



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating London History Day

Today, the Mayor of London is supporting a day of celebration to mark the global history and culture of London as a city. 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 of London's history – Queens, Paddington, Punks, Boris Johnson, Suffragettes etc



Enabling Enterprise Week

Last week was our second Enabling Enterprise week of the year. All classes from Y1 to Y6 took part in a project aimed to build enterprise skills, understanding of the world of work and high aspirations. Each project builds on enterprise skills, whilst also linking to learning across other parts of the curriculum.

Year 6 – Big Business Challenge

The children explored developing new businesses. They looked at the difference between selling a product and a service. They then decided on a service that they could offer, thought about expenditure, income and profit. They developed company logos and slogans and thought about how to advertise their business. Finally they pitched their business plans in a Dragon's Den style session. The children told the Learning Council that they had learnt about setting up a business, sharing ideas and working in a team.

Year 5 – Fitness Regimes

In groups the children became their own fitness company. They had to try out different fitness routines in their PE lessons and do market research about exercise and what people enjoy when exercising. They had to design their offer and pitch it. Children told the Learning Council that they learnt how to run a business and about problem solving.

Year 4 – Design Company

The children have been looking at brand identity and how to use colour, logo, image and font to make their products stand out from other products. Working in their house groups, the children have had to design and create a badge for sports day and they created a company name. The children told the Learning Council that they had used their imagination and had had to listen to the views and opinions of others.

Year 3 – Trash to Treasure

The children have been exploring environmentalism before working in teams to design and create their own eco-friendly toy for Hamleys Toy Store out of recycled materials. The children told the Learning Council that they had learnt to work together well.

Year 2 – Fashion Show

The children have been designing and making and showing T-shirts. The project has involved tie-dyeing, sewing and using fabric pens to decorate the T-shirts. The classes have been discussing various charities and what they do. The children had to agree on a charity to support to raise money for. There was a show for parents to come along to. The parents paid money to watch

the fashion show and the money raised will be split between Holly park and the chosen charity. The children told the Learning Council that they had stayed positive, got better at teamwork, shared ideas and listened to each other.

Year 1 – Art Galleries

The Y1 project will take place next half term because it fits in with their topic. The children will be looking at tone, and shape and will be practicing their sketching skills. They will look at famous artists from the past such as Monet, Van Gogh and Stubbs. They will go on a trip to The National Gallery and do art work in the style of the artists they have been learning about. The project will culminate in an art gallery where parents will be invited in to buy the paintings.

Mindfulness House Challenge

Our summer house challenge was linked with mindfulness. Working in pairs, the children designed their own Mindfulness colouring sheets. Y6 worked with Y1, Y5 with Y2 and Y4 with Y3. The teachers played lovely soothing and calming music while the children designed. Pairs earned points for Creativity, Co-operation and Calmness. There were some beautiful designs and both the children and teachers enjoyed the experience. Well done to Griffin who won the challenge!



Football Success for the Girls

Last Friday our Y6 girls' football team competed in the final of the Barnet girls East Cup. They played Akiva school. Although they were very nervous, an early goal settled them down and they won the match with a final score of 5-1. The goal scorers were Sofia, Maya and Breanna. The girls came home with a lovely large shiny trophy which means that Holly park retain the trophy from last year. This will be our third win of the same trophy! The girls came second in the east large schools league only losing their final game to Akiva who were unbeaten. They are now in the final of the John King Trophy which is a borough wide cup competition for girls. They play their last match which will be against The Orion on 8th June. We wish them luck.



Snacks and Packed Lunches

A reminder to parents - please do not send any nuts or products that contain nuts into school – we are a nut free school. Also a reminder that children should not be leaving morning break snacks in their lunch boxes or book bags. All morning snacks (which should be healthy snacks – no crisps, sweets, chocolate or cake) should be taken into the classroom. All classrooms have a snack bowl or tray for the snacks. We cannot have children rummaging through the lunch box trolleys to find snacks – as we cannot guarantee they are looking through their own bag. Also a reminder that packed lunch children should be bringing their uneaten food and rubbish home each day. We have said before that to avoid waste materials you could use small Tupperware pots etc. Obviously half eaten yoghurt pots can be disposed of at school to avoid very messy lunch bags. Packed lunch children do not need to bring a drink to school as part of their lunch as we now provide jugs of water and cups on the tables for all children to use.



Packed lunch waste should go home



Healthy snacks for playtimes



No Nuts



Water available for everyone

Success Outside School

Talia, one of our pupils has helped to make a promotional video for a great puppet show at The Dugdale over half term. The company told us that she was amazing and very mature while filming. Attached is the link to the promotional video.

Website: <https://www.dugdalecentre.co.uk/video/talia-find-out-about-captain-sid-from-the-pirate-s/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUHyrWMeezY>

Diary Dates

Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th June	School begins – Online Safety Day
Monday 12 th June	Bike Week
Monday 12 th June	Y1 Phonics Check Week
Monday 12 th June	Barnet Schools' Music Festival
Tuesday 13 th June	Pine Class Assembly at 9.10am
Wednesday 14 th June	PTA meeting at 7pm
Thursday 15 th June	School Council to City Hall
Friday 16 th June	International charity fund raising
Friday 16 th June	International Day
Friday 16 th June	Year 1 Cake sale

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents – Tuesday 6th June at 9am – Please come along

Do you know what your child is doing on their computer or ipad?

Do you know which sites are safe?

Are you aware of all of the dangers of your child having a mobile phone?

Are your children sending messages on x box?

A note for your diary – **On Tuesday 6th June** we have paid for a company to come in and talk about online-safety all day with classes and also to do a meeting for parents **at 9am** to help parents think about keeping children safe at home on computers, ipads etc when they are playing games and using the Internet. We ran a session last year and it was a great success. Parents found it scary, thought provoking and extremely useful. It is very important as technology becomes more a part of children's everyday lives. Whatever your child's age, the meeting will be appropriate and it is always best to try to keep one step ahead!

The Dogs Trust



Last week we had a visit from the Dogs trust. Our visitors were Kelly and Tigger. Kelly talked to the Y6 children and also to Y1 and Y2 about the charity, the work it does and how to care for a dog. Kelly pointed out that while owning a dog is very lovely – particularly the cuddling and playing – it is also a huge responsibility and takes a lot of time and money to do it properly. Tigger was definitely the star of the show!

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality Parrot		Y4 Sycamore
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y4 Mulberry

Housepoints for this week

Hydra	259	points
Griffin	185	points
Unicorn	183	points
Phoenix	164	points
Dragon	158	points

Well Done **Hydra**

Music News

Instrumental Tuition Autumn Term 2017: A letter will be going home after half-term, 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. (Second teeth must be in place for children learning clarinet or saxophone.) Drum kit lessons are available for children in Year 4 and above. Guitar lessons are offered to children in Years 5 and 6. The letter will include details regarding termly fees for these lessons. We have been 'showcasing' many of these instruments to the children in music lessons and assemblies.

CHAMBER CHOIR (Years 5&6 Barnabas) the final session: June 6th. The choir will perform at the Arts Depot, North Finchley on Monday 12th June, as part of the 'Barnet Schools' Music Festival'.

Years 3, 4 & 5 Barnabas Choir will have a choir session on 27th June in preparation for their 'Summer Concert' on Wednesday 12th 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 10th September. We will incorporate the songs into our choral repertoire for next term – so that everyone will be able to enjoy the songs.

