



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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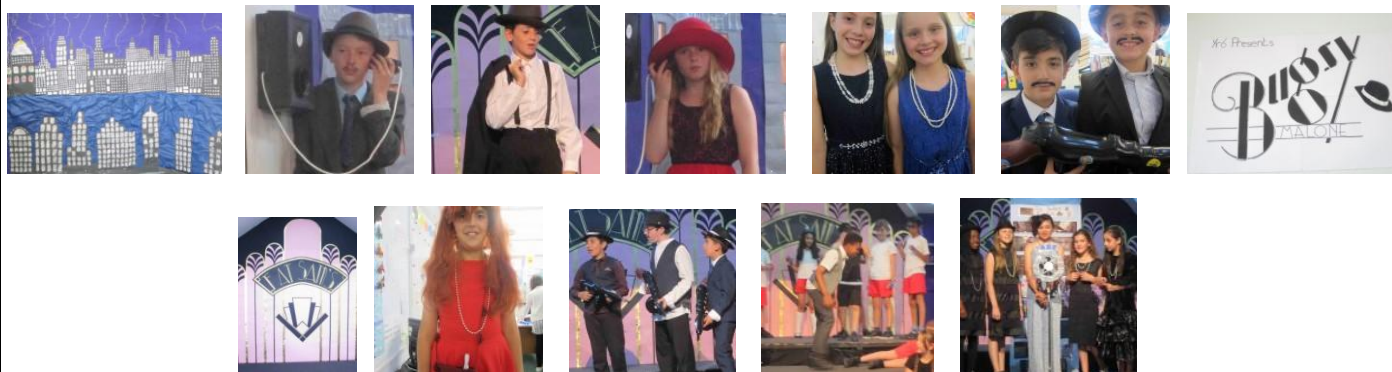
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## Staff News

Mrs Gillingwater is retiring in July. Mrs Gillingwater is a teaching assistant at the school and she has worked here for 26 years. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July the junior children will be forming a line of honour in the playground at 9am to say goodbye to her and hand her personal messages. Mrs Cozens will be leaving in July. Mrs Cozens has three young children and she has decided to step out of teaching for a while to concentrate on bringing up her children. Daniella Hill (teaching assistant) is also leaving to become a nanny. We will miss them all and wish them well for the future.

## Bugsy Malone – Year 6 Show

The Year 6 end of year show has been a triumph and the children should be very proud of themselves. The children acted, sang and danced very well. Both casts of children did a splendid job. The scenery, costumes and props were fantastic and huge thanks go to Year 6 teachers and the Teaching Assistant team for all their work and commitment to produce such a great end of year event. What talented people we have at Holly Park! There are lots of photos on the website – take a look.



## Junior Sports Day

Sports days are a tradition at Holly Park. The weather was not exactly hot and sunny however it was dry and great fun was had by all with a whole range of races from skipping to tyre rolling to dressing up, balancing a ball on your head etc. The children competed in their teams and many of our Holly Park learning skills were in evidence. There was lots of mutual respect shown. The younger children came out to support the older children. At the end we all enjoyed the parent race! Thank you to Mr Bourne and Mr Carini for their organisation. Well done to all the houses for their participation and congratulations to Hydra who were the winners this year.



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| <b>Hydra</b>   | 1458 | points |
| <b>Griffin</b> | 1429 | points |
| <b>Dragon</b>  | 1373 | points |
| <b>Unicorn</b> | 1371 | points |
| <b>Phoenix</b> | 1347 | points |

## National Test Results

As we come to the end of the year, National assessment data for key phases across the school has been collected. Our Early Years data is very strong with over 80% of children reaching a good level of development. This is higher than both Barnet and National. In Year 1 our phonics data was also very strong and significantly increased on the previous year. 90% of children met the standard and again this is above both National and Barnet. At KS1 our attainment was slightly below National but progress of individuals from Reception to Y2 looks good. At KS2 (after remarks are submitted and the data checking exercise in the Autumn) our attainment results will be very close to national. I am very proud and pleased with the progress that our Y6 children have made over the course of this year and the hard work of our Y6 team. At Holly Park we (and inspectors) are primarily concerned with how each individual child has progressed from their individual starting points rather than percentages who have met expectation. Each cohort is different and presents the school with different levels of challenge due to numbers of children with SEN or English as an additional language and other social and emotional issues. It seems that this year our Y6 children have made expected progress in Maths and better than expected progress in reading Y6 were externally moderated for writing by Barnet moderators. The moderation went very well. They were very positive about the work they had seen. They felt there was a good range of work produced of different types, the children were confident and assured writers even at the lower levels, there was a high standard of technical accuracy with spelling and punctuation – some of the best they had seen across the borough! They were impressed that there was clearly time given over for editing and for children to improve their own writing. Today our Y6 children bring their individual results home.

## **Choir Concert**

We were treated to a lovely evening of singing from children in Barnabas choirs Y3-5. We had a wonderful variety of songs - songs from many different countries as well as one of their favourite Michael Jackson songs. We had solos, songs sung in parts, in harmonies and in rounds. It was a magical evening. It was delightful to hear Year 3 and 4 children singing operatic arias with such obvious enjoyment. Thank you to Mr Hogan and congratulations to the children!



## **Class teachers for 2017-18**

### **Nursery:**

Miss Wood, Mrs Elia and Miss Mornington

### **Reception:**

Palm Class: Mrs Moore, Mrs Walton, Mrs Bawcombe, Miss Yiannaki, Miss Klanga, Miss Rush

### **Year 1**

Pine Class: Mrs Casey

Chestnut Class: Mrs Mir

### **Year 2**

Elm Class: Mr Turner (teaching this year's Chestnut Class)

Rowan Class: Mrs Fitzpatrick (teaching this year's Pine Class)

### **Year 3**

Hazel Class: Mr Bourne

Willow Class: Mrs Mehtar

### **Year 4**

Mulberry Class: Mrs Tsenti (teaching this year's Willow Class)

Sycamore Class: Ms Owen (teaching this year's Hazel Class)

### **Year 5**

Maple Class: Mr Carini (teaching this year's Mulberry Class)

Juniper Class: Mr French (teaching this year's Larch Class)

Hawthorn Class: Miss Mountford (teaching this year's Sycamore Class)

### **Year 6**

Beech Class: Miss Biggs (teaching this year's Juniper Class)

Cedar Class: Mr Stewkesbury (teaching this year's Maple Class)

### Diary Dates

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July   | Reception Show at 9.30am    |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July   | Healthy Living Council Trip |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July  | Reception Show at 2.30pm    |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July | Nursery parties             |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July | Y6 Leavers' Party 7pm – 9pm |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | End of term at 1.30pm       |

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Inset Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Inset Day

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Children return

### Reading Books Return

Please return all Holly Park reading books to the class as soon as possible – thank you. We have spent a lot of money on books and don't want them to go missing. Please return junior reading challenge books, guided reading books etc.

### Thank you

As the end of the school year draws to a close, I would like to say a big thank you to the PTA committee and volunteers for their continued support for the school and for the amazing events they have put on. I would like to thank the school governors for the leadership support they have given in moving the school forward and most importantly a huge thank you to the amazing and talented staff of the school who work tirelessly and give of their best because of their passion and commitment to the school.

### New Classes for September

Children will get to meet their new teacher in their new classroom on Tuesday 18th July.

### Lost Property



We cannot keep lost property over the summer holidays as the school needs to be clear for cleaning and preparing for September. Please make sure that you take everything home for the holidays – coats, P.E bags, sweatshirts etc. Anything left at school will be disposed of. The lost property bin will be emptied.

### Holly Park PTA Cake Sales 2016-2017

Well done to everybody who has baked cakes, bought in shop made cakes, sold cakes, bought cakes from our stalls and eaten cakes! Over the year we have made an astounding £1,038.90 from cake sales. This money will be divided into 3 and will be used to buy something for each of our 3 playgrounds. Well done everybody. The breakdown was: Reception £123, Year 1 £160, Year 2 £243.15, Year 3 £103, Year 4 £141, Year 5 £193.50, Year 6 £175.25. Well done everyone.



### Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

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| <b>Winners of Punctuality parrot</b>   |   | <b>Y2 Elm Class</b> |
| <b>Winners of Attendance Alligator</b> |  | <b>Y1 Chestnut</b>  |

### Housepoints for this week

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|----------------|-----|--------|
| <b>Hydra</b>   | 271 | points |
| <b>Griffin</b> | 235 | points |
| <b>Phoenix</b> | 217 | points |
| <b>Unicorn</b> | 204 | points |
| <b>Dragon</b>  | 183 | points |

Well Done **Hydra**

### Music News

#### Instrumental Tuition Autumn Term 2017: New

Instrumental Tuition timetables will be issued in September. Our Brass tutor has moved his lessons to Wednesday mornings next year. All the other tutors will be teaching on the same days: Violin – Mondays and Fridays; Woodwind (recorder, flute, clarinet and saxophone) – Tuesdays; 'Cello – Wednesdays and Thursdays; Tablas and drum kit – Thursdays; Guitar - Fridays. Next week, we will let parents know the exact starting dates for each tutor's lessons in September.

**Thames Festival 2017** A small group of Year 5 singers will perform as part of the 'Kids' Choir' at the Thames Festival on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. There will be a rehearsal at St John's Church, Waterloo, SE1 8TY on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

We are awaiting confirmation from 'Transport for London' that there will be no cost in terms of transport for the rehearsal. Parents will be expected to bring their children along to the performance on Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>). There will be a rehearsal of the songs in school next week.

**Instrumental Tuition sessions next week:** The final violin lessons of the term will be on Monday (17<sup>th</sup> July).

### Apprentice Stalls At The Fair

Thank you to all of our Y5 and 6 children who came to the fair to run stalls. There was quite an air of competition amongst them as they did tattoos, splatted the rat, guessed the sweets in the jar, threw the sponges etc. The results were: Beech £246, Cedar £208, Lime £199, Juniper £156 and Maple £162. This is a fantastic new "apprentice" initiative at our events. Not only is it a significant financial contribution, it is also wonderful to enable the children to obtain hands on experience of running a business.

