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# THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate  
with Jesus.'**

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Last Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. The children were very enthusiastic about the theme of vocabulary and their words and costumes were creative and unique. I'm sure they also learnt new words and the meaning of new words. This week some of our pupils also spoke to visitors about their love of reading. They were enthusiastic and passionate and it was a joy to see.

We held another successful enrichment morning on Friday, where all our pupils from YN-Y6 had the opportunity to take part in activities based on the theme of 'spring', and work together in groups from across the school. Photographs of this will be on the class pages of the website and on our Facebook page.

Next week we are very excited to hold our first of three 'Subject Showcase' events. This is in response to parental feedback that you would like to feel better informed about what your children are learning at school. Teachers, supported by pupils, will demonstrate and display learning and what is being learnt from YN-Y6 in reading, RE, history and geography and art on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**. Please come along to find out more and to see our children in action.

A date for your diary in the summer term is **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**, when we will be holding our first 'International Day' to celebrate our wonderful, diverse school community. Families will be invited to school from after lunch to join the celebration. We have distinguished guests joining us for the event! More details to follow soon.

**'Diversity is having a seat at the table, inclusion is having a voice and belonging is having that voice heard.'**

God Bless

Mrs Linnane



## Upcoming Events

- 19<sup>th</sup> 2.30 Subject showcase  
20<sup>th</sup> – 9-10am Coffee morning with School Family Worker  
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**For regular news, updates and photos  
about life at our school!**

**Please see our website:**

[www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk)

**Facebook:** [TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](https://www.facebook.com/TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC)

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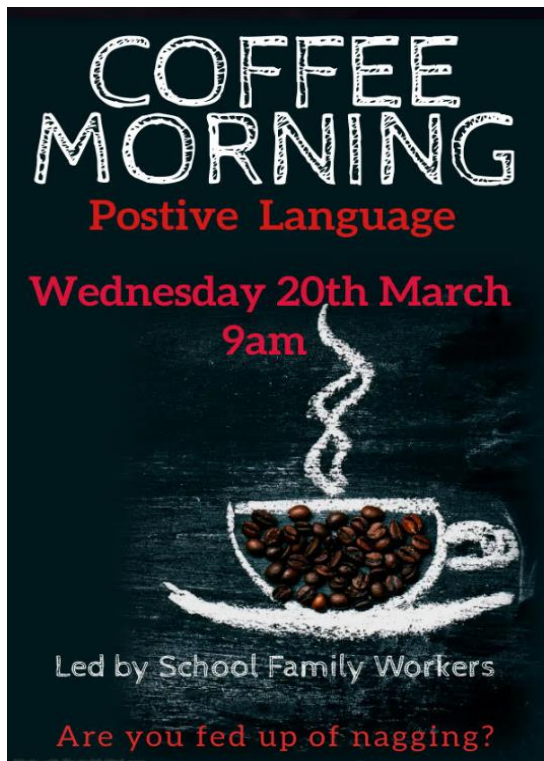
### Stars of the week

<b>Year R</b>	<b>Grace</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Maddison</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Max</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Eros</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Whole class</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Brandon</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Riley M</b>

**Whole school attendance:**

## Subject showcase

We will be holding the first part of our subject showcase event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. Parents are invited to school to learn more about the subjects your child is being taught. The first event will include RE, reading, history, geography and art. We look forward to seeing you all!



## Coffee morning

We are holding a coffee morning for parents at the school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. The school family workers will be available for an informal discussion. Come and meet other parents, have a chat with a coffee and biscuit. We'd love to see you!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Evelyne in Nursery on safe arrival of her new baby sister.

## Communication

It is really important that you read school communication that is sent out by email from either the school office or the class teachers. This communication may have important information about things such as school events, trips, assemblies or class events. A lot of time and effort goes into making sure that you are informed in a timely manner and often many reminders are sent out prior to an event.

## Girls and boys football tournament

Before half term 10 year 5 and 6 girls attended the a football tournament at the Ridgeway Academy. We were very fortunate to have a dry sunny day! This was the first time the girls have played as a team together and they did an amazing job! They ended up losing two and drawing two. Well Done to Emily, Taia, Emma, Bethany, Evie, Melissa, Roma, Tamiya, Elizabeth and Mollie! The girls all worked really well as a team.

On Monday our year 6 boys attended the boys football event at the Ridgeway Academy, Cian the captain wrote this report.

‘We arrived at the Ridgeway Academy, put on our boots and headed to the pitch to warm up for ready for our first game. We played 6 games in total. We played as a team in most games and had some great fun! Unfortunately, we finished in last place. Other team coaches said to us ‘well done for keeping on playing, you are a good team’

Our own teachers told us that we played well as a team. My teachers that took us to the event told me that I played really well. I felt lucky that I was the captain of my team.

Cian (Year 6)

Well done to all the children, we are very proud of you all.

## Building fund, are you contributing?

As a voluntary aided school we are required by law to raise 10% of the cost of developing and maintaining the upkeep of the interior/exterior and fabric of the school building and for any new buildings. To help cover these cost we are ask parents where possible to pay a voluntary contribution towards this. Our suggested donations are:

**One child: £4 monthly or £48 annually**

**Two children: £8 monthly or £96 annually**

**Three or more children £10 monthly or £120 annually**

If you are a UK tax payer in addition to your contributions we are also able to claim the gift aid on these donations. Please contact the school office if you require a form to set up a payment.

## Year 3 & 4

This week year 3 and 4 went on a school trip to Hertfordshire Zoo. Year 3 had a fantastic day, with the children describing it as *“everything they could have asked for”*. We began the day up close to a lion who jumped up to see our faces behind the glass. We saw Zebras, red pandas, camels, bears and snakes. But one highlight for lots of the children was seeing the penguins as we are currently reading *‘Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure’* as our class novel. In the book, Mr Penguin can’t swim, which is a peculiar problem for a penguin; we were very excited to cheer on a nervous penguin who was putting on a fabulous display for us jumping in and out of the water. We also had a talk from one of the zookeepers all about the animals’ diets, looking at carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores - we learnt lots of new facts. It was a brilliant day and the children described it as ‘magical’.

We have also been very busy practicing for our Easter play. The children have been learning all of their song words and lines off by heart and are really looking forward to showing this to family and friends on the last Wednesday of term.



## Year 5

Year 5 have been enjoying our topic of Ancient Greece this half term. In English we have been reading different Greek myths. In history we have learnt about the first Olympic games and compared it to the modern Olympics.

Our Math's lessons have been focusing on fractions and learning to add, subtract and multiply a fraction. We had a group of teachers recently come to watch a Year 5 Math's lesson and they were very impressed with their enthusiasm and confidence when learning about fractions.

Our topic in RE is about sacrifice and we have been learning about the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and Judas' betrayal of Jesus.

We have been very busy since coming back after half term rehearsing our dance which we will be performing at the Welwyn Dance festival on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. This year's theme is the Olympics and we have chosen "Eye of the tiger". We can't wait to perform it! If you still need to buy a ticket, please click [here](#).

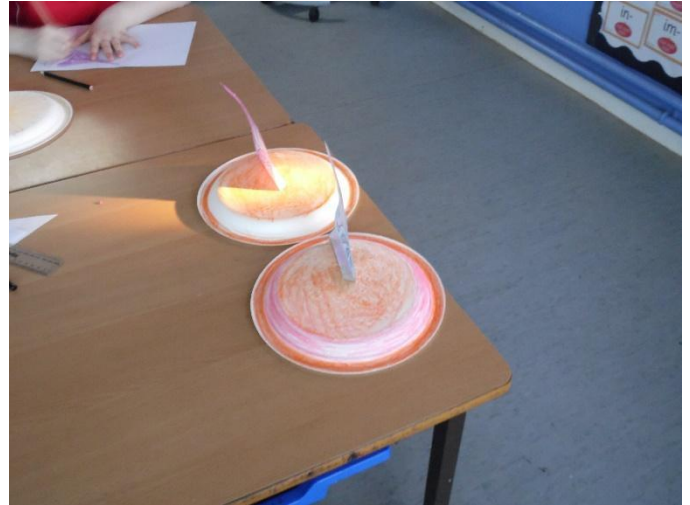
Lastly a big well done to all the children that have taken part in the bikeability course this week (in all weather!) and developed their cycling skills.



## Year 6

### Science Week

During Science week, we made sundials. We are waiting for the sun to shine so we can use them to tell the time. We used torches to show shadows.



### PE – Cricket

We have been enjoying learning some cricket skills, like underarm throwing, overarm throwing and overarm bowling.



## Dates for the Diary

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### April

- 15<sup>th</sup> – Inset day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Y5 trip to British museum
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 2.30 Subject showcase

### May

- 6<sup>th</sup> – May bank holiday
- 13th-17<sup>th</sup> – SATS week
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Egyptian workshop
- 17<sup>th</sup> Class photos
- 17<sup>th</sup> – HFFA Disco
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 2 Pizza Express trip
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 5 Space planetarium dome workshop
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

