



Holly Park Highlights!



SUMMER TERM 2017

Enriching and Enhancing the Curriculum

We are very proud of our series of activities across KS2. These activities build towards the week away in Norfolk for Y6. All of the activities were a great success.



Y3 at Trent Park



Y4 Sleepover



Y5 at Gilwell Park



Y6 in Norfolk



YEAR 6 BUGSY MALONE

Year 6 performed a marvellous show. The show was Bugsy Malone. The children acted, sang and danced with great enthusiasm. We saw talents that we didn't know existed! Both casts of children did a splendid job. The scenery, costumes and props were

fantastic. It was a great end of year event. Joe who played the part of Bugsy said 'It was an amazing experience, it was fun and exciting.' Caitlin who played the part of Tallulah said 'the songs were great and the costumes made it fantastic.'



Year 5 & Year 6 Navigators attended business visits run by Enabling Enterprise. Y5 went to UBS Bank and had to make good investment

choices for their clients. Year 6 went to Argos and worked with HR professionals to recruit staff to the company. Both trips allowed the children to learn more about the world of work.



THE UK MATHS CHALLENGE

Following on from the great success with the Primary Maths Challenge, we entered some of our children for another National Maths competition.

Approximately thirty of our Y5 and Y6 mathematicians sat for the National UK Junior Maths Challenge. It is a very tough competition aimed at pupils in Year 8 to Year 5. The top 40% of students nationally received a gold, silver or bronze certificate. I am delighted to tell you that we had some excellent results.

Bronze: 10 children

Silver: 5 children

Gold: 3 children

The most able mathematicians from this first round nationally are selected to go on to further rounds. Vraj was selected to participate in the Junior Kangaroo and Aarnav our highest scoring pupil was selected to participate in the prestigious Junior Olympiad which is a two hour challenge!!! Aarnav was awarded a Certificate of Merit!



Art even in the Forest!!!



This half term Year 1 have been learning about famous artists. They learnt about different art techniques. The children painted in the style of different artists such as impressionism, montage and pointillism. They sketched and learnt about primary and secondary colours. They read stories about a little girl called Katie, who visited the National Gallery and had adventures in different paintings. The children visited the National Gallery and saw these paintings

which inspired them to write stories about the famous paintings. The classes have had an art exhibition, exhibiting their art work to the parents. The children have also had a great time at Forest School. They have used various tools such as palm drills and rubber mallets. They have carried out leaf identification; have even eaten hawthorn leaves and s'mores, and created Japanese prints called Hapazoma.

A Review of The Year



Year 4 had their annual review. The parents were invited to watch the children re-enact the topics they have learnt over the past year. Some

of the topics covered were Africa, Ancient Egyptians, Spanish language and artists, Power of Reading books and Shakespeare, The Digestive System, P.E, Tudors and Computer Science-Coding. The children really enjoyed themselves and were proud to show off what they have learnt and the skills acquired.

Year 2 Take Trips In Our Local Area



Year Two went on two trips this half term. The first was to Barnet Museum where the children explored artefacts from Barnet's past through a treasure hunt. We were all lucky enough to re-enact the Battle of Barnet, with

children (and adults) taking the parts of historic figures such as King Richard III, Henry VI and Edward IV. The children learnt about the origins of Barnet and how it became the town it is today. Our second trip was to the Finchley Reform Synagogue in North Finchley. The children were given the opportunity to explore artefacts such as the Torah, a Hebrew prayer book, candles and a Yad (pointing stick). The Ark was opened and we were shown the huge Torah scroll that is used for services. The children found this fascinating! They also learnt a song in Hebrew.

Oh What A Busy Year!

In May the Y5 children created, rehearsed and performed a fantastic Year 5 review of their year. Everyone worked extremely hard to write their scenes independently. They included: Victorian Life, Street Child (the book), scenes from space, computing, maths, The Highwayman (poem) and many exciting scenarios!



The Gilwell Park residential scenes were a real feature. The grand finale was a rousing rendition of campfire favourites culminating



in 'BUNGALOW' The whole show was performed very enthusiastically and was a great representation of a very busy year!



Getting Down With Nature

Palm Class have had such a busy summer term! They have all worked very hard at developing their reading and writing skills and have really enjoyed completing their weekly class challenges. They were all really thrilled to have the chance to look after some hatching chicken eggs. They wrote letters to the farm and made information books and posters about the life cycle of a chicken. They



also decided to base their special assembly on their experience of looking after the chicks. They finished off the term with a fantastic trip to the Barnet Countryside Centre, where they explored the woods and found out about the importance of camouflage. They have spent the last few days of term finding out about their new class and teachers and they are all very excited about moving on to Year One.

The World Of Work

The Year 4 Navigators went to Rathbone Investment Management to take part in a 'Trading Triumphs' challenge day. Working in teams, the children had to choose companies to invest in, using knowledge and information they were given throughout the day, and decide when to buy or sell shares to maximise their profit. One

child said 'I learnt that keeping other people's money is more complicated than it looked. You had to juggle things to do the best for the clients.'



International Day



From Caterpillars To Butterflies



Caterpillars arrived in Nursery. The children watched as five caterpillars ate their food and got fatter and fatter. When the caterpillars were really big they built cocoons around themselves. Sometimes the cocoons wiggled as the caterpillars turned into butterflies inside. The butterflies came out of the cocoons and the

children had to make nectar water and cut up fruit for the butterflies to eat and drink. The children made their own butterfly paintings and did some wonderful observational drawings of the caterpillars. We took the butterflies outside to release them. Four flew off and one lingered so the children could take a look at its pretty wings.

This term we had an International Day. Children took part in lots of art, dance, sport and games activities from other countries and cultures around the world. We had Bhangra dance, Irish Stories and music, New Zealand Stick dancing, Jewish Stories and Activities, African Drumming, African art, Pom Pom making, Turkish plate Painting. Kho Kho –Indian Tag, an Egyptian Handkerchief game, French Petanque, Chinese Ribbon Dancing, Greek Dancing and a Polish game called Kapela.

Thank you to the parents who came in to support this event and to Mrs Tsentis for organising it. The children had great experiences of games and activities from around the world.



Celebrating London History Day



We joined the Mayor of London in celebrating the global history of London as a city of culture. London has been shaped by people who have come and gone from around the world to make the city their home. London has a wealth of cultural heritage and scientific venues. Holly Park children came

to school dressed as their favourite historic Londoner or from a period in London's history. We had queens, Paddington, punks, Boris Johnson, scientists, Prime Ministers, suffragettes etc



Sport at Holly Park

This year has been a very successful year at Holly Park for sport. We have entered several netball matches, and have enjoyed inter school football success for both girls and boys. There have also been various Non-stop Action clubs. Children from KS2 represented the school at the Barnet Dance Festival. The gymnastic team did well, as did the cross country running team. This year we have again been awarded the Silver School Games Mark. The inter school Barnet athletics competition was a massive success for Holly Park again this year

We won many trophies including overall school winner of all Barnet medium sized schools. There were two lovely sports days that were very well organised and which had a great atmosphere. The year ended with Mr Bourne's Healthy Living Council trip to the Olympic Park to watch the World Para Athletics Championship. The children had a great day watching the athletics and were lucky enough to see a few gold medals won and a world record broken. The children were fortunate to get their photo taken with Olivia Breen who they had just seen win Gold in the Long Jump.



YEAR 3 TEAM BUILDING

In June, Year 3 went on an Activity Day to Trent Park. The weather was perfect and in the morning the children took part in a variety of different activities; these included parachute games, racing on giant skis, working as a team to carry lots of tennis balls only using tennis racquets and tug of war. The children then had a picnic lunch in the park before in the afternoon

playing games of rounders and Ultimate Frisbee. The children had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. By the end of the day, there were lots of very tired children and adults!



Music, Music, Music

We have had another great musical year at Holly Park with a candlelight concert, an instrumental concert, Infant and Junior choir concerts and participation in the Barnet music festivals as well as music in our nativity, Infant, Reception and Y6 shows.



