It was great to see so many parents attend the parent consultations this week. We know that when schools and parents work closely together, children’s schooling experience is so much more positive.

Today, we said goodbye (for the time being) to Mrs Daffue and Mrs Singfield. Both are going on maternity leave and I am sure you will want to join me in wishing them well. They will be missed but we have two wonderful replacements. Mrs Dooley is in Holly Class and Miss Poverello in Year 3. They have been in for the last week or so and at the parent consultations. I want to warmly welcome them to Hollymount and hope they enjoy their time with us. I can hardly believe that we are half way through the academic year! It really is flying by. I hope you all have a wonderful half term and I look forward to the start of Spring on our return.

15th February 2019

Year 5 trip to High Ashurst

Here is a report from a Year 5 pupil.

On the first day of High Ashurst, we arrived and had lunch. Shortly after that we have a 20 minute run-around. We also did some super fun woodland skills where we collected silver birch twigs and lit them using a ferrocerium rod (also known as flint and steel.) Then we were escorted to our dorms and unfolded our clothes. After that, we had dinner at 5.30pm. We had spaghetti bolognaise. We watched a movie and fell asleep...well most of us. The second day we got up at roughly 7.30am and went to breakfast. We did the leap of faith and the pizza box and then had lunch. After lunch, we did the challenge course which was made up of obstacles and tricky turns. Then we had an evening walk...it was time to sleep! We had one more activity on Friday then we all fell asleep on the way home. What an adventure.

All the photos are on the parents section of the school website.

100 Days of School

Year 1 celebrated 100 days of learning! The children have worked so hard for the last 100 days, they deserved a morning celebration for all of their efforts! We started the day by sharing with each other the 100 items each child brought to school. It was so fun to see how a quantity of 100 can look so different. We also investigated different ways of counting to 100-1s, 2s, 5s, 10s, even backwards. The children decided in 10s was their favourite (and the most efficient). The rest of the morning was dedicated to activities revolving around the number 100. 100 exercises, 100 chart puzzles, 100 counting games etc.

MONDAY 25th February is an INSET DAY
Year 3 and 4 Gym Stars

On Friday 8th February, the Hollymount Gymnastic Team competed against 20 other schools in Merton at the Cannons Leisure Centre. The children were quite overwhelmed by the amount of children, adults and judges but after 3 hours of strong competing in their very first competition, came great success, with the team coming seventh overall. Lola came second overall with the vault, bringing back a shiny silver medal! Well done to our whole team of Nathan, Jan, Olive and Lola. Again a huge thank you to those who supported training for the competition too, Coach Fraser, Miss Middleton, Ema (Y6) and Lily (Y5).

Halal Food

Halal food will be served to those that would like it from after half term. Children will be asked on Monday if they would like Halal food that week and must say Halal to the dinner staff when collecting their food. Staff will help children with this until it has becomes familiar. Please discuss this with your children if they are going to have Halal food.

Deep Fear Project

As part of our continual effort to develop the whole child, we are taking part in the Deep Fear project. This is run by the charity ‘Committed Project’. They believe that children can learn from adventure and exploring and they support youth causes. This project involves a group of explorers overcoming their fears on an expedition to the bottom of one of the deepest, most dangerous caves in the world. It is a journey of self discovery. We have joined up with the charity so that Hollymount is involved. Children will get daily videos from the team and set small tasks to help them overcome their fears. Then, they will visit the school and lead a very special assembly based on their and the children’s experiences. The Parent Fund has made it possible to take part in this project.

World Book Day: 7th March 2019

We are going a little rogue this year with World Book Day and changing things up. The aim for us this World Book Day is for every child to explore their identity with the theme ‘My culture, my family, me’. Children are invited to dress up in something that represents their culture or their family or them. For example traditional clothing, colours of a flag, your interest or wear something that represents their character. Here are some ideas:

The day will be dedicated to reading and learning about other cultures and traditions though a class text. It promises to be a wonderful day. The Parent Fund is funding some of the activities during the day.

Year 6 Visit the British Museum

Year 6 visited the British Museum this week and use modern technology (iPads) to explore the ancient marvels. How exciting!