What a week! The school has truly embraced Values Week and the children have loved having a week dedicated to our core values. We have had visitors galore to enrich the week including; Circus Man, Perform Schools, Nick Carter (Explorer), Dan Jackson (ex-Aussie Rules player) and Stephen Hammond (Local MP). I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the creative learning going on and the children’s enjoyment. Here is a overview of what each year has been doing:

Foundation Stage: Foundation Stage focused on the value of Friendship. They read the Rainbow Fish all week and based our learning around the story. They made rainbow fish cupcakes to give to someone we like, for example a sibling or relative. We also did friendship colour mixing.

Year 1: Year 1 have been focusing on Friendship. They practised working together to solve problems. They made fire pictures for a campfire, designed and built a home for penguins as well as building a structure using pasta and marshmallows. They also wrote a friendship song together. Throughout the week, they had a wonderful time making more friends, sharing and taking turns. There was even a forest camp called ‘Camp Friendship’.

Year 2: Year 2 have been looking at the value of ‘Happiness’. They have made class Happiness jars and wrote their own Mr Happy Stories! They also explored different types of happiness and made their own emoji’s to show we wear our ‘happiness’ value with pride.

Year 3: Year 3 have had a great week learning about courage. They have made superhero cuffs and written booklets all about times when they were brave, created drama based on ‘The Wizard of Oz’, as well as making and decorating brave cookies.

Year 4: Year 4 have been focusing on the value responsibility. The children made up and acted out their own 'responsible' scenarios and then wrote a script. We also created Kandinsky inspired artwork, using colour and texture to represent each value. Lastly, they learnt a song about responsibility.

Year 5: Year 5 have been focusing on respect. They have looked at how they can show respect, who they respect and what they respect. To celebrate their learning, they have created a performance to the song Respect by Aretha Franklin.

Year 6: This week Year 6 focused on the value of Appreciation. Every day, they wrote down three things that they were grateful for - just little things that made them happy. They each chose one of these to hang on an appreciation tree.
Low Key Week

Next week is our termly ‘Low Key Week’. The purpose of this week is to give staff the opportunity to just focus primarily on the children, their learning and their own wellbeing. The staff at Hollymount go above and beyond and are truly dedicated and passionate about giving your children the very best education and experience at school. This week is testament to this fact. Next week, I am encouraging them to focus just on the children’s learning and their own well being. We will not be having any meetings at school and I will be encouraging them not to work all hours! There will activities in the week to support their wellbeing. I ask parents to also help out and **only contact all staff if absolutely necessary.** You will all be aware of the recruitment and retention crisis of all staff working in schools in the England at present, so we must look after our wonderful staff at Hollymount. I thank you in advance for your support.

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football

On Tuesday 13th November, the girls football team had a very successful first fixture. After watching England Vs Australia a few weeks prior to the event, the girls felt extremely inspired and played 6 matches where they won two, drew three and lost one. They missed going through to the Borough Final by just one point! The girls were extremely happy with their result and beamed as they shared the news back at school. They have been training with a coach from AFC Wimbledon every Monday lunch for the last 5 weeks to prepare for the event and will also have further competitive games in the summer term. Well done to Luca-Bleu, Emily, Sarah, Imogen, Charlotte, Leah, Ema, Lorena and Kate!

Year 4 Golden Threads feedback

We know that Hollymount children are wonderful but it is always lovely to receive emails stating this! It was great to receive this about Year 4 from The Arts Society Wimbledon. Well done all!

‘I just wanted to thank you, Miss Frost and all the staff at Hollymount for looking after us all so well on Wednesday which resulted in a highly enjoyable singing workshop in the morning. The children were incredible attentive and receptive and we all enjoyed working with them enormously. Please do send on our congratulations to them.’

Gates Open at 8.45am

If you send your children to school on their own, please don’t send them to school any earlier. Children should wait outside the main gates and not outside our neighbours’ houses.