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HOLYWELL'S EFFECTIVE LEARNING POWERS: H.E.L.P!

At Holywell, we use our school values to guide us with our learning. This month with we are focussing on Being Ready. This means you have the skills you need to deal with what lies ahead and to learn from as well as contribute to what is happening.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please make sure your child has a named water bottle each day. This helps keep them energized and hydrated throughout their busy day.
- The weather is very changeable at the moment so please remember to send them in with a coat.
- Wearing our school uniform helps children feel like they belong. You can find details on our school website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Stay & Learn

Following on from communication of key dates sent before the summer holidays, we are reminding parents that this term's Stay & Learn will take place next Tuesday, 23rd September, with a focus on Measure. The main gates will open at 2:30pm, allowing parents and carers to enter the classroom. The session will continue until the end of the school day at 3:15pm, when you are welcome to leave with your child.

Macmillan Bake Sale

PFHS will be holding a Bake Sale straight after school next Friday 26th September on the playground. All proceeds will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

To make the event a success, we'd be so grateful for any cake donations – homemade or shop-bought are both welcome. If you're able to contribute, please bring your cakes in on the morning of the sale (Friday 26th) and drop them off at the school office. Please include, where possible, a list of ingredients for those with allergies/intolerances.

Please bring cash on the day, as we are unable to accept card payments.



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Welcome Mayflower!

Today marks the end of the first week of our new Reception intake being in full-time. They have settled in really well and, whilst there have been a couple of tears first thing in the morning, once in class the children have been happily exploring their new environment. Below is a picture of their amazing lollipop stick house family portraits that they have all created.



Tapestry

Mayflower parents - remember this is the place to keep up with what your little one has been up to in school. If you have any problems logging in or activating your account, speak to Mrs Taylor in the School Office



Bikeability

Over the last week some of our Y6 Challenger children have been taking part in Bikeability training. Beginning in the playground then progressing to the local roads, they spent time practising important bike safety skills. We are thrilled to say all the children passed both levels 1&2 with flying colours! You will see them around school proudly wearing their Bikeability badges!



Fun at Forest School

Y6 Challenger Class have been busy practising tying lots of different types of knot and then making guides to help younger pupils learn these skills. Meanwhile, Y3 Oak Class have been harvesting sunflower seeds ready for feeding the birds this winter



We've got skills!

Y1 Richmond have been practising their handwriting and ensuring they have a secure pencil grip.



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Holywell School Celebrates Silver Success!

We are immensely proud to announce that Holywell Primary School has achieved the **Parentkind's Parent-Friendly School Silver Award!** The first school in the country to do so!
This remarkable accolade reflects our commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging environment for both children and their families.



We were made aware of this achievement when attending the launch of the National Parent Survey 2025 in Westminster. Also attending were esteemed guest speakers:

- ✦ Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education
- ✦ Sir Martyn Oliver, Chief Inspector for Ofsted
- ✦ Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner

How can YOU be involved?

We would like to form a Parent Forum representative of all groups across our School:

- from each Year group;
- parents and carers of children with additional needs and those with none;
- working and non- working parents and carers;
- families who have been at Holywell for many years and those who have only recently joined

The purpose of the forum is to provide a means of improving our two-way communication; and ensure that we reflect the needs and preferences of the families we serve.

Next Steps:

Let us know you are interested: catch one of us on the gate, pop into the School Office or drop us an email @ office@holywell.kent.sch.uk

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Y6 Experience the Magic of Equestrian Theatre!

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children had the incredible opportunity to see the breathtaking equestrian theatre show, ***Bravo! The Horse Who Wanted to Dance*** alongside 300 other children from the Trust schools. Filled with heart-warming tales and stunning performances, the show captivated our young audience and sparked their imagination. Not only did they witness the bond between horse and rider, but they also learned valuable lessons about perseverance and self-expression.



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