

# March Holbrook News



## Happy 30th Birthday WWW

The World Wide Web has just turned 30, and just like the motorcar it has brought benefits to the world, but it also poses risks. Just as in crossing the road, we spend time to teach our children how to remain safe. At first we get them to hold our hand, cross on quiet roads so that when they get to secondary school age, we feel confident that they have the knowledge and road sense to stay safe.

In an increasingly digital age we need to do the same with the internet, games and APPS. In school from Year 1 up to year 6, we are constantly thinking about how we can stay safe and what we should do online, from opening unknown files, what is safe to share and what we do with images. In school we use software to monitor and filter pages to minimise the possible exposure to unsuitable material but pupils can access the internet at home on so many devices.

As part of our computing curriculum we look at ratings on computer games—a lot of pupils tell us about games they have played on with older siblings and on their own. Some of the games are not appropriate for younger children as they contain strong violence and bad language. Just like many APPS and internet services, like Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, they have minimum age requirements—normally at least 13. On occasions we find out that pupils use these APPS and play these games. We do inform parents when we find out. However, we would like to remind all parents that they need to be vigilant and check on their children's phones that they are not using unsuitable APPS.

If you aren't a games player yourself, it can be hard to decide what is a suitable game for your child to play. Since 2012, PEGI has been the sole system used in the UK for new console and PC games. These ratings can help you decide if the game is suitable for your child. Proving the internet is also full of many excellent websites that are of great use <http://www.askaboutgames.com/> and <https://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/> have large databases of games and further information that are very easily searchable so parents can be informed, without having to play hundreds of games yourself!



*Mrs McCarthy*

## Forthcoming Events

Assembly Theme—Mothering Sunday.

Monday 25th	<b>No Gymnasts Club—Squad Training.</b>
Tuesday 26th	<b>Year 2, 4 &amp; 6 BEST Assembly</b> <b>Swimming Year 4 &amp; 5 Club</b>
Wednesday 27th	<b>Year 4 Morning of Music</b> No Drumming Club. <b>YEAR 1 PE - Come to school in PE KIT—bring your uniform to change into.</b> <b>Boys Rowing Squad Training</b>
Thursday 28th	<b>Girls Football Match—Home</b>
Friday 29th	

1	3D	99
2	6C	98
3	5S	97.7
4	5C	96.7
5	6W	96.3
6	6H	96.1
7	1F	96
8	RL	94.8
9	1M	94.1
10	3S	94
11	3R	94
12	1B	93.8
13	2K	93.3
14	RW	93
15	5D	92.5
<b>Whole School</b>		<b>92.3</b>
16	2C	92
17	RM	91.9
18	2S	91
19	4M	91
20	4H	90
21	4D	88.7
22	Nursery AM	69.8
23	Nursery PM	51.9

## Attendance Report

Another having two good weeks we are seeing a dip in our attendance.

**WELL DONE** to those 7 classes that hit our target. Looking at the numbers we can see that the whole of Year 6 managed that feat.

11 - 15 March





## You've **NOT** got the power!

Each Year 20 000 tones of dead batteries end up in landfill sites when they don't need to be as they can be recycled!



A few weeks ago every child was sent home with a box to collect dead batteries that can be recycled.

This week the school received a collector for the batteries—so you don't need to remember to take them to the supermarket.

## Summer Term Clubs



The link for signing up for after school clubs goes live today—and can be found on the School website, Facebook page or you can just scan the code or enter the link.

<https://goo.gl/forms/UKkw6IQIL8SU0Rm43>

There are a limited amount of places available at each club but they are not allocated on a first come first served basis so you don't have to sign up today. Each application is carefully looked at to try and arrange it so that most children get at least one club they select.

If you need help signing up Mr Connolly hold a drop in on Monday Morning.

All pupils will receive a letter informing them of the outcome.

## Scooters

It is lovely to see so many pupils scooting to and from school but can we remind you to think about others especially when coming through the gates.

On the school site scooters need to be pushed and not ridden!



## Weekly Challenge

We will **CHALLENGE** ourselves every day, in and out of school, to extend our experiences and widen our knowledge.



This week I received some great pictures on some of the challenges that people have done—Making their own costume, the paper tower and the museum visit.

### Challenge 9... Puppet Theatre!

This week it would be great if pupils could make a puppet show to tell a story. Parents in Reception will have already seen how easy and how much fun children have to create simple stick puppets to retell a story. It might be a version of the story Floodlands Year 6 are reading in class or a traditional tale, think carefully of what puppets you need!

For whatever story you pick, practise it and then perform it to an audience—brothers and sisters, parents or grandparents.



We would love to see pictures of the puppets or the performance so please take a picture and e-mail in to:- [challenge@holbrookprimary.com](mailto:challenge@holbrookprimary.com) and maybe your theatre will be in next weeks newsletter.

P.S. Keep the puppets—you might be able to use them on a future challenge!

