



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Barnet Pupils Raise Hundreds For Fire Disaster Families

Holly Park featured this week in the Barnet Press after our fund raising for the victims of Grenfell Tower. The article began – ‘**KINDHEARTED** pupils at a Barnet school wore green to show their solidarity and support for the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire.’ The article went online on Wednesday and was also in the printed paper.

Copthall Athletics Competition

Congratulations to the junior athletics team for another fantastic performance at Copthall. Holly Park competed as usual at the Barnet inter school athletics competition. This year we came away with three trophies – the most we could have won!

1st overall winners (for field & track) – Medium Schools

1st – Track Events – Medium Schools 1st Field events – Medium Schools

The trophy cabinet will be full again! Well done to all the children who took part. Thank you to all the parents who came to support and congratulations to the staff who trained and prepared the children – Mr Bourne, Miss Yiannaki & Mr Carini. Unfortunately no relay races could be run this year due to the very wet weather.



Penalty Notices for Holidays Guide for Parents

The Barnet Education Welfare Team have asked Head Teacher's to share this with parents:

The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom recently made a very clear judgement on the meaning of regular attendance at schools. This is particularly relevant to parents taking children out of school for holidays. Briefly summarised: General good attendance is no protection from legal sanctions. Regular attendance at school is a legal obligation for parents. Regular attendance means your child must be in school unless ill or there are unavoidable circumstances preventing attendance. Absence for holidays affects the efficient education of all children, not just the child missing lessons. Head teachers will only authorise leave of absence if there are exceptional circumstances that outweigh the need to deliver effective education to all pupils. Parents have no right to take children out of school for holidays or family visits. A request for leave of absence must be made and parents have to accept the Head Teacher's decision. Parents who do not ask for permission but take their children out of school will receive penalty notices. Claims that a child was ill, especially around school holiday times are challenged, and evidence is required. Head Teachers must apply Government regulations, assessing requests for leave of absence on whether or not there are exceptional circumstances that outweigh the need for the child to be in school.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

These are, in essence, circumstances that are **outside people's control, are emergencies**, are “one-off” occasions or matters of a compassionate nature. Parents should understand that holiday costs, sick relatives who can be visited in school holidays and **family occasions are unlikely to be seen as exceptional**. It is essential that parents provide schools with all relevant information and then respect the decision of the head teacher.

Disputing a penalty notice.

There is no right of appeal for parents but the Local Authority will examine any evidence that suggests an error has been made. Parents will be required to provide documentary evidence to the Education Welfare Team, using contact details on their invoice. Parents are advised that the timescale for payment remains the same. All queries about penalty notices are dealt with promptly. Parents who delay their dispute are not given extra time to pay, if their challenge is unsuccessful. Prosecutions when penalty notices are not paid result in higher fines and a criminal record for parents.

Diary Dates

Saturday 1 st July	PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 4 th July	Reception trip 1class – pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Open session for new nursery
Wednesday 5 th July	Infant Sports at 10.45am
Thursday 6 th July	Eco Council Trip am
Friday 7 th July	Junior Sports
Friday 7 th July	Reception cake Sale
Monday 10 th July	Y6 Cast A performance 2pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Y6 Cast A performance 7pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Reception Trip 1 class – pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Y6 Cast B performance 2pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Choir Concert 7pm
Thursday 13 th July	Y6 Cast B performance 7pm
Thursday 13 th July	Parent drop in 2.30-5pm
Monday 17 th July	Reception Show at 9.30pm
Monday 17 th July	Healthy Living Council Trip
Tuesday 18 th July	Reception Show at 2.30pm
Thursday 20 th July	Nursery parties
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers' Party 7pm – 9pm
Friday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am
Friday 21 st July	End of term at 1.30pm

Monday 4th September – Inset Day

Tuesday 5th September – Inset Day

Wednesday 6th September – Children return

Y3 Team Building Day

Year 3 had a wonderful team building day at Trent Park, where the sun shone and they did lots of games and activities. The children had to co-operate and work together to solve problems and complete tasks. Thank you to Non Stop Action, the class teachers, teaching assistants and volunteers and also to Miss Michael who organised the whole day.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y1 Pine
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y2 Elm Y3 Hazel

Housepoints for this week

Hydra	309	points
Dragon	223	points
Griffin	217	points
Unicorn	216	points
Phoenix	214	points

Well Done **Hydra**

Music News

Years 3, 4 & 5 Barnabas Choir (Years 3, 4 and 5) Our summer concert will be held on Wednesday 12th July at 7 p.m. Ticket details will be sent out next week.

Thames Festival 2017 A small group of Year 5 singers will perform as part of the 'Kids' Choir' at the Thames Festival on **Sunday 17th September**. Further details will be sent home soon.

Instrumental Tuition sessions next week: Monday- violin; Tuesday – woodwind and brass; Thursday – tablas and drum kit; Friday – guitar. 'Cello lessons are complete for the term, except for a small number of children who missed their lessons earlier this term. These children will be given a special timetable for their final 'cello lesson of the term, which will be held during the morning of Thursday 6th July. There will be no violin lessons on Friday 7th July – however, these lessons will be made up for on Friday 14th July.

Y4 Review of the Year

Well done to all the pupils and staff involved in the Y4 review. We all got to see what a very busy year you have had – learning about: Ancient Egyptians & Africa, Spain, Literacy work, - The Devil & his boy, PE – athletics and tag rugby, science, maths as well as the one night sleepover. Thank you to Mrs Bawcombe, Mrs Cozens, Mr Carini, Mrs Tsentis and Mrs Spann for making sure it all ran smoothly. We all enjoyed it.

