**This article about Holly Park was written by Kim Henderson (PE consultant) after we received our afPE Award. The article will be shared across all Barnet schools.**

**PE PREMIUM NEWS**

Our first school in Barnet – Holly Park Primary School has achieved the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) Quality Mark (valid for 3 years). This award is given for ‘demonstrating good commitment to improvement in Physical Education and Sport’ and is highly valued by schools, School Improvement agencies, Governors, the PE profession and OfSTED. It clearly can be used as endorsement of the effective use of the PE and Sport premium (an OfSTED requirement under the new framework since September 2014).

It is a self review process which is rigorously assessed by an external and independent validator through scrutiny of the application form and a half day visit to the school which includes lesson observations, interviews with the head teacher, teachers and pupils as well as verification of evidence presented in the application.

Holly Park is now entitled to use the AfPE Quality Mark logo on their letterhead and website plus they will receive a certificate and plaque for them to display and their name will appear on the AfPE website Quality Mark Roll of Honour.

‘Physical Education at Holly Park is now definitely on the map as a result of the work and effort of the whole school community as illustrated by the variety and breadth of everything we do and offer – clubs, teams , PE lessons, participation in Barnet competitions, Forest Schools, residential trips, Healthy Living Council etc.’ (Ann Pelham Head teacher)

The two PE subject leaders at the school Maria Yianakki and Neil Bourne have worked extremely hard to achieve this well deserved award and have been supported in their application through our BPSI PE Consultant Kim Henderson consult@kimhenderson.co.uk Kim is extremely keen to see many other schools in Barnet work towards this award and as an AfPE QM validator herself is very knowledgeable about the process. PE, physical activity and the ‘health and well being’ of our children is such a current and life defining topic and the PE Premium can enable a real difference to be made. Well done Holly Park for showing that commitment and continuing your journey towards better health and academic outcomes for your children.