



Birmingham City Council

# Hollywood Primary School Newsletter

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*"Working together, realizing potential."*

**"A Rights Respecting School"**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We have had another exciting week at Hollywood with lots of activities around World Book Day. We also had a number of visitors including the Quality Mark Renewal Assessor. I was very proud of the staff, children, parents and governors, when he gave me the feedback. He commented on the consistency across the school in all departments and was particularly impressed by the recent work we have completed in Maths and English. He gave a special mention around the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children. Needless to say he was happy to renew our "Quality Mark".

## ATTENDANCE (WC 24.02.20) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
OTTERS	100.0	3 BROWN	98.52
DEER	98.98	3 TWILLEY	93.81
R HENRY	96.49	4 PROTTEY	98.15
R FRANKLIN	92.93	4 KELLY	97.45
1 DAVIS	97.45	5 HAYWARD	97.04
1 SOUTHERN/GREY	94.71	5 THOMAS	89.15
2 BACON	97.19	6 GIBBONS	94.83
2 MONEY	96.55	6 HEALY/ROSE	96.67
<b>Whole School</b>		<b>95.9%</b>	

Well done to the Otters, 1D and 3B who were worthy winners of the "Panda" for last week. This year we hope to get closer to 97% and I am sure we can reach that target, despite our slump at the end of last term. Governors recently reviewed the Attendance Policy, it was decided to change the reward system due to the government's budget constraints. The new policy is available to view on the website.

## EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

Our annual Easter bonnet competition will take place on Wednesday 1st April (the last week of term). All entries will need to be in school by 9:00am on the day. Please help your child with their wonderful creations but do not do it for them, let them enjoy being creative. We have already had some Easter egg prizes kindly donated by a parent, Sophie Fitter, and I am currently in contact with the Tesco in Hollywood, hoping they will be able support us once again by providing further prizes so that more amazing entries can be celebrated. *Mrs Hayward.*

## LIBRARY NEWS

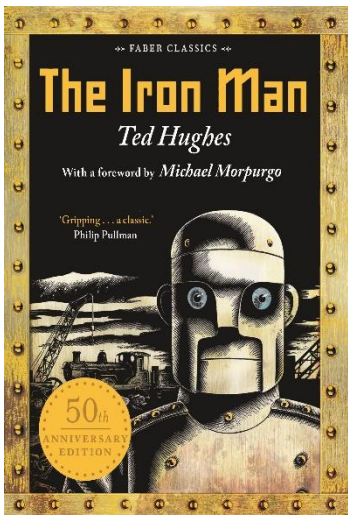
The Sun FREE Books for Schools campaign: A HUGE "THANK YOU" to the Sun Newspaper and Collins Big Cat Books as despite us not being able to collect enough book tokens they have been kind enough to send us the books anyway.



## SPORTS RELIEF 2020

Sports Relief will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, please look out for a letter from Mr Ryan with further details. Copies are available from the school office.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK - The Iron Man by Ted Hughes



The intriguing opening lines of this novel are, *"The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff. How far he had walked? Nobody knows. Where he had come from? Nobody knows. How he was made? Nobody knows."*

The Iron Man is a science fiction novel by [British Poet Laureate Ted Hughes](#), first published in 1968. Described by some as a modern fairy tale, it describes the unexpected arrival in England of a giant "metal man" of unknown origin who rains destruction on the countryside by eating [industrial farm equipment](#), before befriending a small boy and defending the world from a dragon from outer space. This is a beautiful tale of understanding and tolerance that is simply told and as enjoyable to read today as when it was first published fifty years ago.

Critics frequently rank Ted Hughes as one of the best poets of his generation and one of the twentieth century's greatest writers.

Let me know what you think of this novel! **Mrs Pritchard.**

## TIKTOK

We have been made aware of a number of Hollywood children using an app called TikTok. We would like to remind parents that this app is age restricted to 13+ and therefore NO primary school age children should be using it. TikTok poses a significant threat to your child's safety online due to its open messaging system which allows any adult user to message any child. Please contact school if you have any questions relating to online safety for your children and we will be happy to offer advice.

## NUMBOTS MATHS UPDATE

Children in year R and 1 have been sent home a numbots login letter this week. This is an exciting online platform to allow children to practice their number, addition and subtraction skills. Any children with siblings in KS2 will know Times Table Rock Stars well - Numbots is produced by the same company and is just as addictive! Mrs Elvins is running a short information session for parents on how to support their children with using Numbots and the mathematical ideas behind it on **Tuesday 10th March, 8:50am - 9:10am in the hall. All year 1 and Reception parents are very welcome.**

Year 2 have also been given login information and will be shown in class how to access the website. If year 2 pupils already have a TTRS login, the details for Numbots is exactly the same.

We look forward to hearing of the children's excitement in using this online resource. *Mrs Elvins.*

## FOOD BANK

Hollywood is a food bank voucher school and we can often source tokens for fuel if your house uses an energy meter. We also have a large supply of spare uniform, clothes, jackets, shoes, etc. Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr O'Rourke if you are interested. His contact number is 0121 675 4525 or email [f.orourke@hollywood.bham.sch.uk](mailto:f.orourke@hollywood.bham.sch.uk).

## FRIENDS OF HOLLYWOOD

If you would like to be kept updated with Friends of Hollywood meetings and events but don't use social media, we can email you and keep you informed that way instead. Please email [foh@hollywood.bham.sch.uk](mailto:foh@hollywood.bham.sch.uk) to be added to our mailing list.

## HSBC BANK

Ms Howes from HSBC Bank will be visiting school on the following days to open bank accounts (for children year 3 upwards) and take money to pay into their existing accounts: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Friends of Hollywood are holding a quiz night on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 at 7pm, at E57 Social Club. There is a cost of £5 per person and 4-6 players in each team. Visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hollywood-quiz](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hollywood-quiz) to register your team and purchase tickets.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March   | - Sports Relief (see letter from Mr Ryan)            |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March | - Parents Evening 1                                  |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March  | - Parents Evening 2                                  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April    | - FOH Quiz Night (see above for more details)        |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April    | - Break up for Easter Break, school closes at 1.30pm |

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*We can transform our home life, work life, our relationships, even perhaps the world, if we focus and concentrate on the little things we could change for the better.*

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