



Holly Leaves

Summer Term 2019



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

What an eventful and successful year we have had with over 50 sporting fixtures; trips and visits too numerous to mention; dressing up and wacky hair; cake bakes and charity; and a plethora of opportunities outside of the curriculum to stretch and challenge. Meanwhile the normal work of education has been happening.



At the end of the Summer Term, we said goodbye to Mrs Twomey, our French Teacher, after 13 years loyal service. We will miss her dedication to teaching and her wonderful cakes! We wish her a very happy early retirement.

Our recruitment events have been very busy this year and we expect that some classes will be full from September. Looking ahead to 2020 start, we have already held our Taster Day and we had so many positive young people.

One young man reported to us that he chose Hollygirt because he knew he would be well educated and looked after here. Indeed he will. I'm glad that children recognise what is good for them and that parents appreciate the value of attending a small school like ours. Our recent parent survey reported 'warm, friendly environment', 'focus on the individual' and 'small class sizes' as the main reasons they chose the school. We are on a continual cycle of self-improvement and are always seeking parental views on what we could do better.

Thank you to Jessica and Joseph for ably leading the senior prefect team and representing the school as Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy this last year. They have been outstanding role models for the school. We look forward to Lily and Zara taking the lead through 2019-20. Like Jess, Lily has been in school for many years and, like Joseph, Zara is relatively new to the school so this makes for a good team. Thank you also to our Junior School Head and Deputy Boy, George and Cass.

We have really rocked out with our music this year with junior and senior shows and concerts. If you have missed our occasions, Miss Hutley has been putting video clips together so all can be re-lived later. Take a look at our YouTube channel.

Staff have been busy too, not just teaching and providing opportunities for the children, but in furthering their own interests. Mr Deacon ran a sub-3 hour London marathon, a group of staff ran through multi coloured head-height bubbles at the Bubble Rush for Rainbows Hospice and another group cycled 50 miles for Stroke Association.

We hope everyone on the USA trip has a fabulous time in New York and Washington. And for the rest of us, let's have a wonderful holiday and well-deserved break.

I look forward to seeing all our pupils on Wednesday 4th September.

DERBY ARTS FESTIVAL

The Junior School Choir participated in Derby Arts Festival on Wednesday 3rd May. We came 2nd in our category with our renditions of 'Rhythm of Life' and 'Drunken Sailor'.



BRONZE MEDALISTS AT ISA U13 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

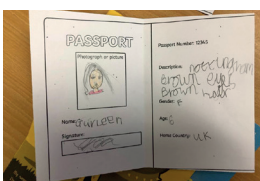
We were in York at Queen Ethelburga's on Tuesday 7th May for the U13 Girls ISA Football Northern Qualifying Tournament. After some tough matches, we won the 3rd / 4th position playoff match 5-1, meaning we all walked away with bronze medals!

Well done Marisa, Rubie, Angele, Ffion, Amy, Lisa, Harriet, Emma, Tanaka and Amara.



YEAR 1 AUSTRALIA TOPIC

Year 1's topic this term was Australia. We planned our trip, collected our passports from the Hollygirt HM Passport Office and picked up our boarding passes. We even went on an aeroplane (honestly)! We listened to the national anthem, made flags, tested our homemade boomerangs and made (and played) digeridoos! Former pupil (2018), Bronwyn, and her mother, Toni, came to talk to us about their experience living in Australia. Then, the following week, Mrs Crawford and Millie (Year 8) came to talk to us about what school is like in Australia. Gurleen tried on Millie's old uniform! We're pleased to see that it was green. Good choice.



WE WILL ROCK YOU

A massive well done to all those involved in our Senior School production of 'We Will Rock You'. Performances took place in the evening of Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May where audience members were taken on a journey 300 years from now where mainstream commercial conformity reigns.



EYFS TRANSPORT TOPIC

Pupils in Nursery and Reception had a very exciting day on Friday 17th May with not one but TWO surprises as part of our topic on transport.

We noticed some blue flashing lights on Villa Road and couldn't believe that a paramedic from East Midlands Ambulance Service had come to Hollygirt to show us an ambulance! We even got to have a look inside and sit on the bed.

Vroom, vroom, vroooooom! A motorbike entered the car park in Villa Road with someone very familiar on the back. It was Mrs Mahl! She persuaded Mr Mahl to bring his motorbike into school to show us. We're so glad she did because it was so much fun sitting on the bike and learning all about how it works.

On Wednesday 22nd May, we were invited to bring in a wheeled toy. We took it in turns to tell the group about our toy and then demonstrated how it moves across the garden.



MEDAL WINNERS AT INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION

We were at Nottingham High School on Wednesday 5th June competing in a swimming gala. Well done to Oliver, Isabella, Leona, Caiden, Elliot and Jack for their tremendous effort. Jack and Caiden were awarded bronze medals and Oliver won gold!



BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

A group of Senior School pupils have completed their training and practice weekend for the bronze DofE award. We experienced two weather extremes with a continuous downpour on the training weekend and highs of 35 degrees on the practice weekend. The qualifying expedition takes place on Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th September in the Peak District. Thank you to Karos Adventure, Mr Deacon and Mrs Howlett and well done to all 14 pupils for their tenacity and teamwork.



SENIOR SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Lily, Terna, Louis, Ed, Cole, Zara, Daisy, Izzy B, Daisy, Aimee, India, Charlotte and Athbah - our new team of Prefects for the 2019-20 academic year!

We're delighted to announce that from September 2019 our Senior School Head Girl is Lily and our Deputy Head Girl is Zara. Well done also to Ed and Aimee for their fabulous candidate speeches.



WINNERS OF THE MINI TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Our under-9 team was at Nottingham Tennis Centre on Wednesday 5th June for the Mini Tennis Championship final. WE WON!



YEARS 1 AND 2 VISIT TO SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Pupils in Year 1 and 2 went on a Time Travelling Pilgrimage Day at Southwell Minster on Thursday 13th June.

We role played a Christian wedding and our bride was wearing pink wellington boots with her dress. We hear it's the latest trend in bridal fashion! We then went outside to look closely at the magnificent Minster to see what shapes we could see. After that, we listened to a talk about The Last Supper and tasted some bread. Finally, we touched the sculptures depicting the Easter story which were designed to help people who are visually impaired.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson, Mrs Sowerby and Mrs Davies for accompanying us.



EYFS TADPOLES

Tadpoles took up residence in the EYFS room during the Summer Term. Since their arrival, we have been learning all about the frog life cycle. Pupils in Reception wrote their own non-fiction frog books!



SPORTS DAY



FOOD & NUTRITION

Pupils in Year 8 can tell you how to make an excellent root vegetable topped pie. Abigail and Mya did everything from scratch, all the prep and cooking, within 1 hour and 10 minutes.



YEARS 1 TO 6 NATIONAL JUSTICE MUSEUM TRIP

Pupils from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a day at the National Justice Museum on Thursday 2nd May.



YEAR 7 SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

Each year, pupils in Year 7 partake in the School Environment Project. In previous years, positive changes have been made to Hollygirt's impact on the environment as a result of the project such as the removal of polystyrene boxes at lunchtime.

In class we looked at the typical composition of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) by making 'rubbish pizzas'. Pupils brought in waste from home and constructed a rubbish pizza representing all the waste thrown away, with a slice for each waste category showing a representative percentage of the total waste.

NOTTINGHAM CITY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A group of Year 9 and 10 girls participated in the Nottingham City Tennis Championships on Thursday 23rd May. Isobel and Phoebe won SILVER medals! Well done also to Aimee and Sophie for some excellent playing.



YEARS 7 AND 8 TRIP TO HARDWICK HALL

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 visited Hardwick Hall on Friday 7th June to support their study on the Tudors in History at Key Stage 3.



YEARS 7 TO 10 BACKSTAGE TOUR OF THE THEATRE ROYAL

A group of pupils from Years 7 to 10 visited the Theatre Royal & Royal Concert Hall on Thursday 13th June for a back stage tour. It was amazing to hear about all the different shows that have been performed over the years. Did you know the first ever show there was The School for Scandal by Richard Brinsley Sheridan?



EYFS 'WHATEVER THE WEATHER' WALK

Pupils in Nursery and Reception had their wellington boots and waterproof coats with them in school on Thursday 13th June for their 'Whatever the Weather Walk'. Before we left, we watched a short film about rain and whilst we were on our walk, Ezra proudly stated "the rain clouds are called cumulonimbus" which he remembered from the film!



SEVERN TRENT WATER

Pupils in Junior School were visited by Phil from Severn Trent Water on Wednesday 19th June. We started the day with an assembly where we heard how sewage is treated to make it drinkable and how to save water at home. He told us that at some point in our lifetime we will drink water that was once dinosaur wee!

Years 1 and 2 had a 'Sewer Soup' session. We worked in teams to try to work out how to filter sewage we had created. Years 3 to 6 played a game where they had to decide if families were wasting water or saving water.



WACKY HAIR DAY

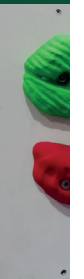


GARDEN PARTY



YEARS 5 AND 6 RESIDENTIAL

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 went on a two night residential to The Mill Adventure Base in Sutton-in-Ashfield from Wednesday 12th June to Friday 14th June.



ARCHITECTURE PROJECT

A group of pupils from Years 6 to 10 started a very exciting project this term.

We are working with Nottingham City Council and the Urban Room on the Carrington Street Townscape Heritage Programme, which aims to link the railway station with future improvements around the Broadmarsh area. The project involves pupils working with external lead professionals to bring together technology and creativity by looking at the past, present and future of the street.

1 - A musical piece that we will compose based on the architectural features of the facades and mathematics behind the designs.

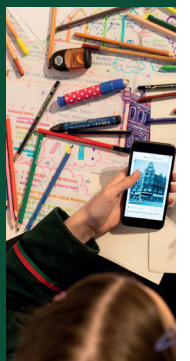
2 - A literacy narrative.

3 - A design for a building that follows the Carrington Street trend. We will draw this in a 3D modelling software and produce a 3D design.

4 - A piece of art (image or sculpture).

5 - Videography of the project.

The final project outcomes will be exhibited at the Urban Room on Carrington Street in a dedicated evening event on Thursday 28th November 2019.



MRS GEORGE PUPIL DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs George at the start of Summer Term in a new role working in social and emotional support of Hollygirt pupils. She is located on the top floor (Maths corridor) of the Senior School.



“ I was so excited to join Hollygirt and every day I am waiting for this to stop but it hasn't! The school really does have the kindest of children and staff alike. I am enjoying spending time with all the pupils and getting to know them better. In September I will be training to become an ELSA Mentor which will enable me to further support the emotions of our pupils. I am a normal busy working mum that forgets to get the chicken out the freezer for tea and who sometimes sends my two boys to school with dinner money a week late! But all in all I am a normal working mum living her best life! ”

BUBBLE RUSH

Team Hollygirt had a fantastic day at the Nottingham Bubble Rush 5K at the Forest Recreation Ground on Saturday 15th June. We sponsored the green bubble station in support of Rainbows.



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO DORSET



YEAR 11 PROM

It was the Year 11 Prom on Tuesday 25th June at Bestwood Lodge to celebrate the end of GCSEs. We're going to miss you, Year 11! GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 22nd August.

