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World Book Day

We hope that all of the children enjoyed World Book Day 2021. There were lots of stories, poems and extracts from books read out loud by Holly Park staff on the school website – Story Corner. We hope children managed to work out who the masked readers were! Every year group had a reading bingo card of activities to complete.

The activities included things such as:

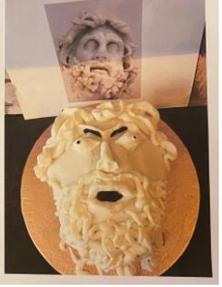
- Choose a poem you enjoy and perform it to someone in your household.
- Create an original book cover for a book you love (fiction or non-fiction).
- Read an article in First News or on the Newsround Website.
- Create a comic strip of your favourite story/part of a story.
- Take some non-fiction text and create a quiz sheet.
- Make a comfy den and read inside it (ideally with a snack).
- Build a setting from a book—use cardboard, lego, biscuits—whatever you have around!
- Take 5 different photos of you reading in different places
- Make something by following an instructional text
- Draw an illustration of one of your favourite book characters
- Design a raft for the three Billy Goats Gruff
- Write a book review of your favourite book
- Design and make your own bookmark
- Create puppets of your favourite book characters
- Create a new villain for a hero to defeat
- Write a riddle about a book character

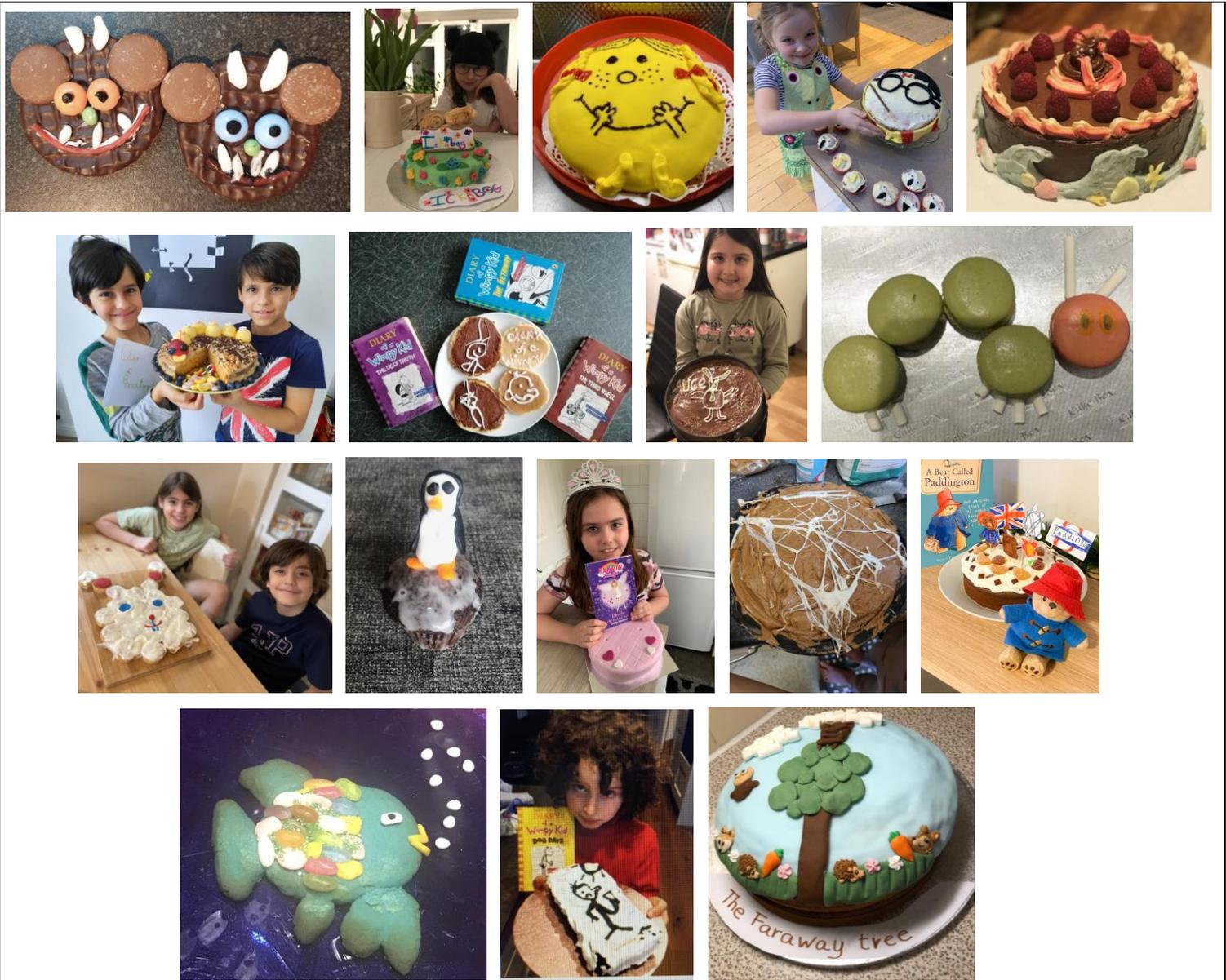
Instead of dressing up this year, families were asked to bake a book themed cake. There were so many fantastic cakes based on all kinds of books: The hungry caterpillar, Harry Potter, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, Matilda, Space, The Jolly Postman, Aliens Love Underpants, The Gruffalo, Alice in Wonderland and so many more. Thank you for your enthusiasm and participation in this – all of the cakes look fabulous!





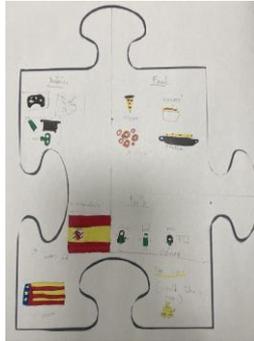
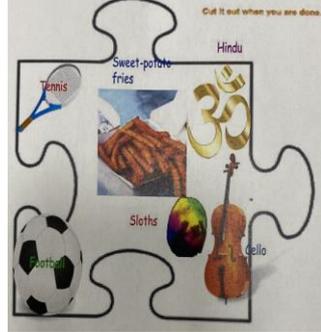
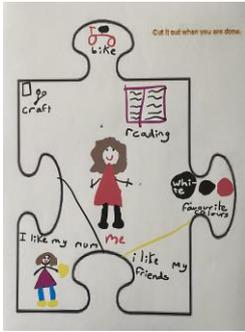
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All Part Of The Holly Park Puzzle

Holly Park is like one big jigsaw puzzle. Each piece of a jigsaw is unique and fits together to make a whole picture, in the same way that the different people in our school community fit together to make a whole. During the lockdown we have all been separated and the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle have all been individual pieces on their own in our individual homes. We are all about to come back together and to be reunited to put that jigsaw puzzle back together to make the whole Holly Park picture. Everybody belongs and has a place within the school. Hopefully we will have a renewed feeling of community along with positivity about being back at school. Every jigsaw piece has a unique place in a puzzle and every child has a special place in the school. There are many things that make us unique; we have different hobbies, talents, families and more that make us the person we are. We asked the children to draw and colour in a jigsaw piece puzzle to show what makes them – THEM! We asked them to think about everything that makes them special and the person they are.





Local Food Bank

There is a local foodbank quite near our school at St Paul's Church on Woodlands Rd. Some of our Holly Park families have been using it. The organisers continue to need donations in order to keep the foodbank stocked up. If you would like to make a donation to this local foodbank, please take along items to St. Paul's Church on Woodlands Road **on a Monday between 2pm and 2.30pm**. Please tell them you are from Holly Park. Tinned foods, pasta, rice etc will be gratefully received along with household products like washing up liquid, wash powder, dish cloths etc and hygiene products such as soap, shower gel, toothpaste etc.

100 Challenge

Lots of children took part in the 100 challenge in memory of captain Sir Tom Moore and each received a certificate. Over a weekend in half term Lexie in Y3 did her 100 challenge in memory of Sir Captain Tom Moore. Her challenge was to complete 100 basketball hoops over 2 days. However, not only did she do the challenge but she asked family and friends to sponsor her and raised some money for Beam (the local charity that we chose to donate to this year) Fantastic.



Dates

Monday 8th March – School starts for all pupils
 Monday 15th March – First Aid lessons in school begin
 Friday 19th March – House Challenge
 Monday 22nd March – First Aid lessons in school continue
 Tuesday 23rd March – Y4 PHSE parent meeting
 Thursday 25th March - Y3 Reading parent meeting
 Friday 26th March – Y5 Maths parent meeting
 Monday 29th March – Wellbeing week
 Wednesday 31st March – End of term at 1.30pm

Reminders On School Reopening

We are very much looking forward to having all of the children back at school on Monday. The school procedures will be identical to last term with many restrictions in place. A full letter of the details was sent out earlier in the week but here is a brief summary of the main points:

- A staggered start to the school day for different year groups
- No parents on the school site (except nursery)
- Entry and exit through the main playground
- Parents collecting or dropping off must have a face covering
- Children must not bring any extra items/ bags etc from home
- The children will remain in year group bubbles and will not mix
- Hand gel will still be used
- PE kits will be worn to school on PE days to avoid changing
- No communal gatherings for choirs, assemblies etc
- No parental events on site
- Classrooms will remain ventilated with open windows and doors
- Playground zones for each year group
- School lunches as normal – in bubbles
- Children must bring a named water bottle
- KS2 children will sit in rows
- Packed lunches will go to classrooms
- Breakfast club will operate as normal but children must arrive before 8.15am
- After school club will operate as normal
- Non Stop Action clubs will begin after Easter
- No forgotten items should be brought by parents after the start of the school day
- There will be staggered end times to the school day
- Parents should continue to report positive cases in families to the school and isolation periods must be followed
- There may be school bubble closures if there are positive cases of pupils or staff

The risk assessment is on the school website.

Timings Of The School Day

Please make sure that you are aware of the start and end times of the school day from next week.

Start and End times:

Y6 and Y5 start at 8.45am leave school at 3.10pm

Y4 and Y3 start at 8.55am leave at 3.20pm

Y2 and Y1 start at 9.05am leave at 3.30pm

Reception start at 9.10am leave at 3.30pm

Nursery start at 8.45am & 12.45pm leave at 11.45am and 3.45pm

Face Coverings In Primary Schools

Children in primary schools do not need to wear (and should not wear) a face covering and they should not be asked to wear one. Dr Susan Hopkins, the Chief Medical Adviser for NHS Test and Trace, has said that “the consensus among educationalists, public health and clinical specialists is that it is not advisable for primary school children to wear face coverings. That is why Public Health England has not recommended to the Department for Education that they should be worn by primary pupils in the classroom. Children need to see facial expressions to develop their communication and language skills and practically, they can have difficulties keeping them on all day.”

Travelling To School Safely

If you live a short distance from school it is a good idea to walk to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so. Avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. If you are travelling by public transport, don't forget to wear a face mask and sanitise

Helping children back to school (From Barnet)

It's been a challenging year for children and young people which is why it's so important that we do what we can to help support their mental health and wellbeing as they return to the classroom on 8 March.

We have a wide range of useful resources for parents, carers, teachers, children and young people on our [Back to School page](#). Some of these include links to the latest government guidance, tips on how to get back into a routine, important information on potential changes to the school setting and advice on dealing with anxiety:

- [Back to School booklet](#) for parents, carers and guardians with methods to help manage your child's anxiety, fix disrupted sleep patterns and build their resilience
- [Back to School presentation for primary and secondary school pupils](#)
- [Back to School presentation for primary school pupils](#)

