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Holly Park Highlights!



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Class Reporters On The Website

Every week a different child in each class from Year 1 to Year 6 acts as a class reporter. They go home and write about what they have been learning in the class that week. The year group website pages are now very up to date with information about what the children have been learning. There are over 60 reports on the website. Recent comments include:

"We designed Joseph's coat and had lots of fun doing this activity" Y1

"In PE I enjoyed playing football with my classmates." Y2

"We have been Bikeability it was fun." Y3

"We went to a Tudor workshop it was fun and interesting to see how the Tudors lived." Y4

"In PE we are making a dance about the Nutcracker and I'm a knickerbocker glory." Y5

"In science we did an experiment to see how sound travels through different materials." Y6

The reports and comments from the children are very good evidence of the very broad and balanced curriculum that is on offer to the Holly Park pupils.



Infant Show

The infant show was fabulous. The children spoke, sang and danced beautifully. The scenery was superb. We hope that all the infant parents enjoyed it. Every child had a small part to play but together as a team they make up a lovely show. My personal thanks go to the KSI staff - teachers and teaching assistants for all of their hard work putting it all

together. Thank you to Mr Hogan for the singing and a huge thank you and well done to Mrs Fitzpatrick for producing and directing 'Pictures at Our Exhibition'.



GYMNASTIC SUCCESS!

Holly Park took part in the Barnet Schools Gymnastics competition. The children and Mrs Kelly worked so hard to learn and practice their routines. The children all performed stunningly well and made Ms Kelly extremely proud.

The year 5 children came 8th overall in an extremely tough competition. The year 3 and 4 children produced amazing performances and came 2nd overall – silver medals. The year 2 children in what was a remarkable achievement came 1st and became Borough champions – with gold medals and a cup! They all looked very smart indeed.



Tudor Delights



Y4 Tudor Day was a great success. The children took part in a range of Tudor crafts and activities such as candle-making and some Tudor surgery! They had a grand Tudor banquet in the afternoon, with feasting and entertainments provided by the children. The event was great fun!

Busy Bees in Year 1!



This has been an exciting and busy term for Year One. Their learning project for the first half of the term was Artists. They visited the National Gallery and learnt all about different famous artists like Van Gogh, Monet, Mondrian, Seurat, Matisse and Rousseau. They then did art work inspired by the works of some of these famous artists. Their Enabling Enterprise project was also based on art galleries and this linked well with their learning. They also took part as dancers in the infant show

which was based on two children's adventures in an art gallery. This half term has been very exciting for Y1 as well. They had a visit from a couple of frozen and lost penguins in their classes. This led them to learn about 'Cold and Hot Places' They created lost posters for the penguin, wrote letters to the zoo enquiring if they had lost a penguin and read a book called 'Lost and Found' about a lost penguin. The children also wrote stories and postcards inspired from this book.

Y3 Roman Day



their ailments cured. In the afternoon the children had a feast to celebrate the defeat of Boudicca. Entertainment was provided by dancers, actors and Roman soldiers

Year 3 had a Roman Day with History Off the Page. The children spent the morning making various things from Mosaics, to Frescos to oil lamps. They also had an opportunity to visit a Roman doctor to get

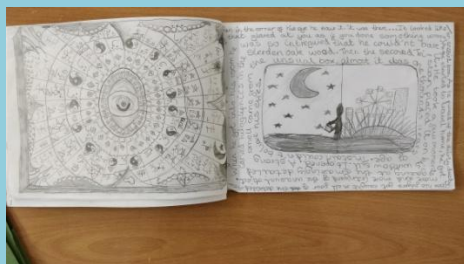


Handa's Surprise!



Reception have been reading the story of Handa's Surprise and learning about the similarities and differences between their lives and Handa's. They wrote to Handa asking her about her life. She replied with a letter telling them about her village in Kenya.

YEAR 6 AND 'THE VIEWER'



Earlier this term, Year 6 finished a thrilling unit of work based on Shaun Tan's fantastic picture



book: The Viewer. Throughout the project, the children wrote their



own versions of the story and produced some outstanding pieces of descriptive writing. In addition to the writing, the children produced a double page of artwork to accompany each section of text using oil pastels, sketching pencils and watercolours. The final products looked wonderful and the children were extremely proud of their efforts.

They then watched a film about a Kenyan school. They also had fun using their senses to taste and explore the delicious fruits. The children also played a fruity maths shopping game helping them to add and take away by counting on and back



MATHS IS FUN!



This term, we had a celebration of maths over three days. The children were encouraged to see maths as exciting, relevant to real life and also to see how it is cross curricular. The KS1 children took part in maths carousels. The activities focused on shape, volume, weight, measure and estimating. All of the activities were very practical and hands on. The children had lots of fun. Also this term, the KS2 children took part in maths carousels. The children enjoyed being in mixed age house groups. Parents also came in to school to do maths activities with the children. The children took part in maths activities in class based on various

environmental issues. This was a very nice cross curriculum link and is very topical at the moment. We also had Peter Warwick (maths advisor) in to school to do a maths assembly for KS1 and KS2 – this was great fun and was based on measurement and world records. The children played maths games in class or made their own games. There were maths games played online and computer based maths games. The three maths days were a great celebration of maths. Thank you to Ms Owen for organising it all.



RUNNING SUCCESS

The cross country competition was very exciting. Our children behaved very well. Many of them demonstrated great team spirit and encouraged their team mates. Children showed great determination making it to the finish line. The course was extremely muddy and boggy in areas which made it quite challenging. Many children improved their scores/placings from the meet in the Autumn.

A special well done to Amarion who won his race and Evie in Y6 won her race by a huge margin. Evie has been running for the school since Y4 and has always won her races. Many Barnet primary schools took part and this year was our best ever competition and Holly Park were the Barnet winners overall – coming in **FIRST PLACE** - congratulations to all the team



MATHS CHALLENGE

I am delighted to tell you of the fabulous success of two of our Y6 pupils in the Primary Maths Challenge. Out of 1,932 children Luca who won Bronze and Mei who won Silver.



National Primary Maths Challenge Winners

Holly Park At The Dance Festival



Some of our Year 6 children took part in a huge Barnet Dance Festival at the Arts Depot this term. The festival included over 88 schools - infant, junior, primary, secondary and special schools. The Holly Park routine was a modern Charleston type dance to 'Bang Bang' by Will I AM. The children performed with great style and co-ordination and they had practiced hard for the event. Many thanks to Miss Yiannaki and Mr Stewkesbury for their hard work and choreography. The dance was a huge success and their costumes very smart.

World Book Day Celebrations



World Book Week at Holly Park was a great success. Our theme was favourite characters in books. The children came dressed as their favourite character or carrying a prop from their favourite book. Teachers shared their favourite picture books with the children. Mrs Bawcombe prepared lots of lovely activities that the children could do in class such as – hot seating characters, drama activities, comic strip endings and lots of others

VICTORIANS IN YEAR 5



Year 5's topic this term has been The Victorians. During our curriculum day the children had the opportunity to experience life at a Victorian school and they dressed up in Victorian styled clothes for the day.

The children participated in lessons such as Victorian handwriting and times tables chanting. The children had a taste of some of the harsh discipline of the past. The boys were taught technical drawing and the girls were taught sewing and they discussed how equal opportunities have moved on since Victorian times. The children also took part in Victorian games like marbles and snakes & ladders. Overall the children agreed that being at school in 2018 was much better than in Victorian times!



Y2 Jungle Fever!



Year Two have been learning about the Rainforest. To kick start their topic, they visited Kew Gardens. They looked at botanical paintings. They climbed to

Nursery Rhyme Day



The nursery had their curriculum day which was all about nursery rhymes. The children dressed up as characters from their favourite nursery rhymes and took part in lots of nursery rhyme activities. They ate hot cross buns, made spiders, acted out 5

the top of the tree-top walk which is a pathway at the height of the trees. They visited the Palm House, again climbing to the top walkway to imagine what it would be like to be an animal living in the trees. The children identified many plants that grow in tropical climates such as banana plants, mango trees and a Mickey Mouse plant!. They have written a letter to Greenpeace, highlighting the plight of orang-utans.

little men in a flying saucer, recreated Old Macdonalds farm and made their own nursery rhyme pictures. Parents come in to sing nursery rhymes in their own language and the children got to hear songs sung in Farsi, Italian, Mandarin, English and Bulgarian.

