



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## Holly Park Online Safety Day

Thanks to all of the parents who attended the online safety session this week led by Lizzy from ECP. Many aspects were covered in a fast-paced 50 minutes, including: how best to discuss problems children may have online; taking control of children's internet usage at home; the dangers of the newest and most popular apps available; and the importance of checking your privacy settings on social media apps. During the day every class from Reception to Y6 also had an online safety session in the hall. Our older juniors took part in a session that involved many top tips for interacting online. In particular, discussions on the importance of knowing which apps may be sharing very precise location data without you even realising, and on the ownership of photos posted on social media. Our lower juniors learned about not giving any personal information online (name, age, address, school). The children were reminded to behave respectfully to others online (no rude or nasty comments). KS1 watched a short clip about Timon and Pumbaa from the Lion King and identified the risks that they were taking. They watched a CEOP clip about Kim and Lee, playing a game and chatting to strangers. They discussed the dangers. Our youngest children enjoyed their Online Safety Talk; they watched characters from 'Paw Patrol' who explained to them that they shouldn't share their personal details online and that if something unusual pops up on their computer or Ipad they should get a family member or teacher to have a look. They also learned a song to help them remember how to keep safe online.



## Y6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes

Y6 arrived at Norfolk Lakes just after lunch on their first day and were straight into activities. The next day they were up bright and early for a full day of activities. The weather was glorious and they were all tired but had fun. The weather continued to be lovely all week and the children loved the activities – even falling in the lakes! The list of activities included: sailing, climbing, canoeing, fencing, raft building – the list of activities went on and on and was topped off on the last night with a BBQ in the gardens and a film night. After the cinema evening they had another morning of activities before packing up for the journey home. What a busy week it had been – the children (and the teachers!) were exhausted and I am sure that they enjoyed a restful half term. Many thanks to all the staff: Mr French, Miss Mountford, Mr Stewkesbury, Miss Roe, Mr Carini, Mr Reid, Mrs Quinton and especially to Miss Michael who organised the whole week.



## New Parent Governor

Following the election for a new parent governor last half term I am very pleased to tell you that the result of the election was that Mr John Harte will be the new parent governor. John is a parent of two children at Holly Park (in nursery and Year 2) For the past eight years he has been chief executive of a London-based orchestra, prior to which he was an academic working on Middle Eastern history. He has professional experience of business leadership, financial management, fundraising, charity governance and strategic planning as well as specialist academic interests in music education and history. We look forward to welcoming John to his first governing body meeting in July.

## The Great Get Together

One of our neighbouring streets, Parkhurst Road, is holding a street play event tomorrow (Saturday 17) from 1-5pm as part of the Great Get Together which is a weekend of events to mark the first anniversary of the death of MP Jo Cox. Organisers say everyone is welcome to attend - part of the road will be closed for children to play and guests are asked to bring food and drink to share. You can find more information about the events on [The Great Get Together](#)

## Diary Dates

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Bike Week
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Check Week
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Barnet Schools' Music Festival
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Pine Class Assembly at 9.10am
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA meeting at 7pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council to City Hall
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	International charity fund raising
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	International Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Cake sale

## Sugar Smart App

Next week we will be thinking about healthy eating. Recent research has shown that children are having nearly three times more sugar than they should! Children are getting half their sugar intake from soft drinks and unhealthy snacks, like cakes and biscuits. Too much sugar can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside that we can't see. This fat around vital organs can cause weight gain and serious diseases in the future like heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Having too much sugar can also cause tooth decay. There can be a lot of sugar in everyday food and drinks. We wanted to make parents aware of the fact that you can now download the Sugar Smart app on any mobile device to see how much total sugar is in your everyday food and drink. The Change4Life Sugar Smart app is designed to show quickly and easily how much total sugar is in the things you're buying, eating and drinking, to help you spot it more easily so you can make healthier choices for your children and cut sugar intake.



## Healthy Packed lunches

This week we have sent home a leaflet to all parents about healthy packed lunches. Starting next week in our 'Healthy eating Week,' the Mealtime Supervisors will be awarding stickers to children for healthy packed lunches that they notice. Obviously they won't be able to spot every healthy packed lunch every day but they will look at a random sample and award stickers accordingly. If your child feels that they have not been noticed for a healthy packed lunch, they can always come and show their packed lunch to myself, Mrs Thomas or Miss Michael.

## Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality Parrot		Y6 Cedar
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y3 Willow

## Housepoints for this week

Griffin	233	points
Hydra	206	points
Phoenix	191	points
Unicorn	187	points
Dragon	183	points

Well Done **Griffin**

## Music News

**Instrumental Tuition Autumn Term 2017:** A letter has been sent home this week, offering instrumental tuition next term to all pupils currently in Years 1 – 5. 'Cello and violin lessons are offered to our Year 2 pupils and above. Children in Years 3 – 6 may select an instrument from the following list: trumpet or cornet, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, descant recorder and tablas. Drum kit lessons are available for children in Year 4 and above. Guitar lessons are offered to children in Years 5 and 6.. We have been 'showcasing' many of these instruments to the children in music lessons and assemblies. If you would like your child to learn an instrument at school next term, please complete the form attached to the letter and **send the form and the fee for the lessons to your child's class teacher in an envelope marked, 'INSTRUMENTAL TUITION FEES' by next Monday (12<sup>th</sup> June).**

**CHAMBER CHOIR** will be performing on the first night of the Barnet Schools' Music Festival- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**Years 3, 4 & 5 Barnabas Choir will have a choir session on 27th June (3:30-4:30 pm)** in preparation for their 'Summer Concert' on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7 p.m. Ticket details will be sent out nearer to the concert.

**Thames Festival 2017** We have been asked to select a small group of Year 5 singers to perform as part of the 'Kids' Choir' at the Thames Festival on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September.**

## The PTA Summer Fair

For one day only the seaside comes to Holly Park School!! Don't miss out on our seaside themed summer fair, **Saturday 1st July 12-3pm.** Traditional seaside fun for the children..... donkey rides, ice cream parlour, face painting, splat the rat and much more. For the adults come and relax in our Pimms tent with live music and lots of wonderful international food as well as glorious cakes!! If the weather takes a turn for the worse, just bring a broly or head inside for our bottle tombola, kids tombola, play your cards right and much more. Back by popular demand our year 5 and 6 apprentice stalls!! Finally, it goes without saying we always need your help..... please see Paul or Amanda if you can spare some time, there is no job too big or small. We can't wait to see you there!

