



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Proud To Be A Headteacher

This week, our Reception profile assessments were externally moderated. We had an experienced visitor who looked at provision, teaching, opportunities, evidence and teacher assessments. It was a really enjoyable morning as the moderator could not have been more complimentary about our reception practice and how well the staff knew their children and how accurate their judgements were. It was definitely a time when I felt extremely proud to be the headteacher of Holly Park.

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to those of you who sent in playground toys and came with crazy hair. We are very grateful for all donations as the children really love having a range of things to do at lunchtime and as you can appreciate our original stock gets broken or lost over time so it is great to have a stock to replace things with. Thank you for your support. There were some very crazy hairstyles – Even Poppy had crazy hair (well for a VERY short time!)



The Influence Of Parents

A reminder that what you talk about at home either in front of your children or within their earshot, including your views and opinions, positive or negative on various topics are being observed by your children and often repeated outside of the home. We need parental support at home to prepare children for living and mixing in a multi-cultural environment and to support us so that children do not judge others based on race, religion or ethnic background. At Holly Park we are an inclusive school and value everybody. The value of Mutual Respect is very important to us.

Chicks In The Early Years

It's that time of year again and our Nursery and Reception children have had incubators of eggs arrive this week. The children have watched eagerly waiting for the eggs to hatch. The hatching was very successful and we now have two lots of lovely fluffy chicks. The children are so excited and delighted. There is lots of awe and wonder! The arrival of the chicks has generated lots of writing for our Reception children who have written fact files about chicks and also written letters to the chicks telling them how they will look after them. Poppy also enjoyed a visit to see the chicks!!



Online Safety Tuesday 5th June at 9am – DO COME!!

On Tuesday 5th June we have paid for a company to come in and talk about e-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!



Sunflower Competition



This week the children will be bringing home a small bag of sunflower seeds. The children need to plant their seeds and look after them and watch them grow. The competition is to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. I have e-mailed home instructions about how to grow and look after the sunflowers. This can also be found on the competition page of the school website. Good luck and happy growing!

Diary Dates

HALF TERM	
Monday 4 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th June	School begins
Tuesday 5 th June	Online safety session for parents at 9am
Monday 11 th June	Y1 Phonics Check Week
Monday 11 th June	Y6 Residential to Norfolk
Monday 18 th June	Barnet Schools' Music Festival KS2
Tuesday 19 th June	Rowan Class Assembly at 9.10am
Monday 18 th June	Holly Park Science Week
Monday 18 th June	Barnet Music Festival
Tuesday 19 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 20 th June	School Council to City Hall
Friday 22 nd June	Year 3 Activity Day
Friday 22 nd June	Year 1 Cake sale
Monday 25 th June	Meeting for parents new to nursery & Reception 7pm

Enabling Enterprise Week

This week 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.

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.

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.

Year 4 – Number Crunching

The children have looked at different brands of chocolate and have tasted different chocolate. They have had to design their own chocolate recipes and chocolate wrapper labels. They pitched their ideas to each other.

Year 3 – Making Changes

The children have been exploring different ways of keeping healthy. They have researched and designed posters about healthy lifestyles. They had to present their ideas to each other.

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y2 Rowan Y4 Sycamore
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y3 Hazel 100%

Housepoints for this week

Hydra	356	points
Unicorn	330	points
Dragon	305	points
Phoenix	285	points
Griffin	264	points

Well Done **Hydra**

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. There was a show for parents to come along to. The parents were a very enthusiastic audience and clapped and cheered the models along the catwalk.

Year 1 – Art Galleries

The Y1 project was linked with their trip to the art gallery. They have looked at famous artists from the past such as Monet, Van Gogh and Stubbs. They have written invitations to their parents to come to an art exhibition. Each child has a portfolio of work to exhibit!

Music News

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION LESSONS and **ENSEMBLE SESSIONS** take place as normal. **Letters** inviting children in our present **Years 1 – 5** to apply for **Instrumental Tuition for the Autumn Term** have been sent out. The deadline for payment is **Friday 15th June**.

If your child is beginning an instrument for the first time, the tutor will meet your child and check that they are suitable for the instrument. Also, the tutor will let us know what size of instrument is appropriate. **Chamber Choir** are preparing for their appearance at the 'Barnet Schools' Music Festival' on Monday 18th June. We only have ONE rehearsal session remaining: **June 5th. It is crucial ALL members of Chamber Choir attend this session** as we are singing in 4 parts – and the balancing of voices cannot be done without the full choir. Also, we are rehearsing the drumming to accompany the song – and will be finalising which children will be drumming. Barnabas Years 3, 4 and 5 will have a rehearsal session on Tuesday 26th June, in readiness for their concert on Wednesday July 11th at 7 pm.

