May was an interesting month, with Year 6 and Year 2 children undertaking their SATs and the rest of the school taking part in assessments too. Thank you, children for all your hard work and thank you parents for all your support. In June Year 1 will be doing their phonics testing.

We have had our lists of new children to start in reception classes next year – this time we had over 200 applications, which means our 60 places are very much in demand. Our New Parents’ Induction is on 27th June.

We also had 30 volunteers come into school on Friday 17th May to help with a wide range of jobs, from cutting back branches, painting fences, clearing drains to working in the library. A great big thanks from us to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP who released their staff to work with us.

This June our Year 6 children are going on their residential trip to Stanley Head, as well as doing their Bikeability course and visiting Warningzone. Year 1 have Lion Learners coming into school to visit them and Year 5 are going on taster sessions to Charnwood College and Woodbrook Vale.

We also have Kings Camp coming in to run play sessions as they did so successfully last year and have our Golden Focus Week starting Monday 17th June.

AND OF COURSE we have our Golden Gala (Summer Fete) with loads going on – the children have all made things in school to sell at the fair, and there will be lots of stalls to buy things from or to take part in the competitions that have been devised. We shall be making Summer Hampers after the Christmas Hampers were so popular and the children are all invited to take part in the Golden Parade – prizes for the most impressive ‘Goldie’!! (Please see the extra information about the gala later in the newsletter)

A really busy month, but a fun one, let’s hope the sun shines on us!
School Governor Column

As I’m sure you’re all aware from previous Governor columns and the wider context of politics (outside of Brexit for once!), there are significant pressures on school funding, and as a school that receives one of the lowest levels of funding in the area we are fully implicated in this. Thanks to keen financial management in previous years the school had built up a healthy contingency pot, and we find ourselves now eating into these funds as the school looks to balance delivering a high class education & overall experience within a fantastic environment, against seeking to sensibly minimise spending.

Thanks to the continued diligence of the Senior Management Team, the Business Manager, and the wider school staff, the level of this funding overspend is being mitigated to the maximum level sensibly possible. At the same time improvements are being delivered, for example the fantastic new library space which has been incredibly well-received by the pupils (a special note of thanks to all involved in delivering this, knowing a number of people have gone ‘above-and-beyond’ to bring it about). On the back of all the work being delivered by the school team, as a group of Governors we are as comfortable as we can be in the circumstances that the school is secure for the foreseeable future, whilst we wait to see how the funding situation for the education system as a whole develops on the back of rising national pressure.

With this financial context at the forefront of our minds, as a team of Governors we have concluded, amongst other things, we need to prioritise increasing the level of funds raised by events and external groups using school facilities. The PSA has a critical role to play in this, and I commend the efforts of the small group of extremely dedicated individuals within the PSA committed to helping the school, and to bringing memorable experiences to our children. Over the coming months we as Governors will be working as closely as possible with the PSA to understand better how we can assist in realising some of the ideas and plans, and without hesitation I say I’m personally very excited by some of the things I’ve heard, and am looking forward to seeing what I can do to ensure my son is able to experience some of them.

I take the opportunity to appeal to anyone who has time to spare and feels they can help to get in touch with the PSA through the school office. Time commitment need not be significant, but you can still make a real contribution, whether it’s manning a stall at an event, making cakes, or being involved in planning some of the bigger events we parents would love our children to experience (for example, I did get informed of inchoate plans for trying to bring a circus to school next year – sorry guys if I wasn’t supposed to mention that and ramp up the pressure yet!). If you are able to help, please do get in touch.

Chris Bulloch
Parent Governor

Polite Reminder

Please bring all Barnardo’s Cottage Money Boxes back into school by Friday 28th June 2019 at the latest. (SOONER IF YOU LIKE)

Thank you

School Council & Mr Stephenson
SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday LPAP schools met at University track for an athletics meet. Every school runs an event and we were in charge of the long jump. The children were well behaved and every child, gave their all in their event. The event couldn’t have gone ahead without the teachers that volunteered their time. The results are below. Well done to all the children who took part, and Mr Foley, Miss Connor, Miss White and Mrs Fazzani. Next athletics event is Town Sports on Saturday 22nd June.

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Y4 Girls Ball Throw : Holy, RB, OEPS
Y4 Boys Ball Throw: Holy, OEPS, RB
Y5 Girls Ball Throw: OEPS. Mount, Holy
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Yr6 Boys 100m: Mount, Mount, OEPS
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Yr5 Boys 100m: OEPS, OEPS, Mount
Yr 5 Girls 100m: Mount, Holy, Mount
Yr4 Boys 100m, OEPS, Robert, Holy
Yr 4 Girls 100m, OEPS, OEPS, Holy

Yr 6 Boys 50m: Mount, Holy
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Yr 5 Boys 50m: Mount, Mount, OEPS
Yr 5 Girls 50m: Mount, holy, mount
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Yr 4 Girls 50m, OEPS, Holy, Robert/Cobden

Y6 Boys 800m: Mount, Mount, OEPS
Y6 Girls 800m: Mount, Mount, OEPS
Y5 Boys 800m: Holy, Cobden, Mount
Y5 Girls 800m: OEPS, Cobden/Robert
Y4 Boys 400m: Holy, Oeps, Oeps
Y4 Girls 400m: Oeps, Oeps, Robert

Relay
Year 4 Girls OEPS, Holy, Cob
Year4 Boys OEPS, Holy, Cob
Year 5 Mount, Holy, Oeps
Year 5 Boys OEPS, Mount, Holy
Year6 gGirls: OEPS, Mount, Holy
GOLDEN GALA – SUMMER FAIR

When: Saturday 15th June from 11.00am to 3.00pm
Where: At school - outside if fine - fingers crossed - and inside if wet
Lots of help needed - can you please help with one or more of the following?

SUMMER HAMPERS After the success of the Christmas hampers we have decided to hold another raffle, this time for Summer Hampers, where the class creating the best Summer Hamper will receive a whole class prize from the PSA. (At Christmas RAR won the prize.) This time those buying the tickets will also contribute to the voting for the best hamper.

We need sealed, non-perishable items to go into these hampers such as: sun lotion, picnic blanket, crackers, picnic tableware, crackers, wine, fudge, olives, fruity crisps, elderflower cordial just think of a summer’s day picnic!! Please send items for hampers to your child’s class where they will be collected and transformed into fabulous hampers.

TOY TOMBOLA We really need new/unused toys, puzzles etc. for our toy tombola (no cuddly toys please). Please bring these to the school porch.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA Non alcoholic or alcoholic drinks in sealed bottles, unused toiletries in sealed bottles - you get the idea!! Again, please bring these to the porch.

STALLS Volunteers are desperately needed to help to run PSA stalls throughout the gala - for 1 hour time slots. This could include stalls such as Splat the Rat, Coconut Shy, Lucky Lolly, Yucky Dip, Cake Stall, Food Stall, Bar ...............

In addition to everything going on above there will also be:

CHILDREN’S STALLS All of our children have made something to sell - each year group will be running their ‘children’s bazaar stalls’ where you will be able to purchase the items the children have made, FS have made key rings, Y1 Peg dolls, Y2 Grass Heads, Y3 Divas, Y4 flower pot flowers, Y5 cookie mixes, Y6 Golden Sunflowers. Each year group will also be running a Golden Gala game to join in with.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS Lots of performances will take place including a gym display, orchestra and choir, dance display, and a display from Whip the Cat Rapper Side. (Permission letters will be sent to parents) FOOD AND DRINK STALLS

HISTORY OF HOLYWELL PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY

Golden Parade The children are encouraged to come dressed in full or part gold to take part in the parade - there are prizes for the most impressive gold person in the parade from FS/Y1&2/3&4/5&6

Thank you - Mia Ings  Headteacher  (On behalf of the school and the PSA)
The PSA held our annual Quiz Night on Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} of May. It was well attended and we managed to raise £513.26 which is amazing, almost £100 more than last year. £128 of that total was the raffle alone so a big thank you to everyone who donated items; they really do make a difference!

We were in need of a new host this year and we were incredibly lucky to have a friend of a parent at the school who had attended last year’s quiz step up to the role. She even brought her boyfriend to keep score for us so we were set! This year’s rounds included Disney, All About That Bass (guess the songs by their bass lines), Superheroes, Sweet Treats and a well-planned one which required us to know the location of various photographs from around the Charnwood area. The winner of the night was Taking Care of Quizness, who gets to take home the prestigious Holywell Quiz Night trophy until next year. Well done!

I must give a special shout out to the effort put in to this year’s team mascots. I was quite busy on the night so I forgot to get pictures but there were a few standouts (literally, visible from across the room) from the Wright Stuff and the Three Must Get Beers. However, in the end, the Panto Team (Hip Hip!) was the owner of the unbeatable Baby Shark. If we do manage to get pictures from these teams we’ll get them on the Holywell Primary School PSA Facebook page which you should absolutely join if you haven’t already.

In other PSA news, we’re now looking forward to supporting the upcoming Golden Gala, which staff have been working hard to organise. The PSA are planning on having a bar, food, a tombola and games stalls in addition to all the entertainment on hand, and we really need volunteers in order to make all of that happen. A text has been sent out with the sign up link for people to sign up, please do if you can help at https://signup.com/go/whpuqFz. We’re also desperately in need of donations for the new toy tombola (no cuddly toys please), bottle tombola and of course the class hampers, which will be picnic-themed. The items for hampers can be dropped off at your child’s classroom as there will be a competition again for best hamper, but the other items should be brought to the donation box which will be in reception by our blue PSA box.

\textbf{Year 3 STEM CLUB}

This term ten Year 3 pupils took part in the 3M Young Innovators Challenge 2019 where the challenge was to build a Slo-Mo marble run. Over 5 sessions the pupils designed and created their marble runs adapting and solving problems all the way. There was lots of STEM learning through research into gravity; energy; friction; gradient and material properties. We ended the project by presenting our marble runs to judges at 3M. Both teams presented their marble runs and the judges were all really impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm. There were 57 schools taking part and we were one of the youngest groups so we were even more excited to find that one of our teams were one of the finalists and have been invited to a presentation evening next month.

It was an absolute pleasure to work with these Year 3s and they worked so hard as teams to create their marble runs. As always I was really proud to take them out of school and they represented Holywell brilliantly.
Dates for the Diary 2019

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Y1 Walk to the Woods

On Tuesday 7th May, Year One walked to the Burleigh Woods to see the fantastic display of bluebells. We were so impressed with how beautiful they looked and the children came up with some lovely descriptions. One child said they looked like a ‘purple fountain’ because of the way they were cascading down the hill. We studied them carefully and took note of the colours and shapes of the bluebells and surrounding plants. We even compared the colours of nature to paint samples. This helped us when we got back into the classroom and created paintings of what we had seen. While we were there, we also went on a wild flower hunt and listened to the sounds of the woodland. We had a lovely morning and feel very lucky to have such a wonderful woodland right on our doorstep. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who made it possible to take our learning outdoors.

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Dance Festival

A group of children across school, lead by Miss Rowlands took part in the first LPAP Dance festival held at Rawlins Secondary School. The theme was ‘Mind Set’ and the children together created a piece of dance to Sia, ‘Never give up’. The piece is an exploration of the themes of resilience, overcoming discouragement and never giving up. The children devised their own phrases of movement as well as developing duets and group choreography. They have enjoyed pushing themselves to team challenging movement and even designed the costumes themselves.

Miss Rowlands & Mrs Peaty

Year 4 went to Dukes Barn during May and were lucky enough to pick the right week for the weather. It was a sunny week and all the groups enjoyed their activities even when they were getting wet in a stream, canoeing and jumping in the lake or weasel-ling on a hilltop. Both classes represented the school well, showing good behaviour, resilience and enthusiasm even when the going got tough. Both the instructors and Holywell staff were proud of the children’s attitude during the activities and around the centre.

A great trip – well done Year 4.