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NEWSLETTER

Honeywell Junior School

A GOLD Rights Respecting School

Article 6: Every child has the right to be alive. Governments must make sure that children survive and develop in the best possible way.

Visit the school website at www.honeywellschools.org



Thank you all for your generous Harvest donations. They created a wonderful display and were gratefully received by Wandsworth Foodbank. Thank you too to Ms Arnold for using her car to drop them off – even though she wasn't sure her car would cope with the weight of it! The Infant and Junior school donated a combined 273.1kg of food, equating to 650 meals!



It was lovely to see so many of you last week at parent and carer conference evenings, exploring the amazing displays in the middle hall and talking with us about your child, settling in to their new year.

Many classes have again been out and about enriching their learning with experiences that they will remember. Special thanks to the staff who arrange these and the parents and carers who support us with those. Have a happy and safe half term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
OCTOBER 2026	
23rd	Yr 4 Lacrosse Sessions am Yr 4 Northcote Library 10am-12pm 3D Balham Mandir 2:45pm 6B Sharing Assembly
October Half Term – 26th – 30th OCTOBER 2026	
NOVEMBER 2026	
2nd	am 5L and 5C Swimming
3rd	Autumn 2 Early Birds begin
4th	W 5C & 5S History Ragged School Trip pm Sparkle Intergenerational Project

	St Michaels Assemblies
5th	am 5S Swimming
6th	am Yr 5 Northcote Library W 5L History Ragged School Trip **6.30pm PTFA Magic Night with Mr Trixy**
9th	am 5L and 5C Swimming W Y6 Girls Chelsea Premier League Primary Stars Tournament
10th	am Honeywell Schools Federation Open Morning
11th	am 5S Science Paradise Coop Trip am Wandsworth Boccia Competition pm Sparkle Intergenerational Project
12th	am Honeywell Schools Federation Open Morning am 5C & 5L Science Paradise Coop Trips am 5S Swimming **PTFA Sicilian Evening**
13th	am Yr 4 Northcote Library 2.45pm 6M Sharing Assembly
16th – 20th	Anti-Bullying Week
16th	am 5L and 5C Swimming W Y6 Boys Chelsea Premier League Primary Stars Tournament
18th	9.30am Parent/Carer Workshop – What is Reading Comprehension? Year 5 English Reading Cinema Trip pm Sparkle Intergenerational Project 9.30 6B WW2 History Paradise Coop
19th	am 5S Swimming
20th	9.30am Parent /Carer Workshop - Mathematics am Yr 4 Lacrosse am Yr 3 Library 9.30am Mathematics Parent/Carer Workshop
23rd	am 5L and 5C Swimming
24th	am Year 3 Vocal Project Mass Rehearsal Burntwood 9.45am Year 6 NHS Heights and Weights Check TBC Parent Carer Work Shop - Online Safety
25th	9.30 6M WW2 History Paradise Cooperative pm Sparkle Intergenerational Project
26th	am 5S Swimming 9.30 6H WW2 History Paradise Cooperative **PTFA Christmas Market – Dining Hall**
27th	am Yr 6 Northcote Library 2.45pm 5S Sharing Assembly
30th	am 5L and 5C Swimming

A community that cares about excellence, wonder and learning for life

	9.30am Yr 6 Health and Safety TFL Workshop Middle Hall
DECEMBER 2026	
1st	W Y4 Lacrosse Tournament
2nd	TBC W Y6 History 1940's Day pm 4H Paradise Coop - Science pm Sparkle Intergenerational Project
3rd	am Junior School only Open Morning am 4T Paradise Coop - Science am 5S Swimming
4th	9.30am Parent /Carer Workshop Strategies to Support Learning am Yr 3 Library
5th	**Saturday – PTFA Christmas Tree Collection**
7th	W Yr 4 Viking Day am 5L and 5C Swimming
8th	Junior School Pupil Christmas Lunch
9th	Infant Christmas Lunch – Junior School Packed Lunch W Year 3 Winter Sounds Concert Fairfield Hall pm 4S Paradise Coop - Science
10th	Last Day for Autumn 2 Early Birds am 5S Swimming
11th	am Yr 4 Northcote Library
12th	**Saturday – PTFA Christmas Fair**
16th	Phase 3 [Yrs 3 and 4] Christmas Performance St Michaels
17th	Phase 4 [Yrs 5 and 6] Christmas Performance St Michaels
18th	am Yr 6 Northcote Library **Last Day Autumn Term – Usual closing time 3.30pm**
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	
JANUARY 2027	
4th	INSET Day – Staff only
5th	**First day of Spring Term for pupils – usual start times**
8th	am Yr 3 Northcote Library Yrs 3 and 5 DDMix Dance
11th	am 4T and 4S Swimming
12th	Spring 1 Early Birds begin W Yr 6 BFI Trip
13th	**2pm Early Closing** Individual Parents and Carers Conferences for Autumn Results
14th	am 4H Swimming 4pm Individual Parents and Carers Conferences for Autumn Results
15th	am Yr 4 Northcote Library

	am Yr 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Yrs 3 and 5 DDMix Dance
18th	am 4T and 4S Swimming
21st	am 4H Swimming
22nd	am Yr 5 Northcote Library Yrs 3 and 5 DDMix Dance 2.45pm 6H Sharing Assembly – Middle Hall
28th	Wandsworth School Improvement Adviser Visit am 4H Swimming
29th	am Yr 3 Northcote Library Yrs 3 and 5 DDMix Dance
FEBRUARY 2027	
1st – 5th	Children's Mental Health Week am 4T and 4S Swimming
2nd	am Yr 3/4 New Age Kurling Competition
4th	am 4H Swimming
5th	am Yr 4 Northcote Library W Enthuse Kids KS2 Dodgeball Tournament 2.45pm 5L Sharing Assembly – Middle Hall
8th	am 4T and 4S Swimming
9th	Safer Internet Day am Yr 4 Big Question St Michaels
11th	Spring 1 Early Birds end am 4H Swimming
12th	am Yr 6 Northcote Library Yrs 3 and 5 DDMix Dance
SPRING HALF TERM – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	
22nd	am 4T and 4S Swimming
23rd	Spring 2 Early Birds begin
25th	Yrs 3 and 5 DDMix Dance 9:30 Royal Ballet Live Lesson Wind in the Willows
26th	am Yr 3 Northcote Library W Enthuse Kids Y5/6 Basketball Tournament Yrs 3 and 5 DDMix Dance 2.45pm 4H Sharing Assembly – Middle Hall
MARCH 2027	
4th	World Book Day
5th	am Yr 4 Northcote Library
5th 14th	British Science Week
12th	am Yr 5 Northcote Library

	2.45pm 5C Sharing Assembly – Middle Hall
15th – 19th	Neurodiversity Week Francophone Week
15th	W 4T History Leighton House Trip
18th	Early Birds end
19th	am Yr 3 Northcote Library
22nd	W 4S History Leighton House Trip
24th	W 4H history Leighton House Trip
25th	Last Day Spring Term, usual pick up time
Easter Holidays – Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027	

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

LIBRARY VISITS

A Love of Reading at Northcote Library!

Our children have been enjoying their regular visits to **Northcote Library**, where they have the opportunity to explore new books, discover different authors and enjoy reading for pleasure.

These visits are an important part of our commitment to developing a love of reading across the school. By giving children time to browse, choose books that interest them and simply enjoy reading, we hope to inspire a lifelong love of books.

A big thank you to the wonderful team at Northcote Library for welcoming our pupils and helping to make reading such an enjoyable experience!







Black History Month

Black History Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people, recognise the importance of diverse voices, and reflect on how individuals and communities have helped shape the world we live in today.

Throughout the year in our curriculum, Black History and representation are explored in a variety of ways through our curriculum and wider school life. In Year 6, children have been learning about Black scientists, including Dr Ntombizodwa Makuyana, whose research explores the relationship between the body's immune and nervous systems. In Year 5, pupils have explored the achievements of scientists including Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the British space scientist and science communicator, and Samuel Dada, a Nigerian-British chemist whose research focuses on proteins and neurodegenerative diseases. These examples highlight the significant contributions Black scientists continue to make to our understanding of the world and help children recognise that science is for everyone.

When you hear the word history, you might think of kings and queens, old buildings, or famous battles. But history is really the story of people. It is the story of all sorts of people, from many different backgrounds, who have helped shape the world we live in today. We should also recognise the brilliant contributions that Black and Mixed Heritage people have made across the globe, both in the past and today. Assemblies exploring the life and legacy of Dr Martin Luther King Jr for example, encouraging children to reflect on equality, fairness and the importance of standing up for others. While Black History Month provides a valuable opportunity to celebrate these stories, our aim is for diverse voices and contributions to be recognised throughout the year, across subjects and year groups. By doing so, we hope to nurture curious, thoughtful and respectful learners who appreciate the richness of our shared history and the many people who have helped shape it.





PUPIL LEADERS





Our new **Eco Warriors** will be working with the school's Climate Action Team with Ms Hobson, Ms Simmons and the school's Governors, to think about ways Honeywell can become more environmentally-friendly. Responsibilities will include making Honeywell more green inside and outside; recycling; monitoring air quality; and thinking of other creative ways to make Honeywell more environmentally friendly!



Reading Ambassadors - After a long application process these are our ambassadors. Congratulations to Louis, Noa, Tommy, Derin, Bryan, Maxima, Leke, Sacha, Darcy, Sadie, Sian, Jaymes, Olivia, Cash, Evangeline, Eva, Olive, Isabella, Luke, Mark, Leo B, and Leonardo



Congratulations to our new **Inclusion Ambassadors**: Nyla, Ada, Daphne, Eracle, Maya, Isla, Inni, Edie, Ariya, Isla, Dougie, Hermione, Toby, Catherine, Sofia, Demi, Isa, Edward, William and Elisha. Inclusion Ambassador is a new role to the school this year and the children will work collaboratively to promote and support the wellbeing of all pupils across the school. They will work to foster a culture where every child feels valued and included and help to educate the school community about diversity and respect. The Year 4 Inclusion Ambassadors will extend their role in work within the community at the local inter-generational project, Sparkle, at St Michael's Church.



Junior Ambassadors

After a long application process these are our ambassadors. Congratulations to Leo, Valentina, India, Kit, Anya, Annika, Aitana and Elliot. Soon they will be welcoming over 100 prospective parents and carers in to see the wonderful work we are doing. They are excited to confidently answer questions about our school and how we learn, highlighting what we do, what we are proud of and promoting both schools.

COMING UP!!



HEALTHY EATING AT HONEYWELL

Are you passionate about nutrition, sustainability or children's health? We are looking for a parent to join our School Nutrition Action Group. We will oversee the schools' food strategy, ensure high standards in school meals and promote healthy and sustainable eating habits among pupils, staff and parents. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Sarah Richardson (Environmental SustainabilityGovernor) at sarah.richardson@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk.

HONEYWELL SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING



Education Wellbeing Service

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust



PARENT / CARER COFFEE MORNING :

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH BIG EMOTIONS

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2026
09:15 - 10:15AM AT HONEYWELL, JUNIOR HALL

Is your child :

Having a tough time managing big emotions?

Do you want to:

- **Understand the importance of emotions and how they impact on behaviour.**
- **Understand what emotion regulation is and why it is important.**
- **Learn practical strategies to support children with managing their feelings/emotions.**

Provided by Battersea Education Wellbeing Service

Respectful **Open** **Collaborative** **Compassionate** **Consistent**

MORE INCLUSION NEWS

NHS
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service



Understanding and Supporting your Child's Sleep Online Parent/Carer Group

The topic of sleep is a very common difficulty for many parents/carers and it can impact the whole family. This group will be for parents and carers of children ages 3-8 focusing on the following topics:

- **The Science of Sleep.**
- **Common Sleep Difficulties.**
- **Creating the right environment and routines.**
- **Supporting your child with sleeping independently.**
- **Practical tools and skills to support your child.**



Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child's sleep.

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following Fridays Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 7 between 12:30-1:30PM. with a follow up session on Jan 8th. Please click here to sign up.

Further groups will be offered throughout the year.

If you are interested but cannot attend these dates/times please sign up and we will be in touch.



In many schools, we also provide free 1:1 early support for parents/carers of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or support children's tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to find out more.

Please scan the QR Code or click here to sign up.

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

YEAR 3

Religious Education

In Year 3, we took a trip to Balham Mandir to build on our understanding of Brahman and thinking about the meaning of a range of forms of religious expression, reflecting on and beginning to analyse what it means to belong to a faith community. We are building our vocabulary to be able to communicate our own and understanding the responses of others. We learnt more about the foundation of Hinduism, how Hindus pray and we danced to traditional drums.





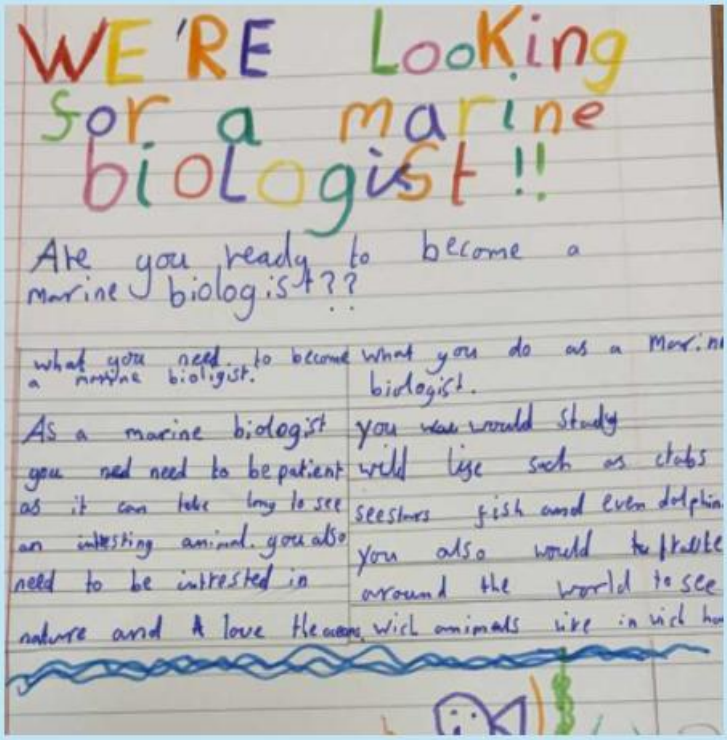
YEAR 4

A scientist just like me



This week in Science, Year 4 have been learning about Marine Biologist Jasmine Isa Qureshi. We discovered how much she loves the ocean and how she works to protect our oceans and the amazing animals that live in them. We then put our comprehension skills to the test by creating our own job advertisements for a marine biologist! We thought carefully about the skills, qualities and responsibilities needed for this important role.





YEAR 5





Year 5 had a wonderful time on their Faith Trail, visiting a Balham Mandir, a Balham Mosque and St Mary & St John the Divine Church. The children enjoyed learning about different faiths, discovering how people worship and exploring the special features of each place of worship. A particular highlight was visiting the church, where some of our pupils had the exciting opportunity to try playing the organ! It was a fantastic day full of curiosity, thoughtful questions and new discoveries, helping us to develop our understanding of and respect for different beliefs and traditions.





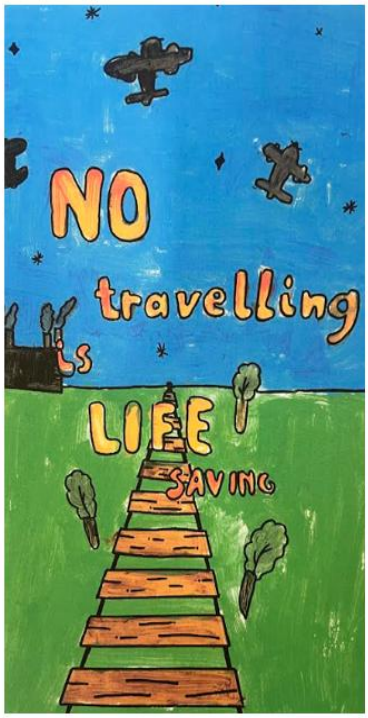
YEAR 6

Art and History

During their Art & Design lessons, Year 6 children used their knowledge of propaganda from History to design and create their own propaganda posters. They explored how propaganda was used to influence people's thoughts, feelings and actions, considering how imagery, colour, symbols and persuasive slogans communicated powerful messages. They experimented with bold colours, contrasting tones and different visual techniques to produce eye-catching designs that reflected the historical context they had studied.











PE and SPORTS NEWS



On Friday 9th October, Honeywell Year 6 Boys competed in the Enthuse Kids Football Cup. The team topped their group with four wins and one draw, scoring 13 goals and conceding just two. The final was a tense contest, with the match decided by a penalty shootout. Honeywell held their nerve under pressure, winning the tournament on penalties to be crowned champions! The team represented Honeywell brilliantly with their sportspersonship, commitment and team spirit. Congratulations to all the boys! Sandy, Paulo, Enzo, Alex, Leto, Luca, Teddy, Victor and Georges.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Well done 4T and 6M!

SCHOOL TARGET 96.7%
CURRENT SO FAR: 95.9%

	Phase 3 (%)						Phase 4 (%)					
	3C	3D	3M	4H	4S	4T	5C	5L	5S	6B	6H	6M
12.10.26	97.1	98.1	96.4	98.1	95.2	97	97	98.3	97.6	89.3	96.7	98.5
19.10.26	95.5	97.6	97	97.6	91	99.1	96.8	93.5	91.4	89.6	92.5	99

PTFA NEWS

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Honeywell Schools PTFA

🎄 CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS & TEA TOWELS! 🎄

Get ready for some lovely festive keepsakes!

🎁 **Tea Towels** – Available to order now on Classlist! Be sure to place your order by 20th November, with collection at the Christmas Fair.

🎁 **Christmas Cards & Calendars** – Available to order on Classlist from early November.

📅 DATES FOR THE DIARY 📅

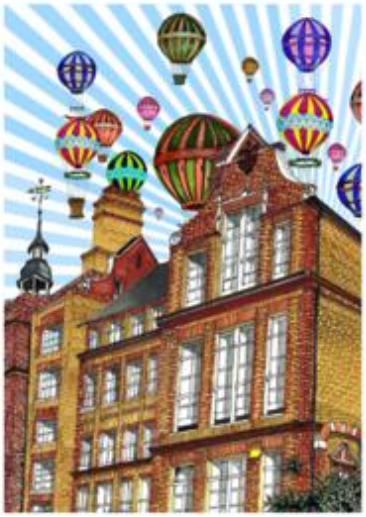
🎩 **Magic Night with Mr Trixy** – Friday 6th November
🍋 **A Taste of Sicily** – Thursday 12th November, 7pm until late
🎄 **Christmas Market** – Thursday 26th November
🌿 **Christmas Wreath Making** – Monday 30th November
🎄 **Christmas Tree Collection** – Saturday 5th December
🎅 **Christmas Fair** – Saturday 12th December
More details to follow soon!

🍋 A TASTE OF SICILY – THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 🍋

Join us for a special evening of Sicilian food, wine and culture, all in support of Honeywell School!
Enjoy an olive oil masterclass with producers Sicilia Fredda, a live cooking demonstration with renowned Chef Giuseppe Silvestri, followed by a delicious Sicilian dinner. Tickets include a welcome drink, a bottle of Sicilian olive oil and recipes to take home. Sicilian wines will be available to purchase.

📅 **Thursday 12th November, 7pm until late**
🎟 **£75 per person (worth £120)**
Places are limited, so book early!
Book tickets on Classlist
Friends welcome!





🙌 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 🙌

We're looking for some lovely volunteers to help support our upcoming Honeywell PTFA events and projects!
🎄 **Christmas Market** – 3 volunteers needed
🎅 **Christmas Fair** – 2 volunteers needed
💻 **Entrepreneur Scheme** – Someone confident with websites and online platforms
🌐 **Website Designer** – Someone with website design experience
If you can spare some time or have skills to share, we'd love to hear from you! Every little bit of help makes a big difference to our school community.
Please email secretary@honeywellptfa.org.uk if you can help! 💛

https://www.honeywellptfa.org.uk/
Join Classlist https://app.classlist.com/start/#/register/signup

COMMUNITY NEWS



PA
Bolingbroke Academy

Bolingbroke Academy Parents Association

Coffee Morning

26th November | 9 - 10.30

Address: 172 Broomwood Road

Coffee morning for Honeywell parents and carers interested in finding out more about Bolingbroke Academy from the Parents Association.

Pop along for an informal chat.

