



HOLYHEAD
PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Spring Term LAMP Sessions with Wednesbury Library

Wednesbury Library have kindly opened their world of books to the children of Holyhead Primary Academy. Each year group has had a wonderful opportunity to learn about their Spring Term E3L topics. The children have enjoyed live story telling sessions, caterpillar coding, learning about the ocean, the Stone Age and very soon minibeasts.

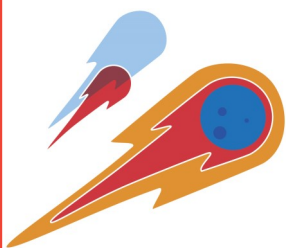
Thank you Wednesbury Library - we can't wait to continue working with you in the future.



Year 2's Trip to Warwick Castle



Y2 loved their visit to the majestic Warwick Castle. The children became explorers, artists and historians for the day. We even made friends with the resident peacocks who sat and watched the children sketch the castle! A fabulous excite to start off our E3L theme Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. During the theme - Towers, Tunnels and Turrets - the children became designers and architects! They designed their own castles and then with the help of a D & T specialist teacher from Shireland Collegiate Academy, created their own castles in real life.



The HIVE

Our new and exciting 'HIVE' allows our children to take home a project that they can really get their teeth stuck into. Children can choose a project which enables them to use their creativeness and make some masterpieces. They then can showcase their work to their class and explain what ideas they had behind their designs, which are then finally proudly displayed in our HIVE for all the school to see!



Mindfulness with LittleThink

Children at Holyhead have been kicking off 2019 with some mindfulness! Staff from LittleThink have been working with children in our Nursery & Reception classes on their emotional literacy by identifying feelings and looking at empathy. They have also been busy in Year 6, delivering sessions using mindfulness techniques to help improve self-esteem & manage stress, which will hopefully benefit them with their SATs later this year and their transition to secondary school!



Year 3's Tribal Tales with the Freshwater Theatre Company

As part of an 'Excite', Freshwater Theatre Company delved back in time to the Stone/Bronze/Iron age and became hunter-gatherers that developed through time. Eventually, pupils became warriors in the Celtic period. Great fun was had by all!



Internet Safety Workshop

This term we have celebrated Internet Safety Week. Internet Safety Day was on the 5th February 2019. Work has been completed by the teachers on the 5th February as part of our curriculum. Also to make things more fun, we had fantastic workshops completed by One Day Creative which the children were eager to take part in and had lots of fun. The workshops involved teaching the children all about how to keep themselves safe online, stranger danger and Social Media use. A good time was had by all and the feedback from children was very positive.



Year 6's trip to Tudor Grange

Year 6 visited Tudor Grange Kinghurst as part of their 'A Child's War' topic. The children had a fantastic day experiencing what it was like to be a soldier during the war. They explored the trenches and discovered what trench life would have been like (keep an eye out for the rat); how to bandage wounds and retrieve a soldier from 'no man's land' if they were injured. Finally, they looked at the local history of Wednesbury during the war. As their express, Year 6 created a World War 2 museum, displaying work they had completed during their topic. World War 2 artefacts were also displayed and there were presentations about the specific events of the war.



Healthy Eating

The children had a special visitor to talk to them about all of the good things they should be putting into their diets. They discussed the different food groups and

why each one had an important role in helping the children to grow up healthy and strong. As a memory activity, they had to categorise the food groups in different ways. The children learnt a lot about nutrition and there were some very well balanced plates!



Book Fair and Blind date with a book!

The children enjoyed an amazing week of reading! Blind dates with a book were a huge success - the children felt very special and so they should! Lots of varied and interesting stories were read and the children loved all the choices available to them. Thank you to all the children and families who have been supporting the Book Fair. We love reading at Holyhead Primary Academy!



Teacher Interview: Mrs Greatrix

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

When I was in primary school, I would teach my teddies and dolls in my room. My mum bought me a whiteboard with different coloured pens and I would spend hours teaching them all about the history of the Battle of Bosworth.

Why did you become a teacher?

I knew from a young age that it was my passion to become a teacher. I've always wanted to provide the best care and education possible to fuel our young minds

What is your favourite subject?

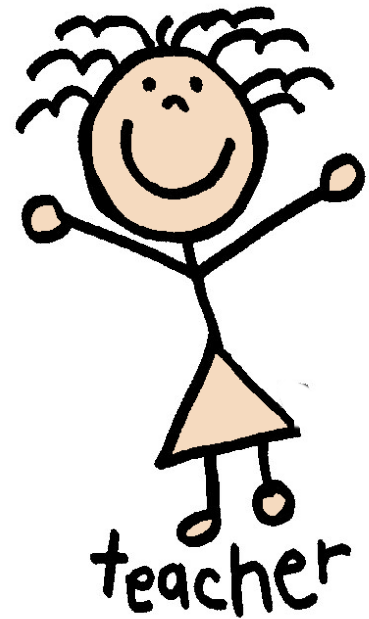
Although I love all subjects, History is my favourite. It is exciting to find out about things that have happened in the past and the lives of significant individuals.

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

Outside of school I am part of an amateur dramatics society and perform in various musicals. I love the buzz you get from being on the stage.

Would is your favorite children's book?

That is such a hard decision! I love children's books, especially picture books. At the moment, my favourite book is Supertato. I've thoroughly enjoyed reading this book with the children in Year 1.



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