It has been such a busy couple of weeks at school it is going to be difficult to fit it all in this newsletter! It has been great to see parents in school so often. Whether it is taking part in fitness classes, visiting the book fair, tasting our school lunches or attending the Grammar Workshop. We look to continue to develop the relationship between school and parents as we know this has a huge impact on children’s outcomes.

As you are aware, the staff at Hollymount work tirelessly to ensure your children have the very best education and school experience. Next week, is our termly LOW KEY WEEK. I ask parents not to arrange meetings with staff unless it is urgent, give teachers time to just focus on the teaching and learning and help our wonderful office staff by holding off asking questions that can wait a week. I will be encouraging the staff to think about their own wellbeing and I hope you will support me with this. A third of teachers leave the profession within the first five years of teaching (DfE Workforce Census). This is alarming and I am sure you agree, we want to keep our creative and dedicated teachers at Hollymount.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy Super Saturday of rugby– it’s going to be tense affair.

Year 1 Rainforest Day
On Wednesday 6 March, a reptile handler came in to Hollymount school to teach Year 1 pupils all about the animals of the rainforest. Among the many animals we met were a chameleon called Albert, two snakes, and a large tegu lizard called Mowgli. Following this experience, they learned about the artist, Henri Rousseau, and recreated his famous ‘Tiger in a Tropical Storm’ in collage form. They also made rain sticks to add sound to our collages. The Parent Fund paid for this experience.
Help our office staff

- Please can parents give in trip letter permission slips and pay for trips/events on time. It is taking a lot of office staff’s time chasing parents for replies and payments. If a parent has not given permission/paid for a trip/activity they will be reminded once. If there is still no response, it may result in the child not taking part in the trip or event.

- When leaving a message stating you child is unwell, please also say what is wrong with them. E.g. they are vomiting, have a cold, high temperature, etc.

Sporty Parents

Over the last two weeks, parents have taken part in a yoga class and two fitness classes at school. Well done parents!

Deep Fear Project

Last week, Nick Carter came to school to tell children all about his Deep Fear project. He talked to children about the importance of bravery and overcoming fears. The whole school got involved in the project (Parent Fund funded) and some received very special Deep Fear t-shirts. I, unfortunately, told the children about my fear of snakes so therefore had to overcome my fear by taking part in the Year 1 workshop and hold a snake!

Year 5 and 6 Pro-Resilient Parent Workshop

REMINDER. Year 5 and 6 parents have been emailed information about a fantastic pro-resilience workshop we are holding at school. This is really a wonderful opportunity so I urge parents to attend the introductory meeting on Thursday 21st March at 7pm. We have only had 7 replies so please let the office or Miss Pope know if you would like to attend.

Ex- Hollymounters visit

On Thursday this week, Sam, Yanick and Alex (all former Hollymount pupils) visited to talk to Year 5 and 6 about their exciting challenge of cycling to Barcelona. They explained why they are taking on this challenge and linked it to our school values. The children had plenty of questions and were clearly inspired by the trio. They are raising money for three charities: PCRF, MIND and ALD Life. If you would like to donate, please go to this website: https://www.gofundme.com/london-to-barcelona

Spring Concert

The Spring Concert is taking place on Thursday 28th March at 6.30pm in the main hall. All children that have asked to take part in the concert will receive a letter today with more details. If they haven’t received a letter and would like to perform, please come and see me. There will be a bar open from 6pm and Wimbledon Guild (the school’s chosen local charity) will be at the event to raise awareness and money! It promises to be an evening of high class performances so please do come along.
Thank you parents/carers for your support!
We raised **£389** in our Year 3 Bake Sale
All monies raised will be allocated to the year group.

A special thank you to Phillipa’s Kitchen for donating delicious cakes for the sale.
[https://www.philippaskitchen.com/](https://www.philippaskitchen.com/)

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The Quiz night comes with a **new format** of BATTLE of the Classes.  
It is an **Adult Only** social evening with delicious food, bar and a fantastic Quiz Master.  
**Date in your diary: Friday, 26th April 8pm**

We are looking for sponsors for this event. If you are a local business or an individual who would like to help us with this event please email us at:  
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- One extra boot session

The Winning Class table will get an Adult Table Prize plus this class prize for their children’s class.

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Enjoy your weekend!