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Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks at Hollydale with lots of exciting events including preparation for Maths Week as well as the celebration of Chinese New Year. I was absent due to unforeseen circumstances, and I am so happy to be back at school. The warm welcome from parents and children truly lifted my spirits. Hearing them say, "I appreciate you, Ms. Reid," was incredibly heart-warming. Hollydale is such a special place, filled with remarkable children. *Yes, we can!*

Many families in Year 6 have been sent letters inviting their children to attend booster sessions. While these are not compulsory, we recommend your child attends. Our staff run these booster sessions after school where a snack will be given and small group work is given to the children. Boosters have been allocated based on children's progress and over the years, this strategy has been very successful, If your child is unable to attend, please speak to the booster club teacher who will advise the next steps for support.

NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 7th February, we will be celebrating all things "number". The children will be participating in various cross curricular number activities as well as being asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it. We will be encouraging everyone to bring in £1 to raise money for the NSPCC. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity-fundraising/schools-fundraising-ideas/number-day/>

Online Safety - Sharing Personal Information Online

Does your child know what information is okay to be shared online and what should be kept private? It is important to have conversations at home to remind children of what can be shared and what should remain private. CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) has some useful advice and some key questions to help parents start conversations at home. For more information about how to talk to children about sharing information online, please visit: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2/>

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%. The reason that attendance is so important to us is that poor attendance and punctuality has a negative effect on children's academic progress and their social and emotional wellbeing. We understand that some absence due to illness is unavoidable, but we ask that children return to school as soon as possible after an illness. We are very rarely able to authorise absence for anything other than illness or medical appointments. If attendance/lateness issues persist, statutory fines will be issued.

Ms Reid,
Headteacher

Thought of the week

"Respect is a two-way street, if you want to get it, you've got to give it."
(R.G.Risch)



Important dates for your diary

Thursday 6th	Y4 Birch Class Assembly
Friday 7th	NSPCC Number day
Friday 7th	Parent/Carers Science workshop 9:20-10:00
Tuesday 11th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th	Poetry Recital Assembly
Friday 14 th	Last day of term

**Monday 17th February –
Friday 21st February Half Term**

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**

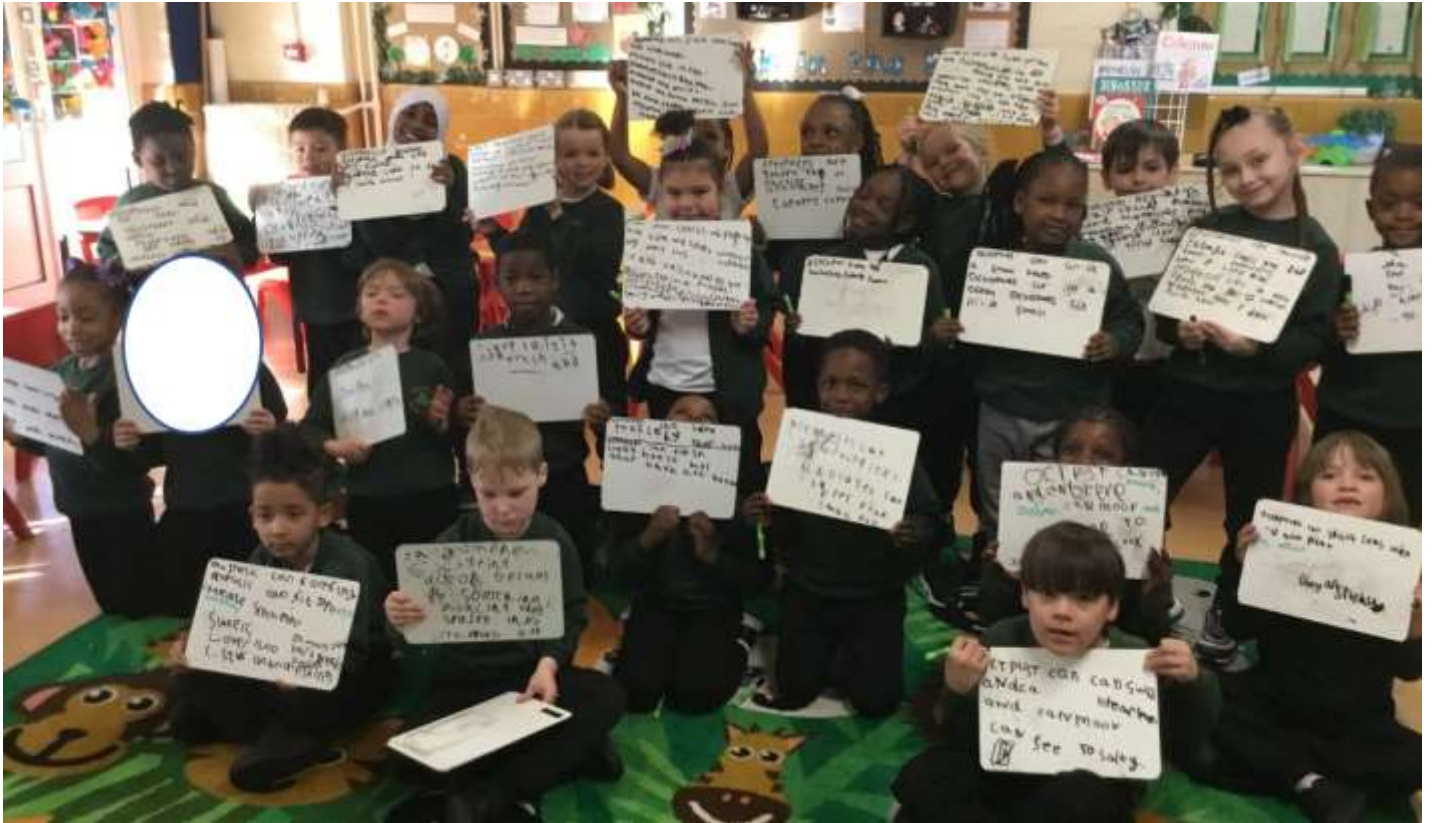
Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Cherry	95%	2
Elm	95%	3
Cedar	89%	4
Birch	91%	3
Hazel	97%	2
Willow	91%	2

Class Catch Up!

Cherry Class (YR) have been celebrating Lunar New Year by exploring noodles and creating their own snakes to mark the year of the Snake.



Elm Class (Y1) has been reading *Leo and the Octopus* by Isabella Marinov and Chris Nixon. We researched octopuses and then created our own leaflets packed with interesting and fun facts about these incredible creatures.



Year 2/3 Cedar class enjoyed learning names of pets in Spanish by playing a 'Match the Pairs' game.





On Thursday 30th January 2025, Birch Class (Year 4) had the opportunity to visit Horniman Museum. They explored a range of artefacts and then participated in a Classification Workshop.



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Year 4-5 Hazel Class have been exploring thermal conductors and insulators. We tested different materials to see which conducted heat well, and which insulated heat well.



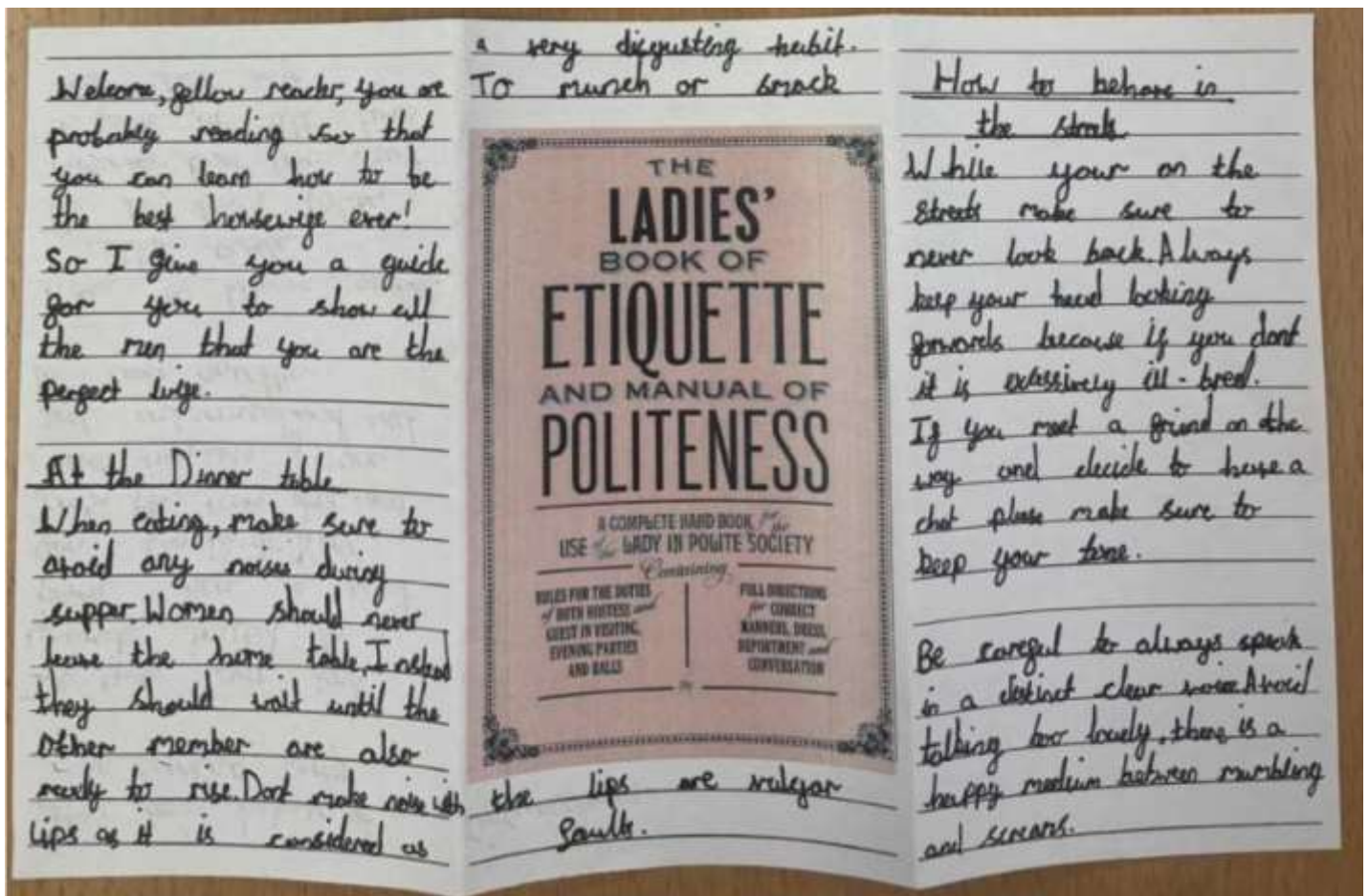
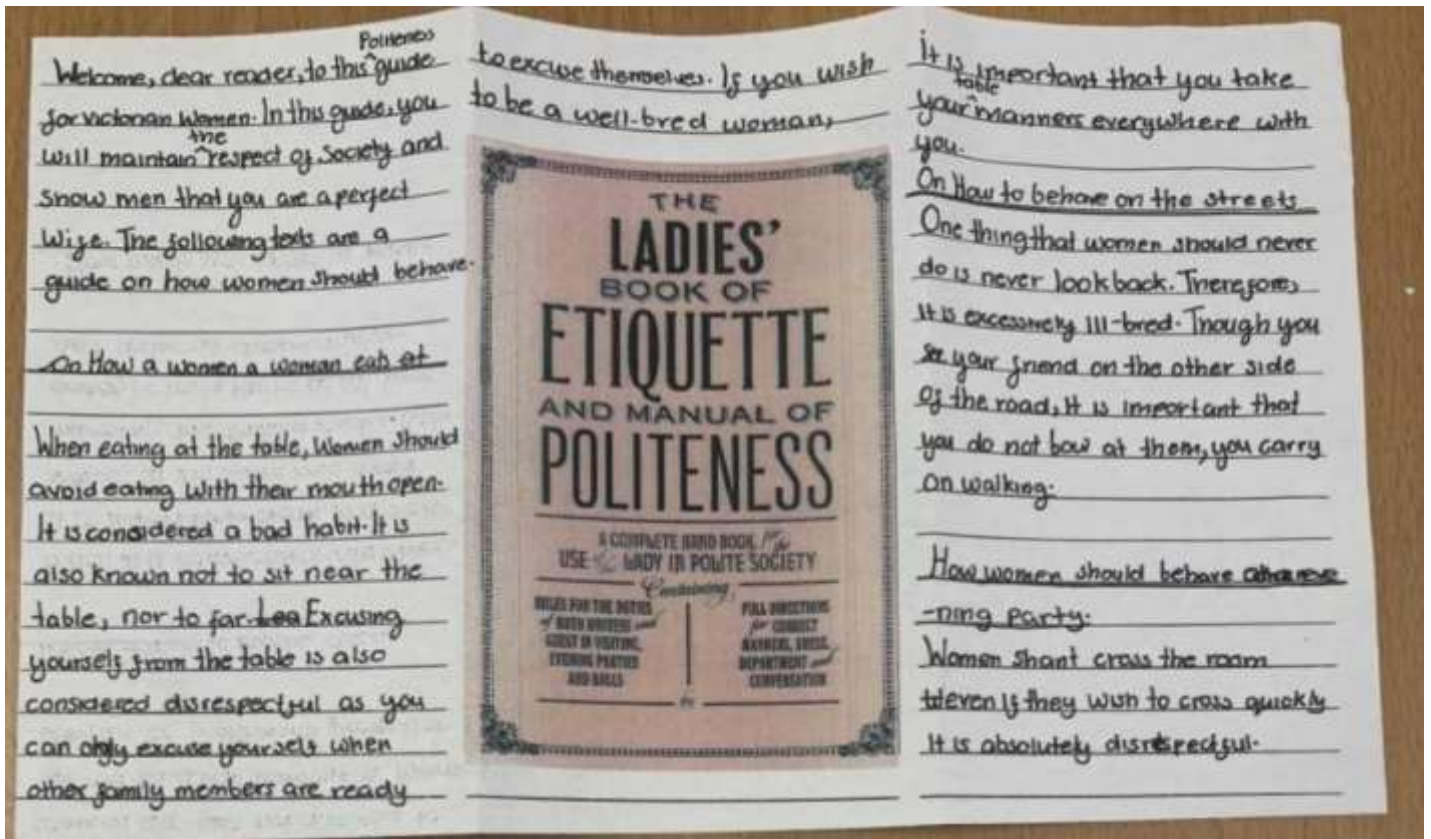
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Material	Temperature after ___ min (°C)						Difference in temperature	
	0	5	10	15	20	25		
Control	39	35	33	31	30	29.5	9.5	
Foil	40	33	31	29	27	26.5	13.5	best conductor
Baking paper	39	35	32	32.5	30	29.2	9.8	
Cardboard	39	36	35	34	32	30	9	
Carpet	37	35	33	32	31	30	7	best insulator



In Topic, Year 6 Willow Class have been learning about the changing role of women. We explored the role of women in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries and created/ published little handbooks on Ladies Etiquette during that period of time.

Carla and Afia



Fizz Free February

Could you and your family give up fizzy drinks this February? Drinking fewer fizzy drinks can significantly cut down your sugar intake. This is a great way to improve your health.

We challenge you to reduce or give up fizzy drinks for the whole of February. This can help you on your way to drinking less sugary drinks the rest of the year.

FORGET FIZZY DRINKS THIS FEBRUARY

KEEP YOUR TEETH

SAVE YOUR POCKET MONEY

STAY HEALTHY

Join in with your friends and go fizz free
Find out more at southwark.gov.uk/gofizzfree

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Please make sure your child completes this chart!



Science Museum: Free tickets

Dear Ms Reid,

I have **four tickets** for Power Up at the Science Museum for this Saturday February 8. This is an interactive gallery featuring the very best video games and consoles from the past 50 years. Tickets are £12 each. Children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult. ***The entry to the museum is free.***

I hope this brings some families at Hollydale to the Science Museum!

Please see the school office if you wish to receive these tickets

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