



**HOLYHEAD**  
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# Newsletter

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## Year 5 'Pharaohs'

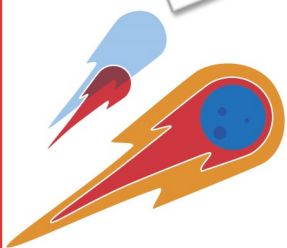
Year 5 had a drama workshop with the Hippodrome where we explored Ancient Egyptian artefacts, used role play and freeze frames to learn about how Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's Tomb.



We even took part in a debate about whether it was right to open Tutankhamun's tomb. After all they had learnt, Year 5 then made an Ancient Egyptian museum to showcase their work for the topic.

## Nursery's 'Coming Alive' Topic

As a part of our topic 'Coming Alive' we looked at a selection of spring flowers, including crocuses, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and primroses. Children were encouraged to smell and gently touch the flowers. They also used magnifying lenses to look at different parts of a plant. Children described the plants and painted pictures of the flower.



## World Book Week

World Book Week was a brilliant week where the children learnt a lot about books, the process of writing and how amazing they are as readers!

Congratulations to all our Bug Club and Extreme Reader Competition winners!

We would also like to give a massive thank you to all the families who supported our reading competitions - they were a real success.

The children also had the lovely opportunity to speak to real life authors! A big thank you to Abi Elphinstone (author of SkySong), Kieran Larwood (author of Podkin) and SF Said (author of Phoenix). The children gained a real insight into the real life writing process and how at Holyhead we do it very similarly! Watch out world - a new generation of authors will be ready!

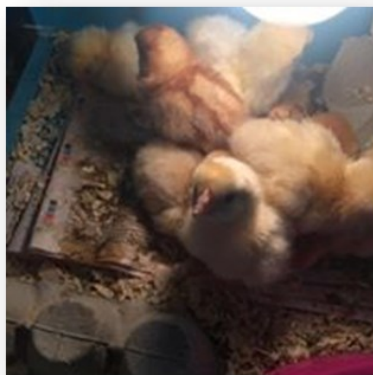


## Chick'Tastic!



The children really enjoyed looking after the chicks during our theme this half term. They watched them hatch from their eggs in the incubator and helped transfer them

to their new home. The children watched the chicks grow over the two weeks and helped clean them and made sure they had enough food and water. The children were much braver than the adults when it came to picking the chicks up! All the children had the opportunity to hold and stroke the chicks. The children learnt all about the life cycle of a chicken and how to care for animals.



## Speak Out Competition

As a school, we were very proud of Megan and Zion who represented Holyhead at the 'Hear Me Out' speaking competition. Megan and Zion both won their class competitions before progressing through to the grand finals held at the Sandwell Council House. They both did extremely well and it took a lot of courage to perform their speech in front of so many people.



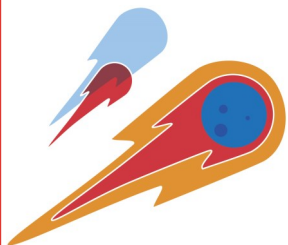
## Year 3 Trip - Sandwell Valley

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Sandwell Valley this half term. We explored the dangers of flooding and the risks this can create. Using life saving skills, we practised how to avoid dangerous situations if a flood were to occur. We also researched into the wildlife surrounding rivers and observed various species of birds. We created bird feeders so that we could protect our environment more, and attract more birds to our dwellings.



## Year 1's 'Rio De Vida'

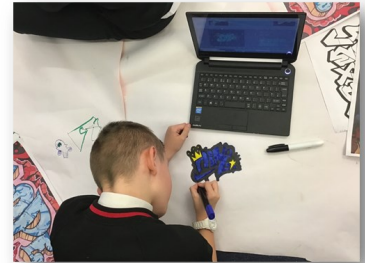
This half term Year 1 have really enjoyed finding out about the country of Brazil. They started their theme with a samba drumming workshop, where they learnt how to play a samba drum. The children were engaged throughout and joined in with great enthusiasm. They enjoyed their day at the Botanical Gardens and Warley Woods, where they were able to compare a tropical climate with a climate close to home. Through their theme they have written carnival poems, composed a piece of music, found out about a Brazilian rainforest tribe the 'Yanomami' and designed and decorated a carnival masks.



## Year 6's 'Gallery Rebels'



Year 6's topic this half-term has been Gallery Rebels. To begin the topic we transformed the Year 6 classroom into a graffiti wall where the children could experiment and attempt different types of graffiti. Throughout the topic we have looked at three artistic movements: Impressionism, Expressionism and Cubism. The children have attempted to recreate pieces of art in the three artistic styles. The children produced some fantastic 'Starry Night' paintings using small brush strokes and emulating the impressionist style.



## Year 4's 'Traders and Raiders'

Year 4 had a victorious day, becoming Vikings for the day as part of their E3L theme "Traders and Raiders". Firstly we had to learn the Viking alphabet, which is called the Futhark, and use this to create our own Viking name brooches. Then, we looked at the famous Viking long ships and discovered how they were made, with everyone's favourite part being the ferocious figureheads. Finally, we spent the rest of the day exploring a Viking world on Inspire Education, where we had to work collaboratively to successfully complete our first voyage to a far away monastery.



# Easter Bonnet Parade

The Easter Bonnet Parade that was held at the end of the term was a fabulous celebration of the children's creativity and style. Children from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 showcased some beautiful bonnets in front of parents, peers and staff. Every person had a beaming smile stretched across their face - a lovely way to end the term.

Thank you to all of the children (And parents!) who made the Easter Bonnet Parade a real success.



## Teacher Interview: Miss Marsh

### If you could go on any trip with a class, what trip would you go on?

I have been on some brilliant trips with Holyhead to places like the National Space Centre and Jodrell Bank, but I think a trip to somewhere like Frank Chapman where you get to do lots of different exciting activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, archery and orienteering would be really great to take children to again.

### Why did you become a teacher?

When I was in primary school, I just wanted to learn all I could about anything and everything. I wanted to be an archaeologist or a scientist because I loved learning all I could about the past and doing experiments. Then, when I went to secondary school I realised that if I became a teacher I could pass on my love of learning to others.

### What is your favourite subject?

I love all subjects, however P.E. is my favourite. I think it's great how there are so many different sports and activities to play and take part in and I am passionate about everyone finding something they love to do to keep us all fit and healthy.

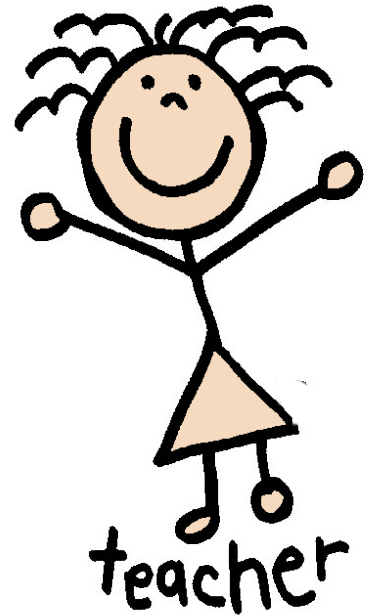
### What is your favourite thing to do? What are your hobbies?

I really enjoy being outdoors and walking my dogs. I like to learn new crafts and make things and I've been making some jewellery recently. I also play for a ladies rugby team as I love playing team sports and keeping fit.

### Would is your favorite children's book?

My favourite when I was growing up were the Famous Five series by Enid Blyton because I love the mysteries and adventures. At the moment, my favourite is probably Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone because it is such an exciting story about a boy discovering a world filled with magic.

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