



Easter Newsletter

**This is a full round up of Spring Term
(Terms 3 & 4)**

We are nearly there for the spring break the spring break, we have all worked really hard. Once again we have covered so much and are launching Orienteering in to our curriculum. And hopefully the weather will mean more outdoor learning coming up.

Thank you for supporting our recent Easter service and for your understanding when it rained for the first service but what the children shared with each other here was lovely.

Our thanks also for coming along to your child's recent parent consultation meet ups. These are really valuable. Soon we will begin to put information for end of year reports together.

Mrs Fawcett has a beautiful daughter called Maisie Jane and we recently shared the news of the special future event of a new baby for the Richmond family due in August. We look forward to Mrs Fawcett coming in to visit us soon. Lovely to have HBA babies.

The residential excursion for UKS2 was enjoyed by our year six pupils. We were so proud of their taking part in this and really good behavior. We know behavior and engagement will be positive but it is particularly great when our children are complemented by others. Thank you to our staff who supported this and to our parents for ensuring we were ready for the time away. And for doing our return washing!

The new term will bring exciting new learning and support reinforcing our acquired knowledge and skills. SATs for year six will be soon. Thank you if you are coming along to Easter school.

SATs week will contain a special SATs breakfast and a chance for us all to be well prepared to do well and show all that we can do.

But for now we begin the Ester break, change the clocks and have fun and family time. Our children, staff and Governors of our academy wish you all a happy Easter and a lovely break. We return for a busy summer term.

Very best wishes and take care,

Sue Boor



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A message for the Academy Lead

As we draw to the close of the Spring term we will hopefully start to enjoy some better weather and lighter nights and mornings. The Spring term has certainly been a busy one with lots of learning and curriculum enrichment. Maple and Chestnut classes have enjoyed their curriculum theme based around farming culminating in a trip to Tattershall Farm Park, where they experienced a bird of prey show, saw lots of different animals including some very hungry goats and got to apply their knowledge around life cycles. Ash, Willow and oak classes have been around the world with their learning this term using their food technology skills to make vegetable cous cous, their geography knowledge to compare Brazilia and London and continued to work hard on their reading to support their access to the curriculum.

The outside areas are beginning to breathe new life with lots of planting happening in the polytunnel ready to transfer into the allotments and some clearing of vegetation in the pond area ready to allow growth and attract insects and pond life ready for the Summer term. Cherry, Walnut and Elm classes have been utilising their clay skills to further enhance their historical knowledge of the stone age, while Magnolia, Acer and Sycamore classes have thoroughly enjoyed the text 'Pig Heart Boy' which has allowed them to really explore the links with modern science as well as further enriching their love of reading and literature.

We have been lucky enough to take part in Young Voices in Sheffield where pupils from Holbeach Primary represented the academy brilliantly. The Easter services once again showcased the increasing confidence and performance skills of the children and the Year 6 children have enjoyed their residential trip to PGL alongside Holbeach Bank Academy where new friendships have been forged supporting transition later in the summer term to secondary school.

We remain amazed and proud of all of the accomplishments and learning that Holbeach Primary academy children demonstrate and the wonderful support shown by parents and carers. Thank you all and enjoy your Easter break.

Nic Kenyon

Term Dates 2024

Term 5: 16th April 2024 to 24th May 2024

Term 6: 3rd June 2024 to 19th July 2024



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Maple and Chestnut Spring Term Learning

Across the Spring term the children from Maple and Chestnut class have enjoyed a range of learning opportunities through the topics 'Long Ago' and 'Do cows drink milk?.'

They were excited to discover a time capsule on the school field which contained some unusual objects for us to explore and find out about. The children shared photos of how they looked as babies and discussed how they have changed over time. They role played different occupations and ways of life and talked about their hopes and dreams for the future. During our farming topic the children welcomed sheep from Willough Bridge farm. We found out about the different breeds of sheep and the responsibilities of farmers. The children sowed vegetable seeds so they can harvest crops in the summer term.



The term ended by celebrating our learning with a special assembly for our parents and carers and a memorable trip to Tattershall Park Farm.

Spring Term Learning for Ash, Willow and Oak Classes.

This term Ash, Willow and Oak Class have enjoyed zooming to different continents and cultures in our theme 'Around the

World'. As part of our learning, we looked at where we are in global geography, compared where we live to places near the Equator and looked at how our daily life compares to a child in Brazil. Through English we listened to stories from other cultures such as the Myth of Maui and the Giant Ika which we acted out using freeze frames and other drama techniques.





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An overview of learning from Cherry, Walnut and Elm Class

Spring Term 1 Theme: *Burps, Bottoms, and Bile*

Our pupils delved into the fascinating world of the digestive system. They explored topics such as digestion, learned about online safety, navigated the world around them, enjoyed reading the book *Demon Dentist*, and even had a blast playing Kabbadii.

Spring Term 2 Theme: *Tribal Tales*

In Spring Term 2, our students embarked on a journey through time exploring Tribal Tales and the Prehistoric eras including the Stone, Iron, and Bronze Ages. They immersed themselves in the classic tale of *Stig of the Dump*, discovered the wonders of rocks, and also delved into the Easter story.



An overview of learning from Magnolia, Acer and Sycamore Class

In Spring Term 1, Year 5 & 6 students have been engaged in diverse learning experiences, including studying the Mayans, reading "Journey to the River Sea," exploring changing materials, and reflecting on dreams and goals



As we dive into the theme of Blood Heart this term, Year 5 & 6 students have been actively engaged in exploring the themes of organ donation through the book "Pig Heart Boy." They have written diaries and letters from the perspective of the main character, Cameron, delving deep into the emotional aspects of the story. Additionally, students have been learning about the respiratory system and delving into the intriguing Easter story, expanding their knowledge and creativity



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Sir John Hayes

On the afternoon of Friday 2nd February Holbeach Primary Academy welcomed a VIP. Sir John Hayes, our local MP visited the academy to support the children in their Fundamental British values work particularly around democracy. The visit began with two year 6 pupils alongside the Academy Lead providing a tour of the Academy. Sir John was very lucky to have picked the day that the academy children were celebrating NSPCC Number Day with lots sharing their number knowledge and skills. The year 6 pupils talked about the work of the Academy and introduced Sir John to the classes and staff as he walked round. Sir John's visit culminated in being interviewed by Year 6. They enjoyed finding out about his role in parliament and the responsibilities he has as well as his hobbies and leisure activities. Holbeach Primary Academy would like to extend a special thank you to Sir John for his time, it was valuable for the children to learn more about the role of an MP and parliament.



PGL 2024

From conquering the high ropes to soaring on the trapeze, testing our aim in archery, navigating the waters in canoeing, mastering orienteering challenges, scaling the climbing walls, zipping through the air, and enjoying a plethora of other exciting games PGL 2024 was fantastic this year again.

See the website for our wonderful [videos](#)



World Book Day

Our recent World Book Day was a brilliant! Everyone dressed up as their favorite book characters and shared their treasured books. The children had a fun time

exploring the themes of bravery and hope in Joseph Coelho's "The Tower." They got to be creative with art, drama, and writing activities inspired by the story, diving into a world of imagination and storytelling.





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School Games Year 5/Year 6 Kinball Festival - Monday 22nd January 2024

Well done to the 8 boys who represented Holbeach Primary Academy at the Kinball festival at Bourne Academy. The morning started with warm up activities to get the children used to the court area and the kinball. After this the children played kinball games, which involves 3 teams of 4 children playing on the same court. These games were modelled and played at a 'slow motion' pace to get the children used to the rules of kinball, court positions as well as communicating with each other, as the very large inflatable ball has to be held off the ground by 3 members of the team.

After a short lunch break the children played lots of 7 minute games against all the other school teams.

To their surprise and joy both teams finished in joint 2nd place and were delighted to receive medals and certificates.

A big thank you to Rupert Gibson our School Games Organiser for running the event, well supported by PE staff and Sports Leaders from the Bourne Academy.

Sheep



Early Years and Key Stage 1 were visited by Willowbridge Farm and their Hebridean and Ouessant sheep. They learnt about the life cycle from lamb to ram and ewe, how they change as they grow and what the sheep and their fleeces can be used for. We enjoyed feeling their fleeces, handling products made from their wool and watching how they interacted with each other- even jumping on the hay bales! Their fleeces were different shades of beige and brown, their horns were short or curled. A great visit to support our learning in Science!



RED NOSE DAY 2024

We raised £135 by wearing a splash of red.





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Young Voices 2024

On Wednesday 21st February 20 of our children attended the Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Arena. They were part of a 5,700 strong choir that put on an amazing show for over 3,000 spectators.

It was an incredibly long day, but well worth it. We arrived at the arena and after getting used to being in such a big space, we took part in a rehearsal, followed by the evening concert, featuring performances from the children, the rapper MC Grammar, drumming sensation Nandi Bushel and soul singer Natalie Williams.

The children had such a great time, and we hope to

take part
in future
Young
Voices
events too



PE Days

- Maple- Monday and Tuesdays
- Chestnut- Monday and Tuesdays
- Ash- Monday and Tuesday
- Willow- Monday & Tuesday
- Oak- Monday & Tuesday
- Cherry- Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday
- Walnut- Wednesday (swimming) & Friday
- Elm-Thursday and Friday
- Magnolia-Thursday and Friday
- Acer- Wednesday & Friday
- Sycamore- Wednesday & Friday

**Term 5 starts on Tuesday
16th April 2024**

