

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.





Children in Need

THANK YOU

We raised **£550.66** for Children in Need!



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

This term, pupils in Junior and Senior School have taken part in a range of city, county and regional competitions in addition to their Games lessons and extra curricular activities:

Junior School

- ISA Under 9s Regional Football Competition - we finished 14th out of 20 schools
- Football fixture vs Dixie School and Twycross School - see featured article
- Year 5 and 6 Nottingham City Athletics Championships
- Year 5 and 6 This Girl Can Festival - see featured article

Senior School

- Year 8 and 9 Nottingham City Badminton Championships - see featured article
- Year 10 and 11 Nottingham City Badminton Championships - girls team won silver medals and boys team won bronze medals
- Year 9 Boys Nottingham City Basketball - we finished 5th
- Year 10 and 11 Girls Nottingham City Netball
- Year 7 Nottingham City Sportshall Athletics
- Year 8 and 9 Girls Nottingham City Football
- Year 8 Boys Nottingham City Football

U11 FOOTBALL FIXTURE

A group of boys represented Hollygirt in an under-11 football fixture at Dixie Grammar School in Market Bosworth on Monday 2nd December. We won 2-0 in our match against Dixie Grammar School but unfortunately lost the next match 1-0 against Twycross School. Both matches were extremely competitive and our boys did us proud!



YEAR 8 AND 9 CITY BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

We took part in the Year 8 and 9 City Badminton Tournament on Thursday 21st November. Both our girls and boys team won silver in the competition. Well done!



YEAR 5 AND 6 THIS GIRL CAN FESTIVAL

Girls in Years 5 and 6 were invited to the 'This Girl Can Festival' at Harvey Hadden Sports Village on Tuesday 5th November. The emphasis was on enjoyment and for the pupils to have a go at a variety of sports and activities. We won 1 game of curling, 3 athletic races, 2 games of handball and ALL our games of hockey!



ARCHITECTURE PROJECT

A group of pupils from Years 6 to 10 started a very exciting project last academic year in March.

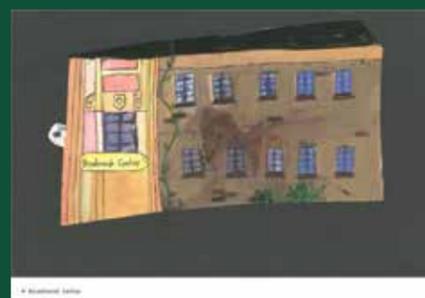
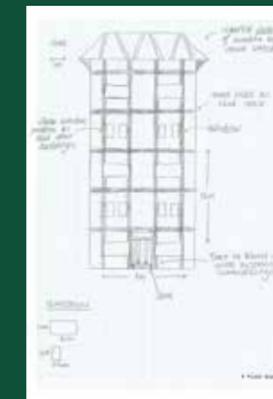
We worked with Nottingham City Council and the 38 Carrington St Urban Room Partnership on the Carrington Street Townscape Heritage Programme, which aims to link the railway station with future improvements around the Broadmarsh area. The project involved pupils working with external lead professionals to bring together technology and creativity by looking at the past, present and future of the street.

On Thursday 28th November, pupils presented the final pieces from the project at a dedicated event at the Urban Room:

1. A musical piece that was composed based on the architectural features of the façades and mathematics behind the designs
2. A literacy narrative
3. A design for a building that follows the Carrington Street trend using 3D modelling software
4. A piece of art (sculpture)
5. Videography of the project

Dr Laura Alvarez (Senior Principal Urban Design and Conservation Officer at Nottingham City Council) said "it is rare for young children to be so involved in a long term project with city planning professionals and this group of pupils have certainly set precedent for new ways of working. The project has shown the value of informing children about their environment and the ways in which they can make a contribution to shaping their city, as citizens."

A massive thank you to Dr Alvarez, Mr Thompson and Mrs Howlett for making this extraordinary project possible and to all the children involved for excelling in every element.



EYFS STORY WEEK

Pupils in Nursery and Reception had a 'Story Week' from Monday 25th November to Friday 29th November. Mrs Keyworth, Mrs Gadhia (Aleesha's mummy), Mrs Solomon (Ruby's mummy), Mrs Wright, Mr Dean and Miss Hutley visited Early Years to read their favourite story. On the Wednesday, we had a 'Bedtime Afternoon'. We wore our pyjamas, cuddled up in blankets, turned the lights off and read stories with torches. Chef Julie even brought us hot chocolate and biscuits!



FOOD AND NUTRITION

Pupils have continued to impress Mrs Cooper Cassady this term. Year 7 made some wonderful vegetable salads. Mrs Cooper Cassady said 9B's Maids of Honour tarts were the best she has seen for a long time! Pupils in Year 9 also enjoyed making different types of savoury pastry. Simon made his own puff pastry with a scrambled egg and bacon filling!



PRIMARY PARLIAMENT DAY

On Friday 15th November, 4 members of our Junior School Council visited Nottingham Council House for a Primary Parliament Day.

Oscar and Elliot took part in a workshop about reducing single use plastics at school. The boys are planning to have a discussion with Chef Julie about drink cartons and straws to see whether an alternative is available. Lily and Matilda were tasked with designing and making a sustainable gift which could be sold in the gift shop at Nottingham Castle. Their group 'Team Jolly' created a fantastic refillable robin air freshener.



YEAR 6 TRIP CRESWELL CRAGS

Year 6 have been focusing on life during the Stone Age for their topic work. We visited Creswell Crags on Friday 22nd November to explore the caves where both Neanderthals and Homo sapiens once lived. We also practised our own survival skills and produced some cave paintings!



YEAR 8 CLAY FACES

Pupils in Year 8 have been looking at proportions and made these amazing clay faces! We learnt how to mix face shades in acrylic paint and they are now growing some luscious grass hair.



OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Katy (Year 8) has been awarded her black belt in Aikido

“ I have been learning Aikido for over four years and recently achieved my black belt. This required me to know all the moves on the black belt syllabus, including a three-punch arm throw. I train four times a week and we are taught that Aikido moves should only be used as a last resort in self-defence. Aikido is also really good for keeping fit and teaching you discipline. I am now working on the next grade and hope to take this next year ”

KATY WITH HER SENSEI

