

Weekly Newsletter



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Well done Year 6 – After a democratic process (see below) I would like to congratulate all the elected Year 6 children in taking on their new roles and responsibilities. In addition, we have appointed Hannah Long and Holly Mooney as our new school journalists. The article below has been written by Hannah.

School Journalists – Head Girl or Head Boy?

On Monday, 17th October, Year 6 entered the hall. Everyone took their seats. The front two rows were full of people who wanted to stand for Head Girl and Head Boy. The day had finally come. The day that Year 6 had been waiting for. People were shaking with nerves. The panel of judges included Mrs Rose, Mrs Dennehy, Ms Lorusso, Mrs Bowring, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Masters. The audience held their breath in anticipation.

The female contestants were Emma Blake, Kitty Forrest-Hopkins, Sophie Paull, Tilly Crook, Poppy Knowles, Maddie Enticknap, Millicent Gevaux, Petra Ndukwe, Isabella Scharvona, Kitty Cripps and Isabella Brooke. The male contestants were Freddie Nelson, Hasnath Abdulkayam, Cain Smith, Henry Nelson, Zach Humphreys, Kai Davies, Joshua Mussett, Ben Chad and George Whitehill.

The audience couldn't help but clap at everyone's speech. 'All the speeches were at such a high standard that choosing eight will be really hard', quoted Mrs Masters. Everyone tried to calm themselves down at lunch.

Isabella said that she felt sick before her speech but felt much better when it was over and done with. Because she was nervous, Petra couldn't help but fiddle with her speech whilst she was waiting for her turn. All the boys, strangely enough, weren't as nervous as the girls.

Everyone piled in the classroom when the bell rang. Mrs Masters was standing inbetween the two classrooms and everyone knew the moment had come. Two new roles were made in addition to the other eight roles. The new roles were the Clubs Co-ordinator, which was given to Millicent Gevaux and the Groundskeeper, which was given to Joshua Mussett, who works with Mr Holman. The eight finalists were then announced. They were Maddie Enticknap (Head Girl), Isabella Scharvona (Deputy Head Girl), Zach Humphreys (Head Boy), Henry Nelson (Deputy Head Boy), Tilly Crook (Eagle Owls Captain), Poppy Knowles (Barn Owls Captain), Ben Chad (Tawny Owls Captain) and Kai Davies (Snowy Owls Captain). Applause filled the room. There were smiling faces as far as the eye could see. Every child went home with a smile on their face if they were one of the final eights or not. Now, all we had to do was wait until Wednesday for the finals. *By Hannah Long*

Staffing news – Apologies. Our new teacher's name is Steve Lawler, which was misspelt in last week's newsletter.

Years 3 and 4 theatre visit – I am very excited to tell you that, thanks to the hard work and generosity of our Fundraisers Association, the Brentwood Theatre, Rotary Club and Hilbery Chaplin, we are able to take all of our Year 3 and Year 4 children to see 'Through the Looking Glass' at the Brentwood Theatre on 9th December free of charge. More details to follow.

Anonymous communications – Please note that if you wish me to take a communication seriously and respond to it, then I need to know who has sent the letter or made the phone call. I cannot respond if I do not know to whom I am responding. Thank you.

School photos – Please return your photo orders by Monday, 31st October.

Year 6 Secondary School applications – Please remember to apply for a secondary school place for your child by **31st October, 2016**. Applications can be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

My Art Project – Remember to submit your children’s artwork for Christmas card designs (no glitter) by Wednesday, 2nd November, together with your order (payment by cheque). Any designs submitted will be considered for our school Christmas card competition where we will choose four cards that we will send on behalf of Holly Trees Primary School.

Music room launch – We can now declare our music room officially open. Many thanks to Karen Chilvers for cutting the ribbon at the event the Fundraisers hosted on Monday evening. I would like to congratulate the children, past and present, for performing so beautifully for our enjoyment.

Year 2 learning – Year 2 continued to learn about the Great Fire of London yesterday with the help of Freshwater Theatre Company. The children took part in dance, drama and made an historic event come to life.

Parent communication – Please inform both the teachers and the office if you need to collect your child early. Also, when phoning in an absence, please could you let us know what your child is suffering from, not just ‘ill’ or ‘unwell’. Many thanks.

Half term – May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable half term break.

Attendance – 97% target – Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Maple, Mulberry and Spruce for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year.

Menu – Week 3 of the autumn menu. Please follow this link <http://hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches/> PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MENU ON MONDAY, 31ST OCTOBER WILL BE SWAPPED WITH TUESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER. THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE PIZZA ON MONDAY AND LASAGNE ON TUESDAY.

Letters home

17th Oct – Football match v St Peters

20th Oct – KS2 photography consent

20th Oct – School of Rock Westminster Cathedral Carol Concert

Forthcoming dates

31st Oct – children return to school

31st Oct – Norfolk meeting for Y5 parents (3:15 pm in main hall)

2nd Nov – Football match v St Thomas’s (away)

4th Nov – Fundraisers Firework Display

8th Nov – Fundraisers Bags2School collection

10th Nov – St Peters tag rugby (home)

17th Nov – Football match v St Helens (home)

21st Nov – Y6 parent session (afternoon or evening)

30th Nov – Football match v Brentwood Prep (away)

1st Dec – School of Rock Westminster Cathedral Carol Concert

8th Dec – Fundraisers Christmas Grotto

9th Dec – Ys 3 & 4 visit to ‘Through the Looking Glass’

12th Dec – Y1 Christmas play dress rehearsal

13th Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance

14th Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance

19th Dec – Secret gift shop

20th Dec – Christmas lunch and carol singing (6:00 pm)

21st Dec – Christmas parties pm

21st Dec – last day of term

9th Jan – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Alexa Camilleri, Kyan Sansom, Kara Edwards, Ameya Kotian, Sapphire Lawrence, Hayden Jasper, Shylah Kerr, Leila Martin and Ashley Before.

Silver Certificates went to Ryan Empson and Kitty Cripps.

Gold Certificates went to Anya Jeffries, Joshua Mussett and Liam Sier.

Pen Licence went to Jasmine Leaver

Headteachers Award went to Henry Nelson.