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Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

Summer 2023

End of Year Highlights

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Hello!

our headteacher



Mrs Osborne

Welcome to our end of year summer newsletter!

As my first year as Headteacher at Hollinswood Primary School & Nursery draws to a close, I thought that this would be a good opportunity to reflect on all the amazing moments that we have shared with our pupils, our staff, and our parents/carers.

Here's a reminder of some of this year's most memorable moments ...

In October we won the BBC Radio Shropshire 'Make a Difference Environmental Award' for our schools' efforts to help make where we live more environmentally friendly. We took six pupils to the awards ceremony at Anstice Hall; they were a credit to the school and were highly praised by the organisers.

Environmental winners



In November, we celebrated National School Meals Week. Kathy and her catering team planned five fun-packed days where they went 'off menu' and presented different food themes which included a Subway...



our VIP Lunch



Bar and a Chinese Buffet. Twelve children were also chosen to dine with one of our **Governors**, **Mrs Morris**, and **I** in a VIP event. We thoroughly enjoyed sampling the themed menus.

our naughty elves Fish n Chips

December was the month of festive fun with our **Christmas Cracker** events in **Nursery** and **Reception** and performances in **KSI** and **Year 3/4**. After two years of not having performances, it was lovely to see the children excited to perform to an audience.

Our choir also sang at the Holiday Inn for the **Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch 2022**. The children's behaviour was impeccable, and all involved demonstrated our **four school values**.



Our Chitty Chatty Christmas Dinner



our fabulous Christmas Dinner!

Our **Hollinswood Friends** then organised a fabulous **Family Bingo Night** and raised a grand total of **£804.20**! The money raised was used to enrich the experiences for all children by subsidising **workshops**, **visits** and purchasing **equipment** to make playtimes more enjoyable.



In the new year, our Year 5 children visited Telford Town Park to participate in an orienteering activity. The children used map reading skills to navigate around the course. They showed lots of resilience and resourcefulness when completing the activities.

Digital Challenge winners



Mrs Bearblock also launched our third annual 'Digital Clean Up' challenge, encouraging us all to do a 'spring clean' of old emails, text messages, photos, and videos. It was great to see the whole school participate!

We then celebrated World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Our theme this year was, 'Snuggle with a Book'. The children were invited to come to school in their pyjamas or dressed as a book character if they preferred. Children were also encouraged to bring their favourite book to school to share with their peers.



Mrs Needle & Mrs Young



Miss Hawkins & Mrs Mann



Miss Atkinson



Mr Noble

Check out these wonderful costumes



Our fabulous choir also took part in **Telford Sings**, a musical event organised by **Telford & Wrekin** to provide children across the borough the opportunity to participate in a **musical performance**.

To celebrate the **King's Coronation**, Friday 5th May was a 'Red, White and Blue Day'. All children and staff came to school wearing these colours. We also arranged a **whole school picnic** to celebrate the grand opening of our new community fruit and vegetable garden - **The King's Patch**. The **King's Patch Planters** have been busy harvesting our wonderful produce, such as **potatoes**, **onions**, **beetroot**, and **lettuce**.



Our pupils had fun celebrating in style!



The Grand opening of The King's Patch

Our teachers also had an great time in **Arthog** with both the **Year 2** and **Year 6** children. The children had lots of fun **rock climbing**, **canoeing**, and **playing team games** on the beach. The children tackled all the activities in the '**Hollinswood way**', with bucket-loads of **resilience**!



Our Year 2's at Arthog



We also welcomed two new members of teaching staff - Miss Avery, and Miss Chantry, welcoming back from maternity Mrs Powers, whilst saying short farewell to Miss Hughes following the birth of her new arrival and goodbye to Mrs Tyrer who will be leaving Hollinswood at the end of term to take up a new post at Abraham Darby.

We also wish our year 6's - the class of 2023 the best of luck, as they leave Hollinswood as resilient, responsible, respectful, and resourceful individuals, ready to take on the next chapter at secondary school.



This term in particular has also been eventful. From showcasing the children's musical talents with our In Harmony Music Festival, and further talents with our 'H Factor' competition and year 6 performance, as well as inviting parents to our sports days - the weather thankfully held out for both days!



All these wonderful events and more are featured in this newsletter but before you move on, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the children, parents/carers, and staff here at Hollinswood Primary School & Nursery for your hard work and continued support in making all these wonderful moments possible.

We have many exciting things to look forward to next year, but for now, be safe, have fun, and enjoy your summer holidays.



Safeguarding SQUAD



Mrs Morris

Computing
Leader

our deputy
headteacher



Mrs Gibbons

This term our **Safeguarding Squad** have been learning all about **online safety**. With the help of our **Computing Subject Leader**, Mrs Gibbons, they put together some questions to find out if the children at Hollinswood are **keeping safe online**. They used the results to give some important messages to **KS2 children** in an assembly – see below!

what our Safeguarding Squad found out:	what our Safeguarding Squad suggest:
Some of the most popular games children play are Fortnite, Roblox, Minecraft, Mario Kart. Games that concerned us are GTA, Bitlife, Call of Duty, Roblox, Fortnite.	Play games that have the right PEGI rating for your age – 3 or 7.
Some children are not checked up on very often when playing games.	Play your games in a shared space. Talk to your family before downloading a game.
Some children don't talk to anyone if something goes wrong when they are playing online.	Find someone you trust to talk to. A family member or friend.
Some children are playing on PEGI 18 or 12 games.	Play games that are for your age range – 3 or 7. Other games may have violence, bad language or unsuitable content.
Some of the problems children had online are: in-app links, scams and swearing in in-game chat.	Ask a trusted adult if you are unsure of something. Do not click on links within games. Leave a chat if someone is swearing and don't join a chat with them again.

Our Squad



The **Safeguarding Squad's** online safety project has been a big success and they hope to look at more topics like **road safety**, **safe places** and **spaces in school** and **behaviour** to name just a few next year!





Year 5 Trip to the Opera



Year 5 have had some fantastic experiences this June. On Friday 26th May, the cast of 'The Enchanted Pig', from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire came to Hollinswood to perform a workshop with the Year 5 children. During the workshop, the children learned the story of 'The Enchanted Pig' and how to sing like opera singers.



On Friday, the 4th June, we were all very excited to visit the Conservatoire and to watch the live performance of the Opera. It was a very different performance to the ones that we are used to seeing, with singing from beginning to end! The children were fantastically behaved during the visit and represented the school amazingly well. All the staff were very proud of Year 5.



Check out
our group
photos!





Welcome to

Drama Club

Lights
CAMERA
ACTION!



This half term Drama Club have enjoyed rehearsing some short "twisted" fairy tales. We performed in front of school children during the last week of term.



Our Drama Club leaders



Mrs Atkins



Mrs Young

Drama takes a lot of teamwork. We have to be great listeners and of course, pretty dramatic!

BRAVO

Drama Club is usually open to children in Years 3-6 and takes place after school. As well as rehearsing, we also play games to help us develop the skills and confidence we need to perform.



SHOW
TIME



Can you guess which fairy tale the children are performing?



Drama Club are a top

TEAM



Drama club members need to show **commitment** to a series of **rehearsals**. It's important not to let other cast members down. Our **supportive environment** helps us develop the **resilience** to listen to **constructive feedback** about our performance. We have to be pretty **resourceful** too when it comes to **costumes**, **props**, and **human scenery**!

RESPECT



RESOURCEFULNESS



RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY



Hello from

Foundation

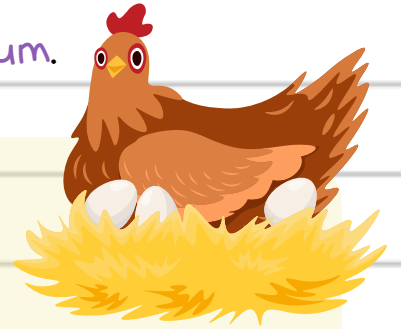


Mrs Mann

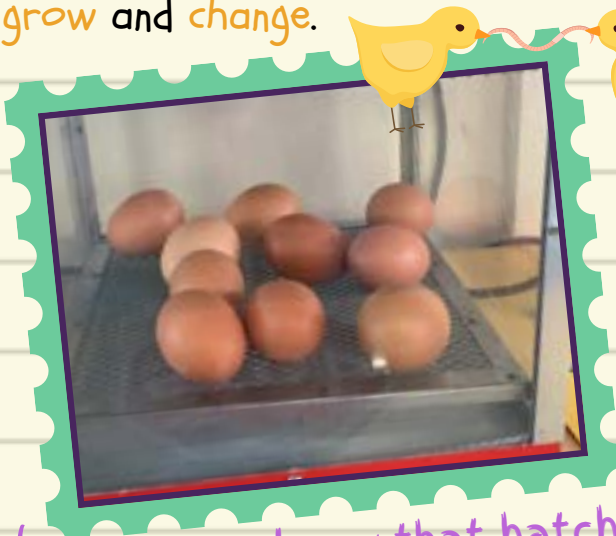
Base 5 teacher

Foundation have been learning all about **life-cycles** this term as part of our knowledge and understanding of the **World curriculum**.

Hatching Chicks



As part of this we have had the exciting experience of taking care of **eggs**, waiting patiently as the **chicks hatched** and we watched them **grow** and **change**.



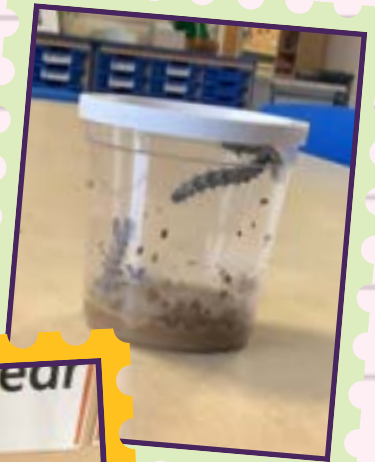
Did you know that hatching chicks usually takes 21 days?



Butterflies



Next, we observed caterpillars as they metamorphosed into butterflies before we set them free. The children were very responsible, ensuring that the animals were cared for appropriately.



Following this, we discussed how we have all changed since we were babies. The children loved looking at pictures of all their friends as babies and toddlers and talking about how different they all look now!



Mrs Tipton

Base 6 teacher and
Foundation Team Leader



Hollinswood Primary School & Nursery



Autumn Term 2023 **NURSERY** **ADMISSIONS**



REQUIREMENTS

We admit children to our nursery the term **AFTER** their 3rd birthday.

To see if you qualify for the 30 Hour Funded sessions please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Complete our online
nursery registration form

Contact Us

01952 386920

www.hollinswoodprimary.co.uk



Sessions available!

We have the following nursery sessions available starting September 2023

15 Hours Funded (Monday - Friday)
Mornings (8:45am - 11:45am), or
Afternoons (12:15pm - 3.15pm), or

30 Hours Funded (Monday - Friday)
(8:45am - 3.15pm)

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Telford, Shropshire, TF3 2EP



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Competition

Vihaan Year 3



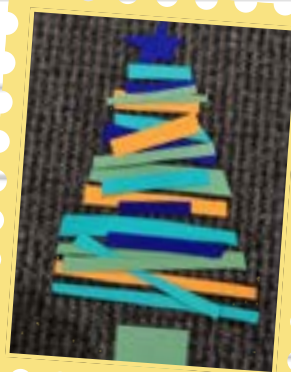
Bhavdeep Year 3



Ketan Year 1



Leeshitha Reception



Mrs Inakollu



AMAZING

Tiffany Year 1



To learn more about these artists and to view the amazing art entered into each month's competition, check out [our gallery](#).

Mrs Rekha



Mrs Scott

Our Competition Lead

This year has been an amazing year for art! This is just a tiny example of the many wonderful pieces of artwork provided by the artists of Hollinswood. It has been amazing to see the skills of pupils, parents and staff.

Artists this year...

September - Henri Matisse

October - Alma Thomas

November - Yayoi Kusama

December - Raymond Briggs

January 2023 - Steven Brown

February - Doodle Boy

March - Quentin Blake

April - Frida Kahlo

May - M.C. Escher

June - Georgia O'Keefe

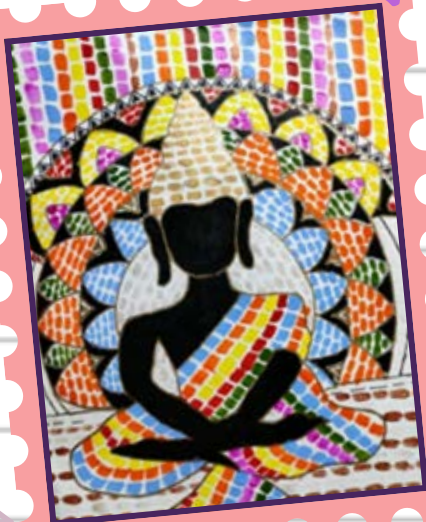
July - Antony Gormley

Share any **recommendations** of artists that can inspire us in the **future**. August will be a **free choice**, show me what you **can do**. Keep uploading your artwork to **Dojo** over the summer holidays and I will create a **Masterpiece Gallery** to showcase them all.

Dharshana Year 6



Mrs Shyamala

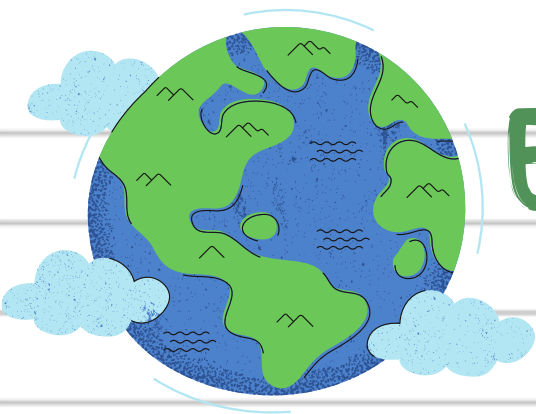


Mrs Gill



"Creative people do not see things for what they are; they see them for what they can be"





Eco-Initiatives

at our school

Our Eco-Committee lead



Mrs Bearblock

Single-use Plastic Reduction

This half-term we've continued our work on **single use plastic reduction**. Our Eco Committee's assembly in June shared about what single use plastic is and what it isn't. We did some **myth-busting**, addressing questions we'd received from the **wider school community** about cost, what plastic items we need to keep for our **own safety** and what plastic items are **reusable** and **very durable**.

Our Eco Supporters
from **Schneider**

Electric, Capgemini,

Transicon and

Hollinswood & Randlay

Parish Council, joined

us at assembly.

Let's get Myth Busting...

Does it cost more to buy our school supplies not wrapped in plastic?

Not necessarily. Mrs O'Reilly will look at what's available, how it is packaged, what the cost is, and will also let our **suppliers** know what we are on a mission to have as few items as possible delivered wrapped in **unnecessary plastic**.



Mythbusting cont'd...

Will we be able to get rid of all single use plastic in school?

Not at the moment. We need some single use plastic, such as first aid kit items, to keep us safe. What can we do with some of the unwanted single use plastic? Be creative! William in Year 3 created a fabulous scarecrow for the school allotment, and reception children created some amazing sea monsters!



William's Scarecrow



Collecting single - use plastic

Creating sea monsters is a serious business!



KEEP the SEA PLASTIC FREE



Plastic Free July!

All classes have been discussing ideas for easy swaps they can make during the Plastic Free July Challenge. A couple of examples of easy swaps, and also of keeping plastic in use for longer so it doesn't need to be thrown away after one use are: Using reusable shopping bags instead of single use bags, and bringing reusable water bottles to school so that single use plastic cups aren't needed for a drink of water!



If you haven't watched the Plastic Free July challenge video, here is the link: <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>

Bird boxes and insect hotels made from Lyreco's waste wood

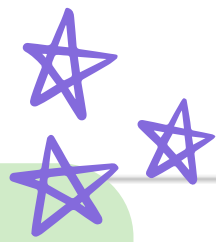
Lyreco invited us to make bird boxes out of their waste wood, something we did a couple of years ago for World Environment Day. This time round they've also asked us to make up insect hotels. Our Eco Committee sorted out all the pieces of wood into individual kits, and Years 6 and 3 have put the kits together.



We will keep some of the completed bird boxes and insect hotels, and some will be put up at Lyreco distribution sites around the UK. All of this is to support wildlife and promote biodiversity locally and nationally.



We won another Eco award!



Congratulations to our Eco Committee who have won the Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council Chairperson's Award for Young People. Cllr Unwin presented the award at our Eco Assembly, commenting that she appreciated the ideas Eco Committee had shared on how to make Christmas gift giving less wasteful and more sustainable. She asked us to keep sharing our sustainable living ideas, something that we do really well as a whole school.



Loose Parts Play



Transicon, a local engineering company and one of our Eco Supporters, donated large wooden cable spools, pallets, long sturdy cardboard tubes and other items for our parts play sheds. If you know of any manufacturing companies who have items they are discarding, that the children would enjoy using for imaginative play, please let us know.

As always, thank you from the Eco Committee for all the support you give to our activities.



Eco Initiatives around school



ECO FRIENDLY



Mrs Tipton

Reception have been looking at the story of 'the life of a little plastic bottle', as part of the schools focus this term on reducing plastic waste. The children have been learning all about the words reduce, reuse and recycle.

As part of plastic free July, I have decided to get crafty and make my own pencil pots ready for Base 1 to use in September. I used old pop bottles, plastic containers and scraps of paper from around the house.



ECO FRIENDLY



Mrs Colbert

WELL DONE



ECO FRIENDLY

A big thank you to Mrs Taylor who has donated her pre-loved plastic pegs to Forest School.

Gold star for keeping the plastic pegs in use for longer, Mrs Taylor!



Eco Poster Competition

Thank you to Mrs Dennis for hosting the Let's Dine Eco Poster Competition that was open to all children in foundation, key stages 1 and 2 to help reduce the use of single-use plastic in school.

Eco Poster Competition



Isabella M, Base 7



KEY STAGE 2 WINNER

Avisa R, Base 2



KEY STAGE 1 WINNER

Diyaa P, Nursery



The winners were given a personalised reusable water bottle and colouring pencils. Well done to everyone who entered all your lovely posters will be displayed in our dining halls as a reminder to reduce the use of single-use plastic!



Let's Dine Together

Our School cook



Mrs Dennis



Year 5

BASE 7 & 8



Miss Thomas

Base 7 teacher

Let's check
out our guest
reviews...

On Wednesday 14th June, Year 5 had another treat when parents were invited to come and dine in school. This was great fun! The children loved having their parents in school and we had a fantastic turn-out. Huge thanks to everyone who came and spent lunchtime with us - we really enjoyed your company.

"Thank you very much, it was lovely to sit with my child and experience Hollinswood Primary lunchtime"

"Had a lovely roast, it was nice to have lunch with my child"



Base 15

Friday 7th July



Mrs Davies
Base 15 teacher

It was lovely to welcome you all into Base 15 and great to see the children enjoying lunch with their parents. Special thanks to our amazing kitchen team too! We had lots of very positive comments about how delicious the food was!



"Very nice lunch and happy to see how well our child is doing it has been lovely"

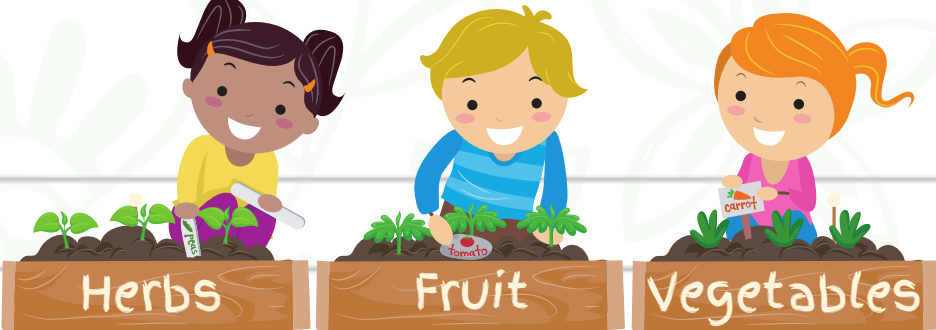


"Enjoyed the lunch with staff and children, great to see children so happy and working together. Lunch was delicious, thank you!"



"A lovely afternoon spent together great to see the interaction between the children and parents"





our Club leader



Mrs Newbrook

Gardening Club

The King's Patch Planters



our gardening club

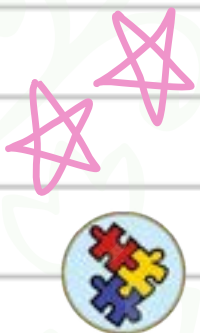
During the holiday, we had some staff from Cap Gemini join the Myself, Mrs Dennis and Mrs Telford for a gardening volunteer day. We planted four trees, dug out the remaining kitchen garden plots, built a bean frame and two cucumber frames. Many thanks to those involved.

THANK YOU!

to all our volunteers!



Our Kitchen Plots



The King's Patch Produce



Carrots



Potatoes



Onions and fresh mint

Our potato plants now have flowers and we are expecting to have these ready when we come back in September.

A bright yellow flower appeared mid week. We have several courgettes and squashes.

The cauliflowers are starting to form and our spring onions are finally growing.

Lets Dine added school grown beetroot to the salad bar, along with more of our own grown lettuce.

Check out all the amazing produce we have harvested so far - can you name them all?



Green Beans



Lettuce



THANK YOU!

for all your donations - we hope you enjoy your produce!



The King's Patch Produce

We would also like to thank ABC nursery for planting and looking after pea plants for us. These have now been planted out into the Kitchen Garden.



Check out the model of our school made by Diyaa in Nursery



We have made it to Level Two certification in gardening!

From Patch to Plate...



Maddison C

Tonight we had pork with veg from the Kings Patch. Potatoes sautéed with onion and topped with rocket, and some squeaky beans

From patch to plate - check out Maddison's dinner filled with produce from The King's Patch!



Sports SCORE



Our Sports Coach



Mr Griffiths



Our Y6 boys were at Shifnal for the annual Crossbar Cup. We finished 5th overall in our group after winning 2 matches, drawing 2 and losing 2. Well done boys 🏆🏆🏆



Our Y3/4 girls football team had a great time at Shifnal for the Crossbar Cup. After finishing 2nd in our group, we made it into the semi-finals but just missed out on reaching the final. Well done girls! 🏆



WELL DONE!



Well done to our Y4 boys football team who reached the semi-final of the Crossbar Plate competition, which was held at Shifnal 🏆🏆🏆



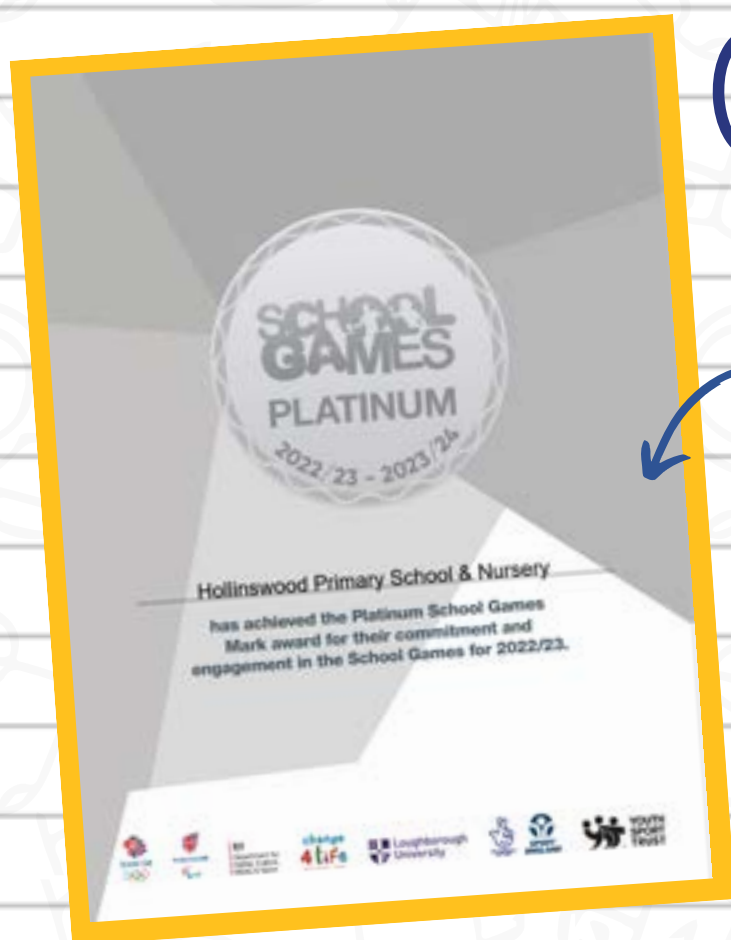
At Telford College for the Schools Football mixed Y3/4 PL Communities festival, we had every type of weather whilst we were there but had so much fun! Luckily the heavy rain held out just in time for our team photo!



CONGRATULATIONS

We are super proud to announce that we have achieved PLATINUM for this years Your School Games mark

This is our first ever time achieving the highest ranking mark, well done to all pupils and staff who made this happen! #TeamHollinswood



THANK YOU!



... to all the parent/carers who came to support on Sports Day and a big thank you to all the staff who helped make both days a success!



Sports Day

WELL
DONE

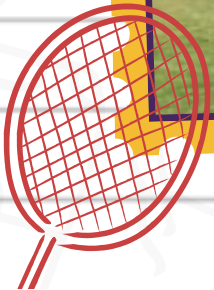
Highlights



Nearly at the finish line...



Cheers for a great day!



Sports Day

WELL
DONE

Highlights



Great to see the adults getting involved!



Ready, Steady.... GO!



Cheers all round!





SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

NGA Football has you covered this Summer with the launch of our new Soccer Summer Camps.

- Ages 5-12 years
- Boys & girls welcome
- All abilities welcome

ONLY £15 PER DAY

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Tournaments
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork challenges
- ✓ Fun games

WEEK 2

31st Jul-4th Aug
9 AM - 3PM

WEEK 5

21st Aug-25th Aug
9AM - 3PM

HOLLINSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dale Acre Way, Telford, TF3 2EP

**LIMITED PLACES
DON'T MISS OUT!**

More Information

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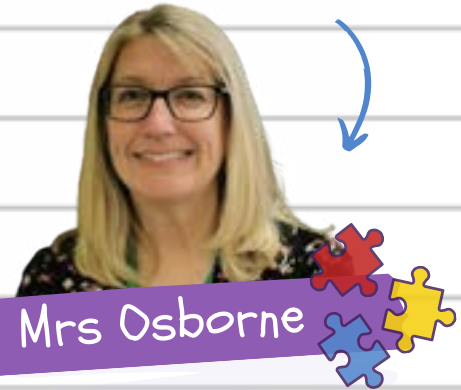
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In Harmony Music Festival

Our headteacher



Mrs Osborne

Lets see what our
audience thought of
their performances...

"Lovely to see all the
children getting
involved. Such a
good opportunity for
them to get started
playing instruments"

"It was great to see
all their hard work
come together in a
full orchestra!"

"Beautiful work of art. Amazing production!
Well done to the kids and the team"

"What lovely singing
:) well done everyone.
Thank you for
sharing with us!"

"Well done, absolutely brilliant, lovely to see
the teachers playing instruments as well"





In Harmony Music Festival

Spotlight

Advaith attends Hollinswood Primary School & Nursery, which is part of the In Harmony programme, an immersive school and community programme aimed at increasing access to, and inclusion in, musical learning. Advaith has made a lot of progress in his In Harmony instrumental lessons and orchestra sessions since he began playing clarinet in September. The orchestra team have also noticed how he has been getting involved more in the sessions. Not only does he apply his instrumental skills to the pieces he has been learning, but he also joins in increasingly with any singing and actions. When asked whether he enjoys his In Harmony music sessions, he said "I like Anton, he is really funny! I enjoy playing my musical instrument and like learning new notes." Advaith has also taken the opportunity to join the after school orchestra.



AMAZING



Year 6

Bikeability



Some of our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 courses which focuses on developing children's handling and control of a bike, boosting confidence and refining skills.



Great
Job!

As always, Year 6 were consistently respectful, followed all instructions, and were very courteous towards the Bikeability Instructors who commented that our Hollinswood Year 6 pupils were "a joy to work with." Isn't it great to hear such wonderful comments about our pupils?

Year 6 - you totally rock!



Year 6

Crucial Crew



Y6 had a blast during Crucial Crew this year!

The aim of Crucial Crew is to provide a fun and stimulating environment for children to learn to:

- become more aware of personal safety;
- learn how to react correctly to dangerous and threatening situations;
- understand the role the emergency support services play and how and when to contact them;
- be aware of their own actions and the safety of others.



Mrs Tyrer



Year 6 were spectacular, as always, showing superb respect towards the members of staff, demonstrating excellent knowledge and understanding of what has already been taught, and asking thought-provoking questions with new knowledge learnt. Crucial Crew staff were very impressed by our Year 6 pupils. We are proud of them!



Year 6



Leavers Performance

good luck

With trials, challenges and retrospective snapshots of the wild and weird things experienced by 11-year-olds, their teachers and their parents, this musical was the perfect way to end the year. Year 6 Hollinswood pupils stepped right out of their comfort zone and immersed themselves into their characters with style. Their singing was superb. It truly was an excellent show! Well done everyone!

Graduation Assembly



Year 6 had their Graduation Assembly this week, and it certainly was a memorable one! Each Year 6 pupil received a bespoke certificate summarising what they are best known for, and special awards were given to key Year 6 pupils. Please see below:

Music Award: Evan Male

Sports Shield: Earth

Paul Shutt Award:
Myraqil Tetteh

Mr Griffith's Sports Star:
Ruby Holloway



It quickly transpired that this year's Year 6 cohort is one of our **strongest** yet. They have all come into their own this year and each have their own **unique** and **amazing personality**. They will be thoroughly missed by us all, but we know they have a **great future ahead**. Their secondary school are **very lucky** to have them.



Mrs Tyrer



Mrs Taylor




Mrs Trower



Mr Sheppard

Mrs Tyrer, Mrs Taylor, Mr Sheppard and Mrs Trower, and everyone from Hollinswood wish our Year 6's all the very best of luck in their endeavours!





PD Day.
Monday 4th
September

Return on
Week 1 of
the new menu

Autumn Term
Term Starts
Tuesday 5th September
Mid-Term Holiday
Friday 27th October



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Schools
out for
Summer!