



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Eco Code competition winners

Last term the Eco Council ran a competition to create a new Eco Code for the school. The children were encouraged to come up with ideas about protecting our environment like, recycling, not wasting resources, saving energy and water, growing our own food, etc. The Eco Council judged the competition and the winners each received a live miniature Christmas tree. Thanks to everyone who entered. We will unveil the new Holly Park Eco Code later this term.

Barnet Song Writing Competition Winners

Mr Hogan entered lots of our children into a Barnet wide song writing competition. I am delighted to tell you that a song written by Zoe and Tarlan in Year 6 was chosen as the winning entry and will be taught to all children in Barnet and will be performed at the Barnet Music festival later in the year. The song is called Gaia's song and is a song all about the earth. The judge Jane Sebba said about the song: 'This is a beautiful song with all the ingredients to make my heart sing. The subject matter is relevant to today; the lyrics are descriptive and evocative. The melody is beautiful, the harmonies are interesting and varied, and there's a gentle but driving beat to carry us forward. You've used sequence, repetition and contrast; and there's a clear structure to the song. It's a pleasure to listen to. Thank you.' Congratulations Zoe and Tarlan.

International Lunch Day - 18th January

This is a day to celebrate international food and is run by ISS catering across Barnet. If your child does not normally have a school lunch – they can try it on this day provided that you let the office know. The main courses will be a very mild Thai green curry and pizza. On this day we are encouraging all children to wear a costume or clothing from a country around the world. No football kits please. Packed lunch children may want to try something International in their packed lunch. The Dining hall will be decorated with flags from around the world.

Planning Your Summer Holiday?

We are not required yet to publish our term dates for the next academic year. These will go out just after February half term. We follow the Barnet term dates (which can be found on their website) and have to include 5 Inset days within that. Looking at the term dates for 2018-19, we will return to school on Monday 3rd September with 2 Inset days, so children will return to school on **Wednesday 5th September**.

Termly Year Group Newsletters For Parents

As per normal each term, the teachers send out a newsletter letting parents know what the topic for the term is and how this relates to each curriculum area in outline. These have been e-mailed out this week and can also be found on the year group pages of the website. We hope that parents will find them useful. If you would like more detail about the objectives being covered, you can find this on the curriculum page of the website in the 'Learning Journey' section.



Year 1
Artists



Year 2
London & The rainforest



Year 3
Romans



Year 4
Tudor Life



Year 5
Victorians



Year 6
WW2



Diary Dates

Monday 15th January	Reception class visits to a cafe
Thursday 18th January	Y3 writing workshop for parents and children at 9am
Friday 19th January	Y4 Reading workshop for parents and children at 9am
Friday 19th January	Y1 trip to The National Gallery
Monday 22nd January	Y2 & Y6 Assessment Meeting for parents at 2.30pm
Tuesday 23rd January	Juniper Class Assembly
Wednesday 24th January	Y2 & Y6 Assessment Meeting for parents at 9am
Wednesday 24th January	Y6 Football Competition
Wednesday 24th January	PTA Meeting at 7pm
Friday 26th January	Y5 Maths workshop for parents and children at 9am
Friday 26th January	Netball Tournament
Tuesday 30th January	Maple Class Assembly at 9.10am
Wednesday 31st January	Y2 SPAG Workshop for parents 9am
Wednesday 31st January	Girls Football Tournament
Monday 5th February	Infant Show Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6th February	Infant Show at 6.30pm
Wednesday 7th February	Infant Show 2pm
Thursday 8th February	Infant Show 6.30pm
Friday 9th February	End of Half term at 3.30pm

Value of the Month for January - Hope

The value for the start of 2018 is 'hope.' This value is more than just wishing for things to be different, it is about believing that things either in our own personal world or the wider world can be better and being prepared to do something. At this time of year individuals and families often make New Year resolutions. As a family you might talk about your hopes and dreams for the future and what you can do to make them happen. Albert Einstein said 'Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.' In our assemblies we will be looking at what hope is, hopes related to our Rights and hopes for world peace.

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y5 Juniper
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y4 Sycamore

Housepoints for this week

Hydra	155	points
Griffin	146	points
Phoenix	134	points
Unicorn	100	points
Dragon	93	points

Well Done **Hydra**

Music News

Instrumental Tuition and Ensembles: these are now back in full swing.

Infant Choir - Thursdays (3:30-4:15 pm in the main hall).

Here are this term's remaining dates. Year 2: 11th January; 8th March. Year 1: 25th January; 22nd February. **FULL CHOIR:** 22nd March. A letter has been sent home inviting Year 1 children to join Infant Choir – please complete the form attached to the letter, if you wish your child to be a member of the choir. The deadline for application is THURSDAY 18th JANUARY.

Barnabas Choir - Tuesdays (3:30-4:30 pm in the main hall).

Year 3 children who sing accurately in tune and have a good vocal range will be offered a place in the choir. Early next week a letter will be sent to all those who are ready to join the choir. Here are the remaining dates until half-term.

Chamber Choir: January 16th. Chamber Choir pupils must attend these sessions. We are preparing for the Barnet Schools' Music Festival – and there are many songs to learn.

Years 3 & 4 Barnabas Choir: January 30th.

We now have a **Holly Park Music Blog** which will give you access at home to recordings of some of the songs the choirs are learning.

This can be accessed using:

<https://sites.google.com/hollyparkschool.co.uk/music/home>

Please be aware of the issues regarding your children accessing the internet – strict parental supervision is essential.

Two more Holly Park choirs. 'HOT VOICES CHOIR' meets on

Thursdays at assembly-time: all children in Years 1, 2 & 3 are members of this choir. Also, we have **'COOL KIDS CHOIR'** which meets at assembly-time on Wednesdays: all children in Years 4, 5 & 6 are members of this choir.

