sang beautifully and delivered their parts exceptionally well. What a wonderful way to start the day!

Well done Year 4, you are a credit to our school and we are very proud of you all!



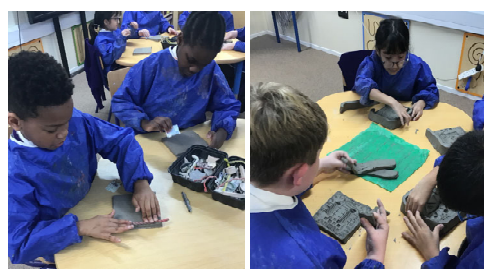
YEAR 5 SCULPTOR VISIT ~ NEIL WOOD

Well done to our fabulous Year 5 class who were delighted to work with the excellent sculptor Neil Wood before half term. Each child was able to learn about the process of making a relief sculpture before creating their own.

The children used a range of discarded materials to create images relating to Ancient Greece in a bed of clay. They were given creative freedom with the materials and the clay to create a model which they thought best represented the topic. Casting plaster was then added to their models to create a mould which is known as a relief sculpture.

The children were able to see different sculptures created by Neil and they asked questions about his profession and the artwork itself. They all showed great interest and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Well done to our Year 5 historians and sculptors, we are very proud of you all!



YEAR 2 VISIT STANLEY HEAD

Well done to our wonderful Year 2 class who visited Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre this week to enhance their learning about The Tunnel by Anthony Browne.

The children started their day sitting around a campfire with a cup of warm juice to listen to the story of The Tunnel. Afterwards, they used branches from the woods to build their own tunnels to explore.

They then took part in orienteering, using their map skills to find pictures from the book. They used sticks, leaves and natural materials to create a setting picture from the story.

To finish their busy day, they completed an obstacle course involving different tunnels. Everyone took part with great enthusiasm, despite the wind and rain.

They returned to school extremely muddy but very happy and eager to tell us all about their exciting adventures.

Very well done Year 2, we are very proud of you all!





STOKE ROCKS ~ TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

A huge well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who took part in the Stoke Rocks Times Tables Rockstars competition before half term. Out of the 42 schools that took part, Holden Lane finished in 19th position. Out of 156 classes, Year 6 were 37th for the number of questions answered correctly amounting to 86,568 questions! Year 5 were 64th, answering 43,855 questions correctly.

The three highest scorers in Year 5 were Amed, Ikenna and Sufyan.

The three highest scorers in Year 6 were Karan, Logan and Callum.

The three highest scorers in each class were awarded a certificate and a medal. In addition, each pupil who finished in the top 10 received a times tables themed stationery prize.

The next TTRS competition is next week for our Year 4 pupils who will compete against the primary schools in Alpha Academies Trust.

Congratulations to our times tables rockstars in Year 5 and Year 6.

Good luck to our Year 4 mathematicians for their competition next week!



YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Families are warmly invited to join us for our Year 5 Class Assembly on **Tuesday 14th November at 9.10am.** We hope that you will come and join us.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER OUR THANKS

Very well done to all the children who took part in our non-uniform fundraising event. The School Council have chosen to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind who recently visited our school and delivered a special assembly. We have raised a super total of **£129.38** and would like to thank all of the children that have taken part. Thank you for your continued support!



FOUNDATION STAGE FAMILY LEARNING

Many thanks to the families of our Nursery and Reception children who joined us this week for a seasonal family learning workshop called 'Bang, Pop and Crackle'.

It was fabulous to see our parents and carers supporting their children's learning and enjoying the activities all linked to the theme of celebrations and light. We look forward to delivering more family learning sessions in the near future.

NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER CHILDREN IN NEED

We are holding our annual non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 17th November to raise money for Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, in spotty clothes or dressed as Pudsey Bear in exchange for a small donation to the charity.

We hope that everyone will get involved to help less fortunate children and their families.

Thank you for your continued support.



FAMILIES COME TO SCHOOL FOR LUNCH!

We would like to thank all the parents and family members who joined us before half term for lunch. The children and staff were delighted to welcome you into school to share a school lunch with your child. We hope that you enjoyed the experience and will join us again in the near future. The next "Stay for Lunch" days will take place in the Spring Term 2024.

We look forward to seeing you then!



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY ~ THANK YOU!

Thank you to the families that came along to share our Attendance assemblies this week. We awarded our special pencils and certificates for last half term and were delighted that you were able to come along to join us.

We need to keep working really hard to reach our target of **96%**, eliminate Persistent Absence and reduce the amount of children arriving late.

Many congratulations to all our wonderful Attendance Award winners!

Wear your badges with pride!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- ◆ Monday 13th November ~ Anti-bullying Week begins with Odd Socks Day
- ◆ Wednesday 15th November ~ Family Anti-bullying Workshop at 1.30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 14th November ~ Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Friday 17th November ~ Children in Need Non-uniform Day
- ◆ Tuesday 21st November ~ Year 6 Class Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Thursday 21st December ~ School closes for end of Autumn Term 2023
- ◆ Monday 8th January ~ School opens for Spring Term 2024
- ◆ Friday 9th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Monday 19th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Friday 22nd March ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2024
- ◆ Monday 8th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2024
- ◆ Monday 6th May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ◆ **Monday 13th May 2024 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ◆ Friday 24th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ **Monday 3rd June ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ◆ Tuesday 4th June ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Friday 19th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2024
- ◆ **Monday 22nd July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

