

Weekly Update

Friday 5th November

Important Updates This Week

Happy Diwali – The Festival of Light

This week, some of the children have been sharing with their classes how they have celebrated Diwali and it has been wonderful for us to learn all about this important festival.

'I celebrated Diwali with my family. There were fireworks in the sky flashing. We eat and say our prayers and after that we give sweets to family and



friends. We put out candles and a special candle called a Diya (smoke comes out), it is very calming and that's how we celebrate Diwali' – Mehtaj, Year 5

We would like to wish all of our families who are celebrating a very Happy Diwali!

Learning Challenge Certificate Recipients



Children who completed the Summer Learning Challenge 'Wild World Heroes' should have all received their certificates this week. Well done to Enric (Hedgehogs), Ellie and Grace (Falcons), Mary (Leopards), Ynette (Panthers) and Joel (Tigers).

Fantastic reading everybody!

Poppies in School

We are delighted to again be able to sell poppies in school next week. This year we also have some other items available although we do only have a limited supply. If your child would like to purchase a poppy, please send them in with their donations next week.

Thank you for your continued support.







Silicon Wristband SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Reflector



Snap Band SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.50

Fenik

Richard Ferris Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week: 1st Place – Panthers (99.3%) 2nd Place – Foxes (98.7%) 3rd Place – Hedgehogs (97.8%)



House Points

House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are Amber with 162 house points! Well done Amber, GREAT work!

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November, we will be having a non-uniform day in support of Children in Need. Please note – this is not a fancy-dress event; children will be asked to just wear their normal non-uniform for a donation of £1 if they wish to take part.

Around our GREAT school!

I am so proud of how wonderful our school looks and wanted to give you a sneak peek inside to see our amazing displays.

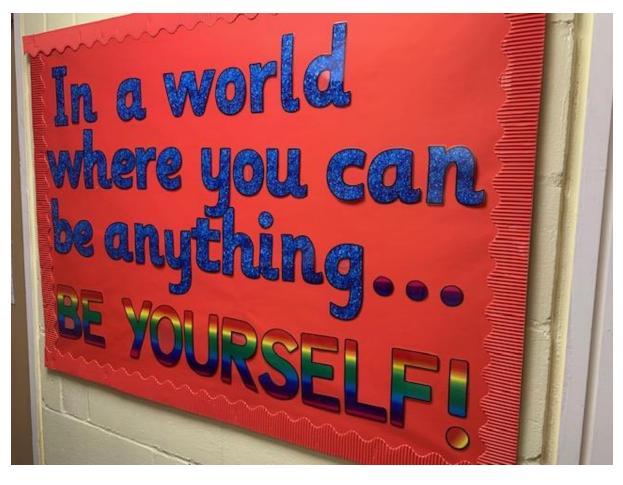


We use a timeline to represent the historical journey the children go on from Early Years to Year
6. By showcasing the journey through a timeline, we are able to understand the chronological order of events studied. It allows the children to see the full picture of a particular era and how vast the history we study is. Whilst focussing on time, place and people, the children can learn how diverse, wonderful and interesting the history of our world really is.





Our work on emotions and feelings can be seen across the school.







Alongside developing the children's understanding of British Values



Art and Culture in our school



Dates for your Diary

Please note the following upcoming dates in our calendar: **Friday 19th November** – Non-uniform Day for Children in Need (£1.00 donation) **Thursday 25th November @ 6.00pm** – Open Event for Parents with children starting school in September 2022 (click here for more information) **Wednesday 1sth December** – Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Years R-6 **Tuesday 14th December @ 2.00pm** – EYFS Nativity Performance for parents **Wednesday 15th December** – Festive Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch **Friday 17th December** – Last day of Autumn Term **Tuesday 4th January** – Children return to school



OPEN EVENTS

GREAT HOLLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR OPEN DAYS:

MAIDEN ERLEGH

Tuesday at 9.15am 28 September 2021

Wednesday at 9.15am 20 October 2021

Thursday at 6.00pm 25 November 2021 Friday at 9.15am





We warmly invite you to attend one of our virtual open events to find out what makes us so proud of our school.

Nearly 90% of children leave Early Years being confident readers and our Year 6 pupils leave school outperforming their peers nationally – come and find out why.

You will be able to meet school leaders and have a virtual tour through our wellresourced teaching and learning provision.

Our skilled and dedicated Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child. Booking is essential for these popular events. If you are interested in attending, please click 'HERE' to reserve a place. Alternatively, you can call our school office on 01344 424 911.

For more information about Great Hollands Primary School, please visit our website, www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk.



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Are you thinking about kick-starting an exciting new career in teaching?



TRAIN TO TEACH VIRTUAL EVENING

Monday 29 November 2021 18.00 - 19.00

Are you thinking about kick-starting an exciting new career in teaching? If so, our Train to Teach event is the perfect opportunity for you to learn all you need to know about teacher training and how to apply.

This is a virtual event and will include a presentation from the Director of Maiden Erlegh Institute and a Q&A session.

We work with the University of Reading to provide high quality training and support. Pass rates are high and our schools often retain trainees through to ECT and beyond.

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All trainees must hold an undergraduate degree 2:2 or above and GCSE Mathematics and English grade C or above.

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