23rd November 2018

It has been a great week where staff have devoted all their energy to children’s learning and their own wellbeing. I thank parents who gave the teachers a little more space to just focus on teaching and learning. It is clear that our teachers are doing a quite magnificent job as in The Times top 250 state primary schools in England, Hollymount came 64th. This is based on last year’s Year 6 SATs outcomes and is a simply outstanding result considering there are over 24,000 primary schools in England! Amazing. With December just around the corner, the school is a hive of activity with nativity and carol concert rehearsals in full swing and the PTA are busily preparing for the Snow Kingdom Fair on 1st December. Make sure it is in your diary. Have a wonderful weekend.

Aviva Community Fund

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting Hollymount in the Aviva Community Fund in an attempt to win £5,000 towards an outside classroom. Voting has now closed and we received an quite staggering 8,469 votes and came out top in our category. We now hope to be a finalist in the competition and our entry will be sent to a judging panel. Fingers crossed and thank you for all the support.

Hockey Competition

On Friday 16th November, Austin, Josh, Ethan, Mana, Sarah and Annie entered the Merton Quicksticks Hockey competition. The mixed team played in Pool A against St John Fisher where they won 2:1 and St Mary’s where they won 3 nil and Holy Trinity where they lost 2:1. Hollymount then played in the quarter finals against Poplar gaining an impressive four nil win qualifying for the semi-finals. It was then a tense 2:2 draw against Dundonald ending in a penalty shootout with Sarah scoring, taking Hollymount through to the final against Bishop Giplin. After another tense game Hollymount came 2nd in the whole Borough, bringing home six silver medals. Well done to our Hockey champions!
GOLD School Travel Plan Award

On Tuesday, two year 6 students attended a Transport for London Seminar at The Oval to walk about safe, active and sustainable ways to get to school. They were taught how to improve their presentation skills and ways to encourage more people to walk, ride or scoot to school. At the event they were awarded the Gold Award as recognition of all the hard work put in by the team, led by Miss Patch, and the positive impact they have had on keeping the children fit and active. Congratulations.

Viking Workshop

On Wednesday, Year 5 had a wonderful Viking workshop. Here is their report:

Yesterday, Year 5 did a workshop with Noah’s mum. We learnt about timelines and if we didn’t have a great great great great grandparents, we wouldn’t be alive. In the workshop we chose a piece of paper and for example if it said, Iron Age, we would have to tell facts about that age and we would act out a scene. Year 5 really enjoyed this workshop.

Year 1 trip to the Polka Theatre

Year 1 had a magical trip to the Polka Theatre this week where they watched ‘The Wind in the Willows. Here is what they had to say:

Ayah: I enjoyed it. I met Badger and the Toad is called Phil.
Lillian: I like the songs and catching the snow.
Emily: The story happened over the four seasons and we are learning that in Science.
Carter: I like it because it's about friendship and that's one of our values.
Jessica: I enjoyed it because we got to be close to the characters.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

We have added an additional date for parents to come and watch the KS1 Christmas Performance. The dates for parents to watch are:
Thursday 13th December at 10am
Friday 14th December at 2pm

Watches at school

It is school policy that children must not wear ‘smart’ watches. A plain analogue watch is just fine and will help them to learn to tell the time.

Reading Bus in the news!

Our fabulous Reading Bus was in the ‘My Merton’ magazine this month. Take a look:
Dedication from Oliver
This morning Oliver, Year 5, came to see me and showed me this wonderful piece of work he did at home yesterday. I am so impressed with the effort and enthusiasm he has for learning I had to share it with you. Well done Oliver.
Presenting Reach for the Stars: Art Calendar 2019

Every student made an expression of Stars in Art. Each year group then delivered a consolidated piece of “star art”. We are so proud of their passion for art, teachers who have motivated them and last but not least parent volunteers who have been there to assist this inspiring project. BRAVO Hollymount!

The kids in action

Look out! Ready for Sale on Classlist on Monday!

One of a kind & limited print run! 1 for £8
Value Deal: 2 for £14

Count down: 1 week to our Snow Kingdom Winter Festival, 1st Dec, Saturday

Let’s make this an amazing winter festival:

PLEASE HELP!

We need your fair donations (check list from fair pack)

We need help setting up – from 2 pm, until it gets dark, hence the more the merrier.
(30th Nov, Fri : check Classlist for volunteer list)

Hurry! Return your raffle tickets for a chance to win a

PTA Donation

A brand-new Hi-Tech Projector for the school hall from PTA fund.

A big thank you to parent Mike Roberts (Felix, Y5) for his above and beyond generous time for professional installation, personal donations of headsets for the ICT suite and TV screens in key areas of the school.
Aviva Community Fund - Hollymount tops category!

Hooray!

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone for supporting Hollymount in the Aviva Community Fund, to win £5,000 towards an outside classroom.

Voting closed at midday Tues, and Hollymount received an incredible 8,469 votes and came top in our voting category!! The voting numbers we received were outstanding for a small primary school. We should receive confirmation from Aviva by the 27th Nov that Hollymount has become a finalist in the competition. The PTA will then submit additional paperwork to the Aviva judging panel concerning how the outside classroom will be delivered and we receive final confirmation from Aviva by the end of January as to whether we will be awarded the grant.

Once again thank you everyone for your support for this project!!

Please Check Your School Bags!

Quick! Get your raffle tickets for a chance to win a PS4 (drop it in the PTA box)

Please Bring Donations & Volunteer at your stall

Recycling and Rubbish

This year the PTA is making steps to becoming more environmentally friendly. We have some pre-existing stocks of straws, plates and cutlery but will be gradually phasing in biodegradable products.

We will also be making an effort to recycle more. The recycling will be similar to how Merton council recycle. Tins and glass in one bin, clean paper and card in another and a landfill bin. There will be several recycle stations around the fair and the bins will be clearly labelled.

How can you help?

- Please be sure to put your rubbish in the correct bins.
- If you have re-usable coffee cups please bring them.

Once again thank you everyone for your support for this project!!

As all things move in a fast pace with technology, our books in the Bus Library also needs to be refreshed ... please lookout for the book plate stall and kindly donate and leave your mark as a book donor for our Bus Library.