# Holyoakes Field First School Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

## World Mental Health Day!

Today for Mental Health Day, we started the morning off slowly with the children enjoying some mindfulness colouring, some classes enjoyed a story outside and the whole school joined in for a fun dance at lunch time. Throughout the day we highlighted the importance of looking after our mental health not just today but every day. We also discussed the importance of a smile and how a small act of kindness can make a big difference. The children passed on smiles with 'pass it on' smile sticker, reminding us that positivity Is contagious.

Here are a few photos that will make you smile!

## Harvest in School……

Thank you to all parents who have already donated food for our harvest collection, we will continue accepting donations until Wednesday 15th October.

All food donated will be given to the Batchley Support Group.

Batchley Support Group will always accept donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in crisis. For further information please visit: Batchley Support Goup | Holyoakes Field First School and Nursery (secure-primarysite.net)

## Exciting news from Holyoakes (& the Communication Ambassadors):

As part of the wider opportunities we want to offer our pupils, this year we are looking to support pupils to develop a different set of skills by taking on a range of different pupil 'ambassador' roles. We want to provide pupils with the opportunity to 'make a difference' and develop important skills such as problem solving, independence, using their initiative as well as taking responsibility. The various 'ambassador' roles have been voted for and chosen by the children and they are really looking forwards to getting stuck into their roles. Before they can begin, each group will work together to create and design a logo that is unique to their ambassador role. The children have some fantastic ideas which we look forward to sharing with you over the coming term.

| Ambassador group & Adult | Pupils |
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| **Online safety ambassadors**<br><br>Miss Card | Luke (Elm) Oakley (Cedar)<br>Ibrahim (Oak) Olivia (Maple)<br>Elizabeth (Fir) Robbyn (Hazel)<br>Oliver (Rowan) Ellis O (Willow) |
| **Young enterprise ambassadors**<br><br>Mrs Cerrone | Gwyneth (Oak) Thea (Maple)<br>Harmony (Rowan) Piper (Willow) |
| Teaching and learning ambassadors<br><br>Mrs Cerrone | Rivaan (Oak) Lyra (Maple)<br>Amelia (Rowan) Hareem (Willow) |
| **Communication ambassadors**<br><br>Mrs Millward | Piper (Oak) Lennon (Maple)<br>Ruby (Rowan) Henley (Willow) |
| **The Arts ambassadors**<br><br>Mrs Winders & Mrs Asplin | Guvraj (Elm) Foley-Fox (Cedar)<br>Elsie (Fir) Bonnie (Hazel)<br>Liliana (Oak) Freddie (Maple)<br>Ivy (Rowan) Victoria (Willow) |
| **Eco ambassadors**<br><br>Miss Beatson | Aaliyah (Elm) Elliott (Cedar)<br>Leon (Fir) Tate (Hazel)<br>Alfie. S (Oak) Arthur (Maple)<br>Darley (Rowan) Bodhi-Rey (Willow) |
| **Community ambassadors**<br><br>Miss Chance | Benji (Oak) Rushank (Maple)<br>Aizah (Rowan) Tristans (Willow) |
| **Reading ambassadors**<br><br>Miss Willis | Sophie (Elm) Emily (Cedar)<br>Ethan (Fir) Faith (Hazel)<br>Isobel (Oak) Elsie (Maple)<br>Harry (Rowan) Lily (Willow) |
| **Fitness ambassadors**<br><br>Mrs Sanders & Miss Ballinger | David (Oak) Dylan (Maple)<br>Jax (Rowan) Ellie W (Willow)<br>Ronnie (Rowan) |
| **Belonging ambassadors**<br><br>Mrs Mawby | Charlie (Willow) Scarlet (Hazel)<br>Ellie (Hazel) |

## Have your say the school & surrounding site development information evening !

On **Thursday 23rd October between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm**, we are hosting an information evening in partnership with Persimmon, Taylor Wimpey and TC Homes. This will provide parents and residents with the opportunity to ask questions and get information about the current phases of construction as well as the longer term plan. This will take place in the school foyer area and will be attended by representatives from each of the above construction firms. You will also be able to share your views by completing an electronic survey that will be sent out early next week.

## Celebrating birthdays

Due to the number of allergies and risks associated with some types of sweets, we are not able to distribute birthday sweets and treats in class.

## Ear Piercings

Please can we remind you to ensure any stud earrings are removed on PE days. If they are freshly pierced and you are unable to remove them, please provide your child with some microporous surgical tape to cover their piercings during PE lessons. During swimming sessions, the tape will come off so please ensure earrings are removed on swimming days.

## Pick-up after school clubs

From **Monday 13th October 2025**, all pupils that attend after school clubs should be picked up from the **main school hall**. Please make your way to the external hall door as staff running clubs will bring their groups to the hall at the end of each club for handover. This does not apply if your child attends Funzone.

## Wear Red Day

Next Friday (17th October 2025) we will be marking 'Wear Red Day' by encouraging children to wear one item of 'red' clothing. During assemblies this week and next week, pupils have and will be exploring the theme of 'diversity' and how we can respect differences through developing our knowledge and understanding of 'difference'.