



Holly Leaves

Autumn Term 2019





Dear Parents,

What an exciting first term we have had. Pupils have been involved in sporting fixtures, trips, discos and lots of charity fundraising events. We have been busy working on new strategy and I can announce that from January, Hollygirt is offering 15 free hours per week for pupils in our Nursery class as part of the universal entitlement for 3 to 4 year olds.

We have welcomed new staff: Mrs Brimblecombe teaching French in Senior School and Mr Harris our new Site and Facilities Manager, who joined us in October. Since the beginning of term, we have also welcomed a lot of new pupils, who have all settled in really well. Thank you to the new parents who returned our New Parent Survey. What lovely positive comments you made.

My highlights of the term: our wonderful Prize Giving celebration in October; the grand presentation of the Carrington Street Architecture Project in November; and the serene and beautiful Carol Service.

I never get tired of the children dressing up and having fun and I am always most impressed when showing prospective families around by the calm and purposeful atmosphere in all our lessons. We do what we say on the tin. I hope you agree!

I wish you all a wonderful festive Christmas holiday.

Pam Hutley

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ROALD DAHL DAY

The small human beans trotted into Junior School on Friday 13th September wearing large amounts of yellow and fancy dress. We were absolutely horrigusted! Don't they know we only wear GREEN at Hollygirt and where were their blazers? Squinky little squiddlers! Pibbling little pitsqueaks!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

It was the European Day of Languages on Thursday 26th September. Pupils in Senior School watched a hilarious video in assembly which Mrs Brimblecombe and Miss Nisan put together of staff and pupils speaking different languages. On Friday 27th, all pupils in Junior and Senior School were invited to dress up to represent a country of their choice.



GOOSE FAIR

The 725th Goose Fair took place down the road from us at the Forest Recreation Ground. On Thursday 3rd October, pupils in Years 1 to 6 visited the fair. One of the officials gave each class a voucher entitling them all to free rides on anything until 2.00pm. We think other visitors must have thought a smiley face was a compulsory part of our uniform!



YEAR 7 TO 10 RESIDENTIAL

Pupils in Year 7 and 10 went on a residential trip to Broneirion in Wales from Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th October. Pupils took part in activities including rock climbing, zorbing, paddle boarding, geo-caching, archery and raft-building. Year 10 also did some essential fieldwork studies as part of their Geography GCSE.



PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

Our annual Prize Giving ceremony took place on Wednesday 16th October to celebrate the successes of the 2018-19 academic year. Pupils, staff and guests enjoyed an evening of music, speeches and lots of clapping in the presentation of awards at Nottingham's Albert Hall. The class of 2019 came back to collect their GCSE certificates. 88% of papers sat were awarded grades 9-4 (A*-C)!

This year, our guest speaker was Catharine Arnold. Not only is Catharine a writer and the former Sheriff of Nottingham, she is also a former Hollygirt pupil. Our whole school song this year was 'Unstoppable' by The Score. The 'How Long Will Mrs Hutley's Speech Last' competition ran again with the stopwatch showing 54 minutes and 22 seconds. Mrs Hutley was keen to point out that this included the pupil contributions and the two musical numbers from the Junior School that were integrated into her speech.

Our younger pupils in Nursery to Year 2 had their own special celebration at the end of the last academic year.

WHOLE SCHOOL SONG



SENIOR SCHOOL HEAD AND DEPUTY GIRL



HEADMISTRESS AND DEPUTY HEAD



YEAR 11 LEAVERS



STAFF



PUPILS



YEAR 9 MARCHING BAND



HEADMISTRESS' SPEECH



JUNIOR SCHOOL SINGING BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY



JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR



PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



VOCAL GROUP



GUEST SPEAKER



SENIOR SCHOOL CHOIR



YEAR 9 BAND



HEAD GIRL'S SPEECH



Friends of Hollygirt SCHOOL

YEAR 7 TO 9 FRIGHT NIGHT DISCO

On Thursday 7th November, the Friends of Hollygirt hosted the annual Halloween Fright Night Disco for pupils in Years 7 to 9. The girls won the best-wrapped mummy competition and the boys won the dance-off! A huge thank you to the Friends of Hollygirt for organising this free event for our pupils.



CURRY NIGHT

The Friends of Hollygirt hosted their annual Curry Night on Monday 18th November at The Cumin restaurant on Maid Marian Way. The event is a social evening for parents, staff and friends of Hollygirt School involving lots of food and laughter.



THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Friends' Room at 9 Villa Road
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Friday 31st January

Friday 15th May

Wednesday 1st July

Thursday 2nd July

HARVEST BOXES

Junior School Head Girl, Lily, and Deputy Head Girl, Matilda, dropped off around 50 harvest boxes at The Arches in Lenton. The Arches is a practical resource centre for those in need in Nottingham. Bryony who works there was delighted to receive our boxes and said it makes a massive difference to their work. Thank you for your kind donations.

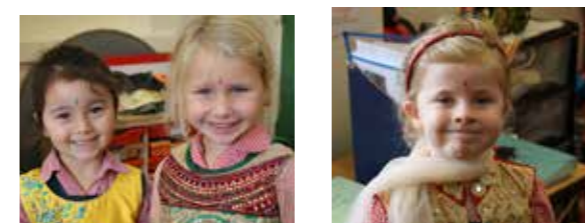


REMEMBRANCE DAY



DIWALI

Pupils in Nursery and Reception learnt about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. We loved listening to the story of Diwali so much; Patrick and Alex wanted to hear it again and again! We tried on traditional clothing, tasted some delicious food and looked at Rangoli patterns.



CHEF JULIE'S FAVOURITE FAMILY RECIPE COMPETITION

Chef Julie was really impressed with the entries she received from pupils in Junior School for her 'Favourite Family Recipe' competition. She picked a main and dessert that she thought we would all enjoy and cooked it for school lunch! We enjoyed tasting Keira-Rose's spaghetti and meatballs followed by Aggy's pancakes for dessert.

