



HOLYHEAD
PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Cadbury World Visit

As a part of our Theme Scrumdiddlyumptious, we went to visit the wonderful world of Cadburys! What an amazing experience it was! We learnt all about the history of chocolate making and where the cocoa beans

originated from. We also took part in many fun activities including writing our names in smooth milk chocolate and cooling chocolate with a large metal spatula. This is how chocolate was cooled when the factory first opened;

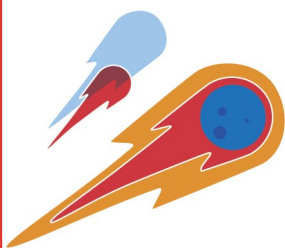


what an amazing fact! All of the information we have learnt helped us create our fact files about the history of chocolate and create our own sweet treat recipes. Thank you to Cadbury World for filling our brains with your amazing history!



Christmas Fun Week!

Our last week of school was one to remember! Our children had a fun packed week which included the Nativity Plays. Staff had a lovely time with some amazing prizes won in the raffle. Also not forgetting the magical visit from Santa and the reindeers! Children were thrilled to camp around an open flame fire roasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate, followed by a visit from Santa's Elves and Reindeers. The children then had the chance to meet Santa himself and were given a present.





Celebrating Success



We are proud to celebrate and showcase the excellent achievements of our children during last term. These children won prizes for 100% attendance. The Winners: Alexandra, Esmae and Fadila won a huge pile of Christmas presents courtesy of company donations by C T Autos LTD - Bilston (Local link), J K Roofing, BRC Roofing Midlands LTD and SM Design LTD

Congratulations to our Eco-Committee for helping the school to achieve our first Green Flag Award!

The Eco-Committee focused on nine key topics. These are: Energy, Water, Biodiversity, School Grounds, Healthy Living, Transport, Litter Waste and Global Citizenship. Our Eco – Committee holds a meeting every half term and will continue to work towards improving the school and making us even more eco-friendly.

Assessors' Comments:

"Children were enthusiastic and showed me lots of things inside and outside their school. The Principal, Eco- Coordinator, teachers, governors and caretaker are very supportive."



Times Tables Rockstars'

Not knowing their times tables can create a large barrier for children when accessing different areas/ concepts in maths. Therefore, in Autumn we introduced 'Times Tables Rockstars' to the children and held an Autumn term, times tables competition. Two times tables champions from each class participated in the competition for a chance to win an acoustic guitar.

Farhaan beat Samiyah in the grand final and took home the prize.

We would like to congratulate Farhaan for all his hard work and being the current, Holyhead Primary Academy times tables champion.



Holyhead School Council Elections

Over the Autumn term Holyhead saw the introduction of its brand new school council, unlike no other, with the school hosting a whole-school democratic election to select the best suited party.

Three children from each year were elected to the council, then split into three parties.

Each party then worked hard together to create their party name, beliefs and manifestos to present in assembly. From this we ended up with the Red Roses, Courageous Greens and Brainy Blues. After a week of intense whole school voting in our polling boxes, the Brainy Blues were announced as Holyhead's first school council party in charge, with only two votes separating them from the Red Roses and Courageous Greens. The school council is now meeting regularly and working hard to improve reading at our school. We cannot wait to see what new initiatives they have in store for Holyhead.



Teacher Interview: Miss Purdie

How old were you when you wanted to become a teacher?

I decided to become a teacher when I started university.

Why did you become a teacher?

I became a teacher because when I was young I had the most amazing time at my primary school, as well as having many fantastic, caring and fun teachers that inspired me.

What is your favourite subject?

It is impossible to choose as I love all subjects.

What is your favourite thing to do? What are your hobbies?

My favourite thing to do is definitely travel, I love experiencing new places and seeing the world.

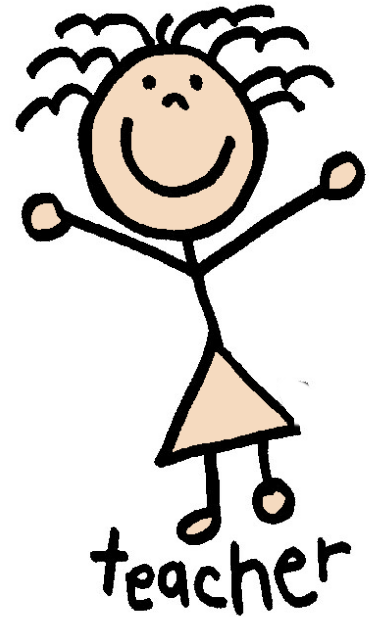
Would you want to be a child again?

I would absolutely love to be a child again. Most of my fondest memories are those when I was little, playing in our garden in imaginary worlds. However, I also believe we can all choose to stay a child for as long as we want!

What would you want to do that you cannot do?

Definitely teleport, it would be the most useful power to have! Being able to go anywhere in the world just by thinking, it would be a dream come true.

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