



Newsletter week beginning 9th February



INSPIRING SUCCESS

Reflection on half-term

Another half-term is approaching completion. It has been memorable for the number of wet lunchtime and break times we've had!

It also marks the half-way point of the academic year - a time when teachers reflect even more than usual on what children have learnt and how they can support them throughout the remainder of the year. In early March, we will be hosting our Spring Term parents meetings. You

will have the opportunity to see children's work and ask questions. We will continue to give families the option of a phone call, however, if you can attend in person this time, it is so much easier for a teacher to explain progress made and steps needed with children's work in front of them. See 'future events' details below.

We hope that you have a nice half-term break, when it comes. School finishes on Thursday 12th February for all children as we are holding a staff INSET day on Friday. This time training on offer for different colleagues covers: AI (developments in technology); first aid; Nursery recording keeping and assessment; reflection on planning and time for adaptations to be made. We think it is important that children understand that learning doesn't stop when you have left school. Whatever your pathway in life, you can always learn new things.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Children's Mental Health Week¹ is here!

It is your last chance to book on the parent workshop on Wednesday 11th February at 9am. Please sign up via this link: Anxiety, Mental Health and Special Educational Needs²

You also have the opportunity to come and work with your child (Reception - Year 6) On **Tuesday 10th February at 2.30pm**, you are invited to join your child in class where activities will take place around health and well being. We understand many of you will have children in more than one class, so you will be able to move between rooms.

Staff and children will also be focusing on Safer Internet Day³ We attach some information this week on Fake News, scams and fake friendships which you may find useful - not only to support children but adults too!

¹https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/resources/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21907311749&gclid=EA1aIQobChM1ppWYoo4kgMV35JQBh2EeyDdEAAYASAAEgJ48fD_BwE

²<https://forms.office.com/e/NnRpnsLpbD>

³<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>



Llanrug

We hope that the Year 5 group who went to Llanrug have enjoyed telling you all about it. We expect they slept for a long time over the weekend!

They were a fabulous group who were a credit to school and families. There were a lot of nerves about taking on challenges, however, they were very brave and staff saw a huge difference in children's confidence levels even over a couple of days.

On the way back, Hollymount and Carnforth children stopped at Stafford services. As they were leaving, a member of staff from the shop stopped Mr Harris to say they were the best behaved group of children she had ever seen!

A HUGE thank-you to Mr Harris, Miss Payne and Mr Barker for giving their time last week to enable the children to have a wonderful experience. It is a huge responsibility but one which is worth the effort! Thank-you also to Mrs Ricketts and other Year 5 staff who supported staff before they left and looked after those who stayed behind!

Finally, thank-you to YOU, the parents, who saw the importance of the opportunity, supported financially and were brave enough to let children go! The hardest job of being a parent is knowing when to let go a little!

Staff will organise a special Llanrug assembly next half-term where you can see photos and share the memories of a wonderful week!

This Week



Monday 9th February

Tuesday 10th February: Swimming Year 5 - **twice this week due to missing swimming last week**

Wednesday 11th February

PINS 'anxiety' workshop 9am

Thursday 12th February Swimming Year 5

Parent 'Inspire' Workshops - 2.30pm

Friday 13th February: NO school for children. Staff INSET

Future events:

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February HALF-TERM Holiday

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March: this year, we will be asking children to wear pyjamas to reflect the importance of 'bedtime' stories. Should children particularly want to dress as a book character, of course they can.

Parents' meetings - Wednesday 11th March (3.30 - 5.30pm) and Thursday 12th March 4.30 - 6.30pm

Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March - being organised by children!

RockSteady Music concert - Friday 27th March (afternoon -time to be confirmed)





KEY FEATURES



SAFETY-CHECKED VENUES MAP



SAFEST ROUTE PLANNER
SHARE YOUR JOURNEY WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY



SOS ALERT BUTTON
INSTANTLY NOTIFY TRUSTED CONTACTS IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE



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Your opinion matters

If there is anything else you would like to see being provided in our regular newsletter, let us know. Please email the school office - office@hollymountschool.org⁴

Similarly if you have any other suggestions about school in general, then please let us know.

Thank-you

⁴<mailto:office@hollymountschool.org>