I have been lucky enough to have two stand out moments this week. The first was accompanying Hollymount Heroes to Link House on Tuesday. It was so wonderful seeing the children interact with the elderly residents and bring such joy to them. I was extremely proud of the children as they behaved with such respect, enthusiasm and kindness. Thank you to Miss Darwin for setting this club up as it really is something quite special.

My second moment that was thoroughly enjoyable was watching Year 5 perform at the Royal Albert Hall. They performed as part of ‘Music is for Life’ concert with 1,500 other your singers and instrumentalists. They performed with such energy and enthusiasm and what an experience for them. I was extremely impressed that they kept focused for the full 3 hour concert. It was also noted by staff how well Hollymount pupils behaved thought the day and evening. I hope all the parents that attended enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank you to those parents that have given staff a little more space during LOW Key week. Staff have been focusing on wellbeing by concentrating on teaching and learning as well as taking part in mindfulness sessions, shared lunches, HIIT classes, staff breakfast and spending time with our therapy dog, Roxy! I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Spring Music Concert
This Thursday, 28th March, we are hosting a Spring Music Concert. Over 20 children will perform a variety of pieces of music using a range of instruments including the guitar, drums and piano. Doors open at 6pm and the concert will begin at 6.30pm. It is a £1 entry fee and there will be a bar open for refreshments throughout the concert. So, please do come along and enjoy a high class evening of music.

Whole School Packed Lunch– Tuesday 2nd April
ALL children to bring in packed lunch due to Maths Workshops
Year 6 take part in a mock trial

Year 6 took part as jurors in a mock trial at Lantern Arts as part of their RE studies leading up to Easter. The children listened to a parade of witnesses, including Pontius Pilate, Mary Magdalene and a Roman centurion, give evidence to ascertain whether the body of Jesus could have moved from his burial tomb for any explicable reason. The children took part in a lively debate, giving evidence for their opinions, before presenting their conclusions. A lively and interactive way to study RE.

World Down Syndrome Day

On Thursday, Reception year recognized World Down Syndrome Day. The teachers wore odd socks and learnt some Makaton with the assistance of Viggo. Viggo’s family raised awareness by performing Super Trooper and luckily for us, filmed themselves! Please take a look at the video and read the comments to find out more: https://youtu.be/mzqLuPnvCFs. #wdsd19 #leavenoonebehind

Swimming Gala

On Friday 15th March, the swim team finalists took part in the Merton Gala Final. Amelia swam in the year 4 girls backstroke winning a silver medal and Bronte swam in the year 5 girls breaststroke winning a gold medal. Quinlan swam the year 4 boys backstroke, Austin swam the year 5 freestyle and Josh swam the year 6 freestyle. The girls ‘Relay Medley’ team was made up of Dominique, Lara, Alis, Sarah and the boys ‘Relay Freestyle’ was made up of Austin, Ollie, Quinlan, Josh. Both teams just missed out on gaining the bronze! Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer us on.

Values Theatre Production

On Monday, the whole school was treated to two productions based on our school values. FSU/KS1 were entertained by the story of the Hare and the Tortoise and KS2 enjoyed a range of Aesop’s Fables. This was part of enriching the curriculum and was funded by the Parent Fund.

Pro-Resilient Parent Workshop

Didn’t attend the Yr4, 5 or 6 workshop? Collect a letter from the office to find out more.

Baby News!

I am delighted to announce we have two new baby Holymounters! Mrs Daffue had baby Mila a few weeks ago and Mrs Singfield had Delilah last week. Both mums and babies are well and we wish them the very best.

End of Term Assembly

The end of term assembly will take place on Friday 5th April at 9.05am. I will award the school Value’s Cup and Academic Achievement Cup as well as the enormous House Cup. There will be other awards given out as well as songs to enjoy. ALL parents are invited to join us for this end of term celebration.
Many of you in our school community may remember Jane Purchase who taught at Hollymount for many years and also served as a governor until recently. We have been informed by her family of the sad news that she passed away last weekend. Jane was a valued member of our school community and her care and passion for children’s education made a huge contribution to Hollymount. She was also very involved in a variety of community activities, in particular the scouting organisation. She will be remembered with great fondness and respect by school staff and her friends from the school and local communities. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to her family. Her funeral will be held on 5th April. If anyone would like to attend could you please email info@hollymount.org for more details.
Hollymount PTA News
Week of 18th - 22nd of March 2019

A BIG THANK YOU to parents/carers for your support! We raised £713 from our Year 6 Cinema Night. All monies raised will go to Y6 experiences in France.

A special thanks to all staff, students and parents who have helped make this a smooth and enjoyable event.

Hurry! Book Your Ticket Now

HOLLYMOUNT SCHOOL 2019
QUIZ NIGHT
BATTLE OF THE CLASSES
DINNER & DRINKS

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2019 7:30PM
Parents please join us for an adults only evening of fun as we battle by class for the title - and Trophy ! of CLASS QUIZ NIGHT CHAMPIONS!
We will also be competing to win the ULTIMATE CLASS PRIZE PACKAGE consisting of an additional:
- MUFTI DAY
- COMPUTING session
- MUGA session
- FORT session

Where: Hollymount School Main Hall | Who: Adults Only
Tickets: £12.50 (includes a 2 course meal) | Cash Bar
Tickets are available to purchase in EVENTS on Classlist.

Purchase your tickets at Classlist- EVENTS:
https://parent.classlist.com/#/events/view/6424871026294784

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: hollymountsponsorship@gmail.com

Parents/guardians/grandparents who would like to donate £10 to our School Bus Library for your child/grandchild’s birthday.

Purchase your bookplates at Classlist - events:
https://parent.classlist.com/#/events/view/6309365153792000

Please purchase your bookplate ticket at least 2 weeks in advance of your child's birthday to ensure that we have time to buy the book and prepare the bookplate ready for their special day. The book will be presented in your child's class for their birthday.

Hurray! Another External Fundraising Effort

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All money received by Hollymount will go towards buying new books for the school library bus. So, dig out your green tokens and remember to vote for Hollymount at Raynes Park Waitrose from 1st April! Come on Hollymount – we can do this!
We continue to welcome PARENT FUND contributions. You may have missed the voluntary collection in Dec 2018. Parent Fund enriches the curriculum and gives our children memorable experiences. Options for direct debit or one off contributions are available.

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KEY DATES
26th APRIL 2019 8PM QUIZ NIGHT: BATTLE OF THE CLASSES Social evening for Hollymount Parents/Carers Venue: Hollymount Tickets available soon...

6th JUNE 2019 – 7pm AGM: evening social event.

29th JUNE 2019 SUMMER FAIR: Beach Party