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Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. There are many four-day weeks this half term so please make sure you look carefully at our dates for the diary section.

Bank Holidays

There is an additional bank holiday in May to celebrate the Kings coronation. Please see dates the school will be closed for the bank holidays:

Monday 1st May – one day only

Monday 8th May – one day only

Monday 29th May – which is the half term break

SATs/ National Tests

Please be aware of the National test dates for SATs and other statutory tests taking place next term. It is really important that your children are present on these dates.

Year 6 - SATs Tuesday 9th – 12th May 2023

Year 2 - SATs Monday 15th – 19th May 2023

Year 4- Multiplication check Tuesday 6th June

Year 1&2 Phonics screening check Monday 12th – 16th June 2023

Teacher Strikes

Please note the school will be closed on **Tuesday 2nd May**. A letter was sent to all parents on last week explaining our decision.

Year 4 Birch Class – Changes to staffing for this term

As you will be aware, Mrs. Opaleye will be unable to teach Year 4 Birch class for the rest of the term due to unforeseen circumstances. We want to reassure you that the class will be in good hands. Mr. Long, an experienced Y6 Practitioner who already knows Year 4 Birch Class well, will be covering the class during this time. The class will also be supported by our Academic Mentor Mrs Clarke, who currently works with Y4 on a weekly basis. Additionally, our Core Leadership Team will be monitoring teaching and learning closely to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your children during this time. I will keep you updated at the end of the term regarding Mrs. Opaleye's return for the final summer term.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Coronation celebrations on 5th May at 1.30pm. Thank you for your anticipated donations of food to make this celebration even more special.

Full version of this newsletter with photos are on the website!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Ms Reid

Headteacher

Thought of the week

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Important dates for your diary

Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	School closed due to strike action
Wednesday 3rd May	Dental Workshop KS1
Wednesday 3rd May	Willow Class parents invited to lunch at 12.30pm
Thursday 4th May	Ukulele Festival Y4 Birch Class
Thursday 4th May	School of Kindness Workshop EYFS and KS1 – Year 1&2 workshop
Thursday 4th May	Phonics Screening Check Meeting for Y1 parents and carers in Oak Class
Friday 5th May	King's Coronation Party – Food donations and crowns to be brought to school
Wednesday 10th May	Oak Class Assembly – Parents and Carers invited 9.20am
Wednesday 10th May	Willow Class parents invited to lunch at 12.00pm
Thursday 11th May	Bikeability workshops for Y3 and Y4 children begins

Attendance and Punctuality



How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance **target of 97%**.

Please note the following:

- 100% Attendance - 0 Days Missed - Excellent**
- 95% Attendance - 9 Days of Absence, 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed - Satisfactory**
- 90% Attendance - 19 Days of Absence, 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed - Poor**
- 85% Attendance - 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - Very Poor**
- 80% Attendance - 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - Unacceptable**

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Cherry	99%	3
Elm	96%	5
Oak	96%	3
Cedar	97%	4
Birch	97%	4
Hazel	94%	2
Willow	95%	2

Coronation Home Learning Project 2023



Please ensure that all crowns are brought back to school from next Wednesday 3rd May 2023.



School Food Matters Ambassadors

Thank you to Ros who leads on gardening at Hollydale. Her hard work is much appreciated and children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.



Hollydale Highlights

YR Cherry Class have decorated their own bunting for our coronation-themed home corner this week. We have learned about afternoon tea and held our own tea parties!



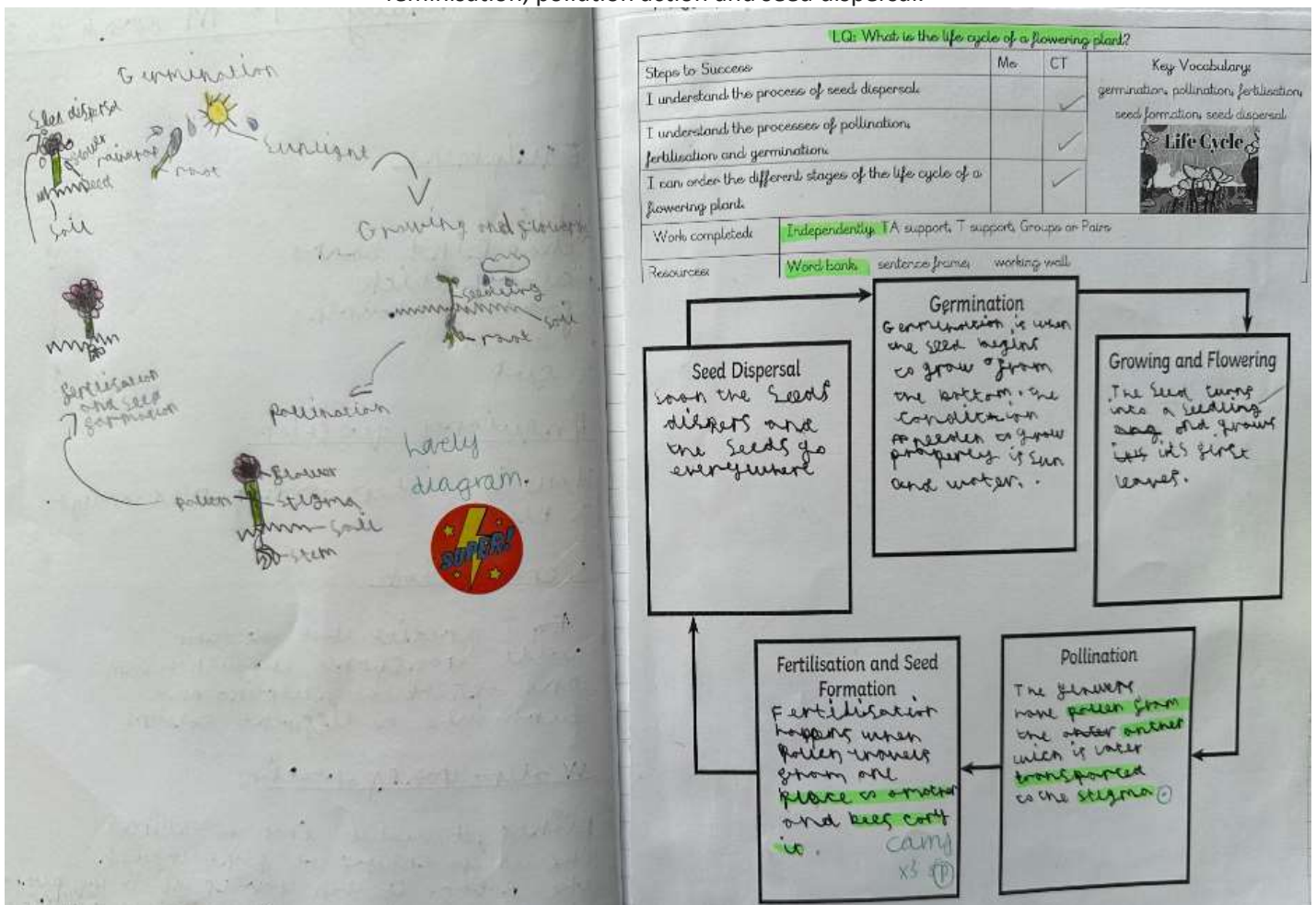
As part of Science week, Year 1/2 Oak Class have enjoyed following the theme of connections, to make bridges and see coloured water 'travel' through kitchen paper.



Year 2 Elm class carried out an experiment to find out how water travels from one container to another using water, food colouring and tissue paper.



Y3 Cedar Class have been discussing the processing involved in the life cycle of a flowering plant, including feminisation, pollination action and seed dispersal.

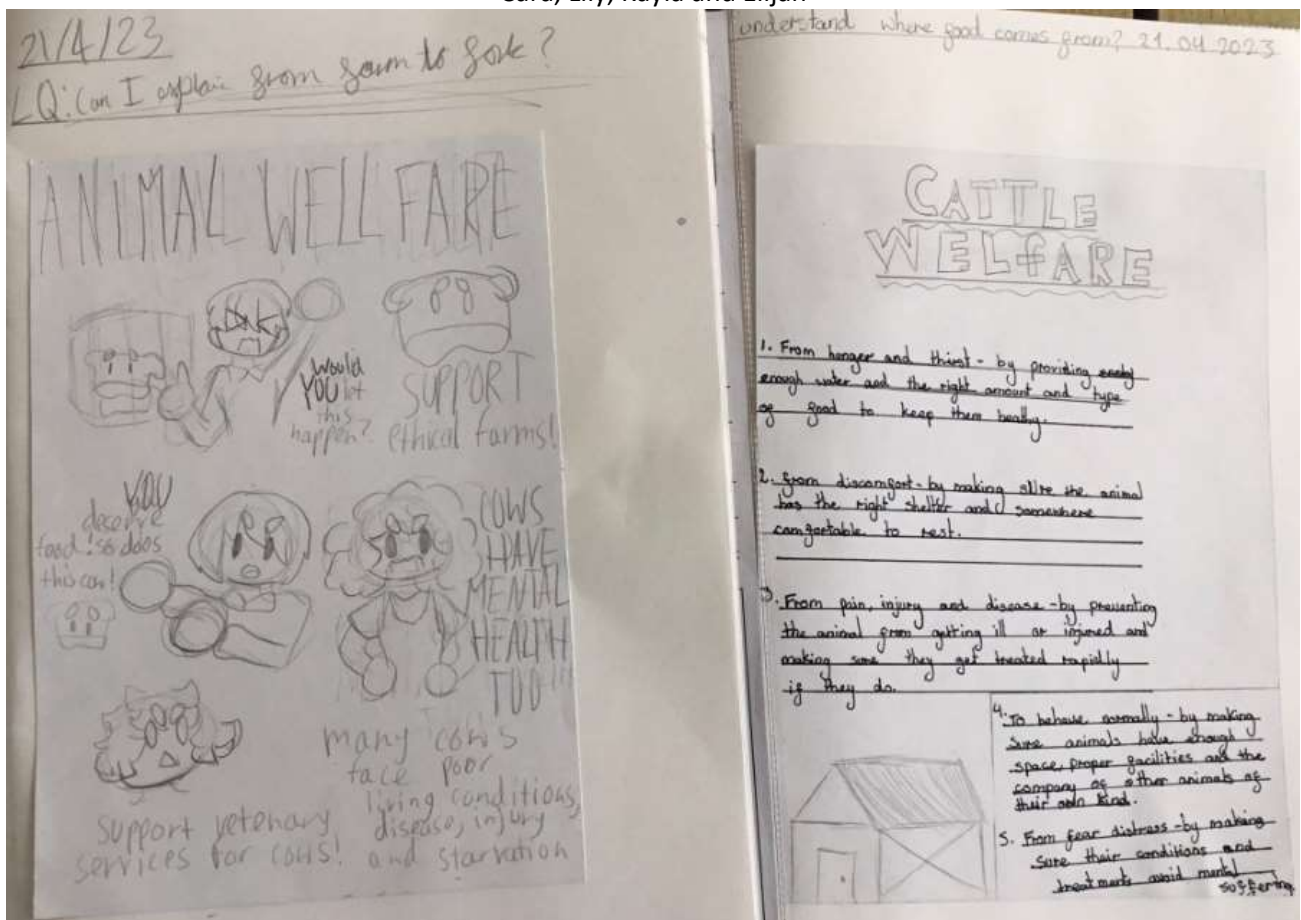


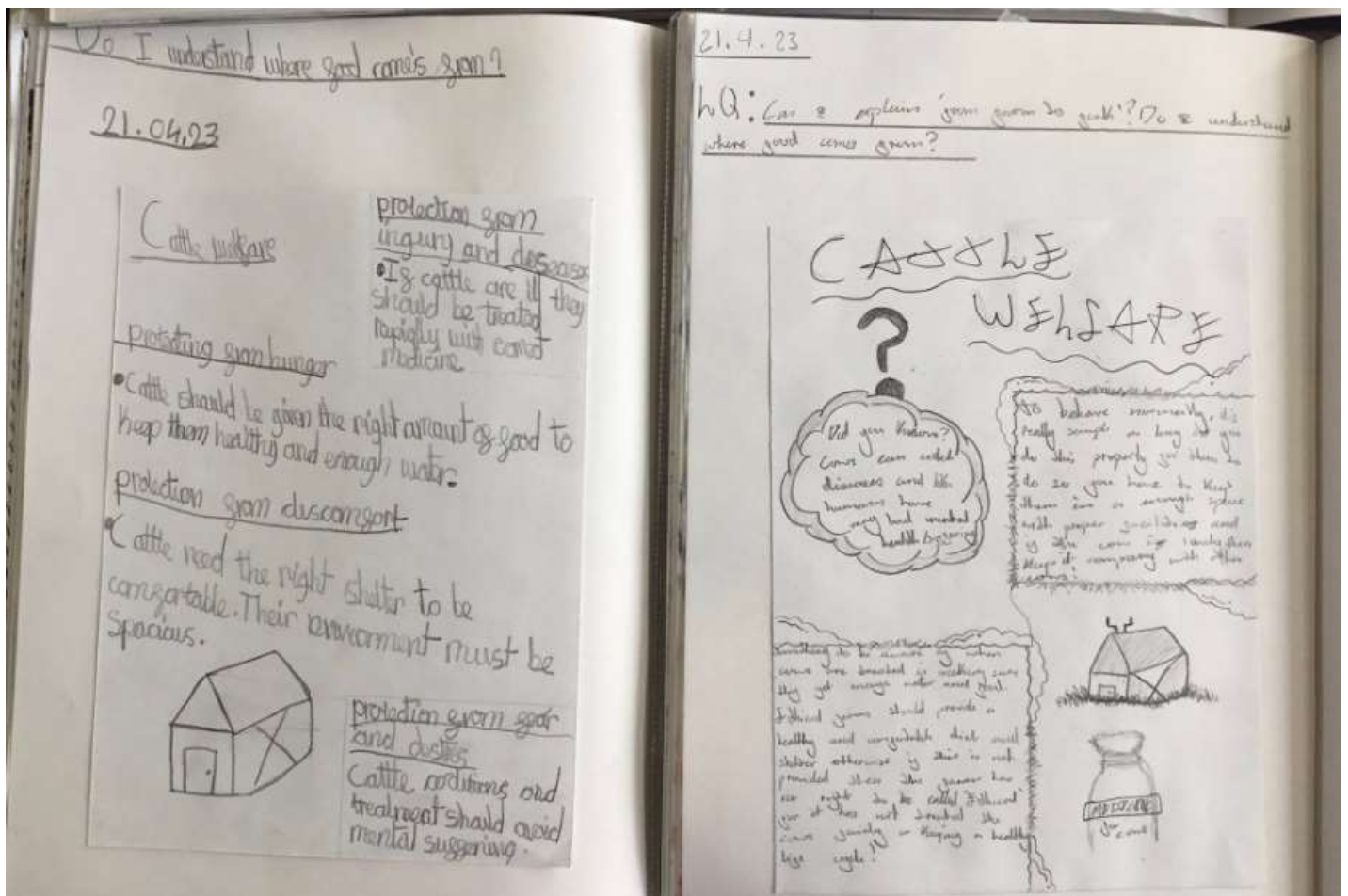
Year 4 Birch Class thoroughly enjoyed their skipping workshop with Skip2bFit this week.



In DT, Year 5 started their food technology DT topic What could be healthier? We discussed the process of farm to fork for beef and created informative posters of the main concerns regarding cattle welfare in the UK.

Cara, Lily, Kayla and Elijah





In Y6 Willow Class our Art topic was Make My Voice Heard! We explored symbolism in art and messages that are important to us before designing a piece of artwork to represent this.







Science Week 2023

This week we celebrated all things Science. As part of Hollydale's Science week, we learnt all about 'Connections'. We had a special 'Bubbleworks' Scientist visit who helped the children to explore the wonderful world of Science in an exciting and hands-on way. The children investigated electrical conductivity using a plasma ball and fluorescent tubes. They also made a human electrical circuit to explore the concepts of electrical insulators and conductors. During the Science assembly they were even sending ping-pong balls soaring through the air using a powerful launcher. The children then spent the rest of the week completing small science experiments in class. Ask your child about it to see what they have learnt. Thank you for donating towards this workshop.





Skip2bFit Workshops

Thank you for your donations towards these workshops. The children had a brilliant time beating their scores and getting fit.

The 2 Minute Skip2bFit Challenge! SKIP2BFIT CHAMPIONS RECORDS Hollydale Primary School		
		BEST SCORE
RECEPTION	MAXWELL	54
YEAR 1	AMERIA	140
YEAR 2	AMAA L	175
YEAR 3	TAWFIQ	232
YEAR 4	C RISTIAN	226
YEAR 5	KAYLA	184
YEAR 6	SOFIA	265
TOP TEACHER	MRS REID	183
TOP PARENT		
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Wednesday Reward Assembly Chart

W/C: 24.04.23
Excellence Reward week for: Science Week

Class	Name of Child	Reason for reward	Name of child	Reason for reward
Cherry YR	Nikodem	Curiosity and an enquiring attitude during Science Week.	Kynng-Afra	Excellent engagement with Science Week activities.
Elm Y2	Aisha	Great understanding of the different parts of a plant and their functions.	Jayden	Good effort describing the life cycle of a plant.
Oak Y1/Y2	Kayden Diourara	Excellent scientific knowledge, especially when carrying out our 'travelling colours' experiment, well done!	Hasnain Ali	Super science work this week when taking part in our Science Workshop, well done!
Cedar Y3	Nell	Fantastic diagram and explanation of the functions of a flowering plant	Oliver Doyle	Fantastic contributions and enthusiasm in our science lessons.
Birch Y4	Dina	Great enthusiasm always displayed in Science especially during investigations.	Prince	Great enthusiasm always displayed in Science especially during investigations.
Hazel Y5	Ishmail	Great effort in Science. Ishmail working hard to develop his understanding of forces.	Aleena	Fantastic effort in Science. Aleena offers great contributions during class discussions.
Willow Y6	Khalid	For excellent participation in the Science workshop – well done!	Hillary	For excellent participation in the Science workshop – well done!