



HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

“Working Together, Learning for Life”



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THE MATHEMAGICIAN VISITS KEY STAGE 2

On Tuesday, Andrew Jeffrey, also known as the Mathemagician, delivered two magical mathematical shows for the children in Key Stage 2.

Andrew is a Maths Consultant and a professional magician with a passion for mathematics. His life's work is to share his passion with both teachers and children alike. He delivered positive and motivational messages about the learning of mathematics and showed the children that they are all capable of being amazing mathematicians.



The shows were interwoven with magic to create a sense of awe and wonder about patterns and predictability in maths.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the shows and were left puzzling over how the magic worked.

We are very proud of all the children for their interest and enthusiasm.

Many thanks to Andrew for sharing his passion and inspiring us all to embrace the magic of maths.

CHANGE4LIFE FESTIVAL

Well done to our Year 4 pupils who represented Holden Lane at the Change4Life Festival at Excel Academy last Friday. The children joined other local schools to take part in a range of exciting sports activities including boccia, new age kurling and many more. The children were instructed by the Year 7 sports leaders. They participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed developing their skills. They also demonstrated many of the School Games Values including determination, self-belief and team work. They represented Holden Lane with pride and were a credit to the school.

Well done Year 4, we are extremely proud of you all!



YEAR 4 GUITAR PERFORMANCE

This year, our classes in Key Stage 2 have been thoroughly enjoying weekly music lessons with our guitar teacher, Mr Tidswell. Each child has had the opportunity to begin to learn the guitar and the feedback from the children and staff has been amazing.

Just before half term, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school to watch our Year 4 class showcase their guitar playing skills. It was wonderful to see the children playing their guitars with such confidence and enjoyment.

We look forward to many more guitar lessons with Mr Tidswell and cannot wait to watch the children's skills develop. Many thanks to the families that joined us for this special performance, your support is greatly appreciated by us all.

Congratulations and well done to Year 4, your performance was absolutely brilliant!



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION THANK YOU!

The attendance success of our children was celebrated in our special assemblies this week. We awarded our pencils and certificates for last half term.

Our attendance for last half term was **94%**.

We continue 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!

Use your special pencils with pride!



KEEPING SAFE ON THE ROADS

This week, our children in Year 3 and Year 4 took part in Road Safety Awareness training delivered by the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership. The children began by completing activities in the classroom and then they set off to consolidate their learning on a training walk around the local area with their teachers and the Road Safety Education Officer.

Now that they have practised their skills, next week they will demonstrate what they have learned by walking independently with adult supervision.

Certificates and pencils will then be awarded to each child in recognition of their sensible and responsible approach to keeping safe.

In Year 1 and Year 2, the children explored seatbelt safety.

They found out how to be a safe passenger in a car by taking part in an interactive presentation. They then carried out experiments using Humpty Dumpty (a hard boiled egg) to find out about the dangers of not wearing a seat belt.

All the children worked with great interest and we are very proud of them all for understanding the importance of learning to keep safe when travelling or walking on the roads.





SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

Many thanks to the parents and carers who joined Mrs Condliffe on Parent Consultation Evening to find out more about how to support children's learning at home. Mrs Condliffe demonstrated a range of straightforward ideas to support children with their reading, writing and mathematics skills. We hope you found the information useful and informative.
Thank you for your continued support.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 15th MARCH RED NOSE DAY FOR COMIC RELIEF

We are holding a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 15th March to raise money for Comic Relief.

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes wearing red or a red nose in exchange for a small donation to the charity.

We hope that everyone will get involved to show support for this year's campaign.
Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Families of our Year 1 class are warmly invited to join us for their class assembly on

Tuesday 19th March at 9.10am.

We hope that you will come along to share their special assembly to celebrate Easter time and the coming of Spring.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Families of our Year 2 class are warmly invited to join us for their class assembly on

Thursday 7th March at 9.10am.

We hope that you will come along to share their special assembly to celebrate World Book Day.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

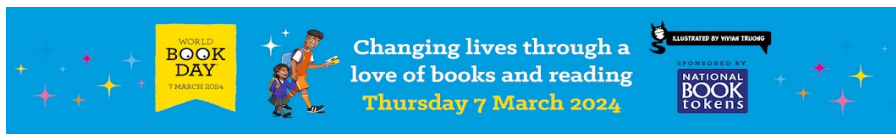
WORLD BOOK DAY ~ 7th MARCH 2024

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book or in their pyjamas ready for story time for our annual World Book Day celebration on **Thursday 7th March**.

There will be a wide range of activities taking place throughout the day to promote reading for pleasure and a love of books.

We hope that everyone will get involved in sharing this special and exciting event and very much look forward to seeing all the children (and staff) in their World Book Day outfits!

Thank you for your continued support.



PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING ~ OUR THANKS

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for our Parent Consultation Evening last week. We were so pleased to see you all and welcome you into school to discuss your child's progress and areas for future development. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's teacher, who will be very happy to arrange a suitable alternative appointment time.

Many thanks also to all the parents that completed our school questionnaire. We very much value your thoughts on how to continue to develop and improve our school on our journey from good to outstanding.

Thank you for your continued support!

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

We still have Nursery places available for September 2024. Please contact the school office for further information.

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AVOIDING HEAD LICE

We need your help to keep head lice under control in our school.

The following tips can help: use detection combing regularly to identify head lice, perform detection combing on anyone who is likely to have had head to head contact with the sufferer and keep long hair tied up to minimise head to head contact.

PLEASE NOTE THAT HEAD LICE TREATMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR PHARMACY IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE MINOR AILMENTS SCHEME.

Thank you for your continued support.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- ◆ Thursday 7th March ~ World Book Day 2024
- ◆ Thursday 7th March ~ Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Friday 15th March ~ Red Nose Day Non-uniform Day
- ◆ Tuesday 19th March ~ Year 1 Class Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Friday 22nd March ~ Charity Fundraiser Non-uniform Day
- ◆ 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**

