It has been a rather social week at Hollymount. We had a staff Macmillan Cake Bake (I have never seen so many cakes on one staff room table), Parents Open Evening on Thursday and a tour for prospective parents today. Thank you to all the parents that attended the Parents Open Evening on Thursday. It was a really excellent turnout and it was great to meet parents that I haven't had the chance to meet before. Thank you to the PTA for staffing the bar– always a much needed addition to an Open Evening. I would also like to comment on how wonderful our Pupil Assistants were. They were incredibly polite, charming and welcoming. They were real ambassadors for the school. Have a wonderful weekend.

Harvest Festival

Next Friday (5th September) we are celebrating Harvest Festival. There will be a special Friday assembly at 9.05am with singing and Father Michael will be joining us from Christ Church. In preparation for the event we ask children to bring in a donation from the list below at some point from Monday to Thursday. The donations will be collected by the ‘Manna Day Centre.’ The Manna Day Centre provides both a compassionate and practical response to London’s poverty and homelessness problems. For some, it’s a place where they can come for their only hot meal of the day. For others, it’s a listening ear and a welcome respite from another day living on the streets. For others still, it’s a chance to get off the street and into accommodation. We are proud to be supporting such a fantastic charity. Parents are of course welcome to attend the assembly on Friday.

Items to donate

- Sugar
- Powdered Milk
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Pasta Sauce
- Breakfast cereals
- Rice
- Meat (tinned)
- Coffee
- Dilutable drinks
- Pasta
- Biscuits
- Shaving Foam
- Shampoo
- Deodorants
- Soap

Date List

October

Monday 1st
Year 3 to Raynes Park Library

Thursday 4th
National Poetry Day
Year 3 to Wisley

Friday 5th
9.05am Harvest Festival Assembly
3.15pm Great Year 6 Bake Sale
3.15pm Pre-loved uniform sale

Monday 8th
Chestnut class to Raynes Park Library
Year 2 Brightsparks Concert

Tuesday 9th
Oak class to Raynes Park Library
Year Wimbledon Bookfest

Respect ~ Courage ~ Happiness ~ Friendship ~ Appreciation ~ Responsibility
In the press

Noah (Yr5) and Mia (Reception) were featured in a Dutch newspaper. Unfortunately, my Dutch is not up to scratch so Noah explained why they were in the newspaper.

We were in Holland for a special reason. We were there for the giving of a green stone which is a very special rock from New Zealand. We were also there for the celebration that Abel Tasman discovered New Zealand. When they got to New Zealand the Maori blew the horn which meant war but the Dutch sailors thought it meant ‘Hello,’ so they blew a trumpet and then the Maori started a war and killed four sailors. My relative gave that rock to them to say sorry.

Pupil Absence Reminder

Under current legislation the school is only able to authorise leave under the following circumstances:

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<td>A special day set aside for religious observance</td>
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As part of National Poetry Day, Erin Bolens, a poet, will be visiting Hollymount. Erin is a poet, performer and facilitator from Leeds. She gigs regularly around the country and has performed at Glastonbury Festival, The Royal Albert Hall, Cheltenham Literature Festival and Camp Bestival. Erin wrote and filmed a poem for the recent Nationwide Building Society Campaign. She will run two assemblies for the children and set the children a poetry task to complete in class. She will also run workshops for some classes. This is being funded by the Parent Fund. Please look out for more information about the Parent Fun in upcoming newsletters.

Superhero Staff

Congratulations to Ann Wilkinson, Joyce Vinas and Kate Darwin for completing the ‘Shine Walk’ for Cancer Research. A 26 mile walk through the night all in the name of fundraising. We are very proud of them and they certainly showed all our school values.
Hollymount School Values

This term we are exploring the Value of Respect

At Hollymount School we believe Respect is made up of many different characteristics and actions:

- Compromise
- Caring
- Thoughtfulness
- Compassion
- Kindness
- Empathy
- Collaboration
- Acceptance

Respect is something that we all deserve but in order to get respect you must give it to others. It is earned not given.

Definition of Respect:

- Showing due regard for the feelings, wishes or rights of others
- Admiration for someone due to their abilities, qualities or achievements
- Respect for self - caring for yourself both physically and mentally

It is also important to remember that in the midst of respecting those around us we must also remember to respect ourselves. We are all special, unique individuals who have the right to be respected for who we truly are.
THANK YOU
For attending our PTA Coffee Morning :
Have a cuppa with your Headteacher :
We had over 50 parents and Hollymount senior leadership Team

Here are some feedback from the attendees :

“I found it very interesting when you talked about the amount raised by internal fundraising and that we achieve from other sources. I thought you had a very clear vision about what you want to achieve this year regarding this external fundraising and I thought it was an excellent idea. As you said it is a way of getting money with relatively little effort on behalf of everyone, rather than just putting on more events and risk people feeling overloaded and seeing a drop in attendance.

The clear timeline of the events over the year and what needs to be done really helped people to be able to see what was required and begin to think about what part they could play.
I also loved the theme for the winter fair! Amazing!” Ann PopeDeputy Headteacher/Inclusion Manager

“With my first child starting reception, I had no real knowledge of what the PTA do. The coffee morning was insightful and informative. Not only did I learn how the PTA fund raise and spend this money but more importantly how we as parents can help. I have already begun the process of getting my partner’s business involved through donation to the school. Our PTA at Hollymount does great work and I look forward to helping where I can. Jacqueline Davies, Parent, Reception

Grown out of your Uniform?
Come to the Pre Loved Uniform Sale
5th October, 3.15pm, School Playground

The Great Year 6 Bake Sale
Fundraising for Class Resources
5th October, 3.15pm, School Playground

For Shine & Spook Disco or
Snow Kingdom Winter festival
Forms attached – drop them at PTA mail box or email to hollymountpta@gmail.com
PTA VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: ____________________________ Childs Yr Group: ________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________

SNOW KINGDOM
WINTER FESTIVAL
1ST DECEMBER 2018

WINTER FAIR (1ST DEC)

Tick one (or more!) of the areas you’d like to volunteer to help:

☐ Social Media & PR
☐ Class Rep Co-Ordination
☐ Food & Beverage Management
☐ Raffle Prize Collections
☐ Logistics
☐ External Stalls Co-ordination
☐ Sponsorship & Donations
☐ Live Entertainment
☐ Eco Friendly / Recycling Plan
☐ General Helper

SHINE or SPOOK
DRESS UP
2 NOV
DISCO

DISCO (2ND NOV)

Tick one (or more!) of the areas you would like to volunteer to help:

☐ DJ / MC
☐ Organisation
☐ Chaperone on the day – KS1
☐ Ticketing
☐ Chaperone on the day – KS2

THANK YOU!!!!

Any queries contact me via Classlist: Louise Cabecas
Please return via PTA Box in playground.
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