

April newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to an April edition of the School Newsletter.

The letter contains details of what has been going on in the school from a PE perspective as well as some information from the Education Inclusion Family Advisor and the usual updated dates page.

To begin with though we are concentrating on the new catering service which has begun in school this term and is provided by HCL. We are getting lots of positive feedback from children and parents about the new service and are already beginning to see more children choosing school dinners. The service has still not had it's official launch yet however and this will take place at pick up time on Thursday 2nd May. As you arrive to pick up your child you are welcome to come to the school hall and sample some of the hot food which is available to the children at dinner times.

HCL are also looking to recruit a new member of staff to work in the school kitchens and details of this are on the page below. Unfortunately the contact details wouldn't copy over on the poster but I have instead included here..

Please contact

Lynne Harrison on

07580743606

for more information or

*visit **www.hcl.co.uk to***

apply today.

Finally an important reminder if your child is off sick or absent please cancel any pre-booked lunch by 8.55 each morning of absence.

I hope that this information and the rest of the letter is useful, if you have any questions about any of it please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Paul Baadeley

Holywell Primary vacancy



WE'RE RECRUITING

We are looking for a **General Assistant** covering **Holywell Primary School** to work **10.5 HOURS** over 3 days per week, term-time.

A career at HCL will provide you with:

- ◆ Fantastic career progression
- ◆ Competitive salary
- ◆ Full training
- ◆ Reward and recognition scheme
- ◆ Life assurance, holiday allowance and a pension scheme
- ◆ Family friendly hours, Monday to Friday, and term-time working for all our kitchen roles
- ◆ Benefits and discounts through our employee benefits package





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ACTIVE BREAKTIMES

We are piloting a new initiative for the children to have access to more equipment during break times and lunchtimes. For those children who prefer to have more of a quiet time, we are providing paper and pencils for them to be creative! Our wonderful Year 5s are doing a great job to help facilitate this so big thanks to them.

MOVE AND THRIVE

We had a fabulous morning in February with the Move and Thrivers! It was lovely to see children from different classes having fun together. Again, many thanks to our Year 5s for helping with this event.



PE POINTS

The PE Points system continues to be used during PE lessons, break times, lunchtimes and at Forest School. The children are awarded with a sticker showing the School value they have shown.

The PE Superstar Certificate is awarded to the children who have got the most PE Points. The PE Superstars for Spring term were: KS1 Eddie R, Felix W, Isla W, Florence F and Amy E KS2 Laura P, Henry C and Curtis O Congratulations to them!!

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CLUBS

Ball-Sports Club – We have been running this club for children in Year 3 and 4 after school on Mondays. The children have been having fun learning skills for cricket, dodgeball, basketball and football.



Girls' Football – KS2 girls have been attending training on a Wednesday lunchtime to improve their football skills. A big thank you to Kirsty Robinson who has been helping with this club. After February half-term, Kirsty also started a club after school on a Monday for the KS2 girls.

Holywell Mixed Football Squad – the KS2 football squad have been training on a Thursday lunchtime getting prepared for the upcoming matches and tournaments.

Cross-Country – Kirsty Robinson has been running the Cross-Country club on a Friday morning – a big thank you again for this.

Netball Club – KS2 children have been training hard at netball club and played in a tournament in March (see the tournament section). A big thank you again to Kirsty Robinson for her help with this club too.

Quicksticks Hockey Club—We have an outside provider called Primary Sports Stars who have been running this club after school on Tuesdays for KS2 children.

#LETGIRLSPLAY

On Friday 8th March, Holywell took part in the FA's initiative #letgirlsplay which is designed to encourage girls to take part and enjoy playing football. At lunchtime, the field was full of girls in their football and PE kits having fun playing football. Thank you to the Year 6s and Kirsty Robinson who helped to make this event possible. Nearly 300,000 girls across the country took part in this fantastic event!!



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FESTIVALS AND TOURNAMENTS

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Basketball

We took 3 Y6's and 1 very keen Y4 basketballer to the Hinchbrook indoor centre. The event ran with singular baskets and smaller teams of 3 having to work to score. The children were fabulous and had some very close games. The event was a festival format so no winners were announced but Jack was our 'MVP' for the event.



Quicksticks Hockey

After half-term we took 2 teams from Year 6 to the HSSP Quicksticks Hockey tournament at St Ives One Leisure. Year 6 had been learning Quicksticks in PE and their hard work showed on the pitch. Lots of goals were scored by both the 'A' and the 'B' Team, with the 'B' Team coming in 2nd place out of 9 schools! Well done to all our players!



Gymnastics

Our Y4 children ventured to the Huntingdon Gymnastics Centre for a 'Key Steps' competition. They had been practising routines in their PE lessons, as well as at home, and performed either a Floor or Body Management routine as well as the vault. We were so proud of each child for their admirable courage and well-rehearsed skills. We were so happy to hear both teams came within the top 3 with the A team taking 2nd place and the B team taking 3rd place.



Netball

In March our netball team took part in the annual tournament at St Ivo School. Miss Tyers was over the moon with how the children played—great skills, loads of goals and super team spirit!



Panathlon

In January we took 6 children from KS2 to the HSSP Panathlon at One Leisure St Ives. The children had a great time and worked so well as a team.



SUMMER EVENTS

- Y1/2 Girls' Football Festival
- KS2 Inclusive Football Festival
- Y3 Orienteering Festival
- Y3/4 Tri Golf Festival
- Y6 NFL Flag Football Tournament
- Y3/4 Tennis Festival
- Y5/6 Quadkids Athletics Competition
- Y5/6 Cricket Competition
- 'A' & 'B' Team Football Tournament

Football

We hosted the 'B' Team Football Tournament in January. We lost our first 3 games, however, the children showed fantastic resilience and we won our final game 3-1 which we were all thrilled about!

In late January, we attended the Girls' Football Pokemon Cup District Finals. The girls showed fantastic team spirit. We had a mixture of wins, losses and draws and all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

In February, some of the Year 3s and 4s played in the HSSP Mixed Football Tournament. What a wonderful morning we had—goals aplenty, fantastic team work and lots of smiles. Well done everyone!

On a wet and muddy Thursday, our 'A' Team footballers showed their skills and resilience at the 'A' Team tournament. Whilst the team didn't win any games, they were a pleasure to be with and showed courage and perseverance! Well done all!

In early March, we took 15 girls from Year 3 and 4 to a Girls' Football Festival. They scored and saved lots of goals and had a fun-filled football afternoon!



We have had a busy Spring term with lots of children attending festivals, tournaments and competitions. A big thanks to the Hunts Schools Sports Partnership (HSSP) for putting on many of these fantastic events. Also thank you to all the parents who have helped with transport to these events.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter April 2024

A Message From Me

Hello, I am Katie Smith and the EIFA for your school. My role is to support families who are experiencing challenging episodes in their family lives. You can request a call through my contact form - <https://forms.office.com/e/m1mm99M7A0>

This half term we will be hosting some new workshops covering a whole range of area's including *Getting it right for the children*, *Sibling rivalry*, *What to do when kids push your buttons* and *Managing challenging behaviour*. We are also offering *Transition workshops* for those heading into Primary as well as those moving on up to Secondary.

Descriptions to these are on our separate poster and links to these can be found below in 'Check it out!'

Activity Idea

Now that Spring is here and the weather is getting warmer, it may be nice if you go outside and create some pictures using what is around you. Whether you are on a beach or in the middle of a wood, you can create some stunning pictures, as a family using the materials that you find.



Parenting Top Tip

How can I help my child manage angry feelings positively?

- Talk to your child about what they are finding difficult.
- If they do not want to talk, see if you can find other ways to communicate.
- Help them identify triggers.
- Support them to find more positive ways of managing their anger.
- Create a plan of action together.
- Keep to the rules.
- Model the behaviour you want to see.
- Reassure your child and stay positive.

Check it out!

NEW workshops in April and May 2024

Core Offer Workshops

<https://forms.office.com/e/Dw4JzZ5232>

Transition Workshops

<https://forms.office.com/e/ce65VGXsQt>

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer



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Sibling Rivalry – Tuesday 7 May, 12:00-13:00

During the workshop we will be exploring the range of feelings that exist between siblings and the needs a child has from its parents and carers in relation to his/her siblings; learning about the factors that can affect sibling relationships and lead to rivalries developing. We will consider the range of behaviours that can be observed between siblings who are not getting on and the role of parents and carers in managing these behaviours. We will spend time covering strategies and think about techniques that will work with all ages but also share those that might be targeted at certain age groups.

What to do when kids push your buttons – Tuesday 14 May, 12:00 – 13:00

During the workshop we will be exploring strategies for parents to remain calm during challenging situations, understand what happens when children get angry and how to help the children develop self-regulation of emotions.

Managing challenging behaviour – Tuesday 21 May, 12:00-13:00

During the workshop we will be exploring what the reasons behind challenging behaviour and supporting parent to understand the reasons behind the behaviour as well as offering strategies for managing situations in a positive way.

To book a place, please click on the link below or scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Dw4JzZ5232>



For more information speak to your school office or contact us directly on:
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Transition from Early Years to Primary school

Tuesday 7th May 2024 - 18:00-19:15

Wednesday 15th May 2024 – 12:30-13:45

The workshop will cover strategies for encouraging children's independence and self-care skills, instruction following skills, social skills in school, helping children to understand emotions and how to talk about them, helping children to problem solve, separation and leaving you and importance of sleep.

Transition from Primary to Secondary school

Thursday 9th May 2024 – 12:30 – 13:45

Tuesday 14th May 2024 – 18:00 - 19:15

The workshop will explore feelings your child might have before starting secondary schools, friendships, what to expect in secondary school, ideas for being organised and time management, travelling to school, ideas for emotional support for your child, importance of sleep/screen time and further signposting.

Please use the link below or scan the QR code to book your place.

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1 - Dates

New Dates In Bold

- **1st May - Year 1 Trip to Hamerton Zoo**
- **2nd May - Reception trip to South Angle Farm**
- **2nd May - Official Launch of new catering company HCL after school (see above)**
- **2nd May - Cross Country Competition**
- **6th May - Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)**
- **7th May - Year 3/4 Orienteering Festival**
- 8th - 10th May Thorpe Woodlands (Year 4)
- 13th May - SATS Week

- **14th May - Year 3/4 Tri-Golf**
- **17th May - NFL Flag Football Tournament**
- **21st May - Year 3/4 Tennis Festival**
- 23rd May - Class Photos
- **24th May - Training Day (School Closed)**
- **27th May - 31st May Half Term (School Closed)**
- 3rd -5th June - Hilltop (Year 6)
- **4th June - Year 5/6 Quad Kids Athletics**
- **6th June - A Team Football Tournament**
- **10th June - KS2 Inclusive Football Festival**
- **11th June - Introduction Evening For New Parents/Carers in September**
- **11th June - Year 5/6 Dynamo Cricket**
- **13th June - B Team Football Tournament**
- 18th June - Sports Day - Morning Carousel and Picnic Lunch (Reserve date 26th June)
- 20th June Sports Day - Races Afternoon (Reserve date 27th June)
- **25th June - Year 3/4 Cricket Festival**
- 29th June - Summer Fair (HSA)
- **1st July -5th July - School Art Week**
- **2nd July - Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival**
- 5th July - Summer Disco (HSA)
- 10th July - Yr 5 and Y6 Production (Evening)
- 11th July - Yr 5 and Y6 Production Evening)
- 15th July - Celebration of Work open evening - Meet new Teacher
- 17th July - Y6 Talent Show (AM) Leaver's Barbecue (After School)
- 19th July - Term Ends + Y6 Leavers Service (AM)