



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## Allotment Open Afternoon

I hope that the parents who came on Wednesday enjoyed looking around the allotment this week. It is a great resource and we are delighted that it looks so lovely and has so much growing in it. We even have a frog in our pond.



## Barnet Music festival

On Monday, 60 of our Y5 and 6 pupils went along to participate at the Barnet Music festival at the Arts Depot. Over the week approx. 2,000 children and about 80 schools will participate. Holly Park as usual stood out from the crowd. Several parents have stopped me this week to say how proud they were of Holly Park. The children looked amazingly smart in their best uniform and they sang beautifully. Mr Hogan had prepared the children well. The children also enjoyed joining in with the massed choir items.



## Science Week

This week was science week at Holly Park. The children participated in lots of investigations and experiments.

**The nursery** children investigated magnets. They walked around the nursery with big and small magnets trying to find things that would stick to them. They then talked about what the different materials looked and felt like. Later the children had to predict what materials would be magnetic and then touch them with a magnet to find out whether they were right or not. The children also made potions using lots of different liquids and powders to explore what happens when they are mixed together. They also investigated natural objects such as pine cones and flowers.



**Reception** children took part in an experiment using Cola and Polos. The children had to predict what would happen when the polo mixed with the Cola. The children were very excited when there was an explosion and they discussed why they thought it had happened.



**Year 1** observed plants and identified the different parts and their functions. They also made their own sunflower plant in art. To understand how water travels through the plant they went on a leaf hunt and gathered different leaves. They discussed the 'veins' that were present in every leaf and their function of carrying food and water around the plant. They also looked at the pipe shape of stems and how it carries water around the plant.



**Year 2** carried out an investigation to find out whether the tallest children in the class are the fastest! They talked about how to keep it a fair test, they measured everyone in the class and then ran round the junior playground. They discovered that the tallest children weren't necessarily the fastest and it depended on a few different factors! They also discovered some future Olympic sprinters!



**Year 3** matched the picture of an animal to its skull. The children identified if the animal was a carnivore, a herbivore or an omnivore by looking at the type of teeth it had. Carnivores had very big canine teeth whereas herbivores had no canines. Omnivores had a mixture of different types of teeth.



**Year 4** have become Electricians and delved into the world of Chemistry! Lots of practical experiments were set up. They made an electrical circuit to make a bulb light up. They learnt that a switch was needed to connect and disconnect the electricity flowing from a battery to the bulb. They also added motors and buzzers to their circuit. In another investigation the children compared and grouped materials together, according to whether they were solids or liquids. They learnt about the properties of the solids and liquids.



**Year 5** have been exploring the relationships between the earth the sun and the moon. They went to the playground to model how these objects rotate and orbit in relation to each other using a basketball as the sun, a globe as the earth and a tennis ball as the moon.



### Diary Dates

<b>Monday 25th June</b>	Meeting for parents new to nursery & Reception 7pm
<b>Tuesday 26th June</b>	Copthall Athletics Competition
<b>Tuesday 26th June</b>	Open session for new nursery parents 4-5pm
<b>Thursday 28th June</b>	Year 4 Review for parents at 2.30pm
<b>Friday 29th June</b>	Y2 to Barnet Museum
<b>Tuesday 3rd July</b>	Pine Class assembly at 9am
<b>Tuesday 3rd July</b>	Open session for new nursery parents 4-5pm
<b>Wednesday 4th July</b>	Infant Sports at 10am
<b>Friday 6th July</b>	Junior Sports
<b>Friday 6th July</b>	Reception cake Sale
<b>Friday 6th July</b>	Reports home to parents

### Thank You and Goodbye To One Of Our PTA Co-chairs

This may seem a little early (especially as our biggest event of the year is still in the planning stages) but as we are approaching the end of the school year we need to say thank you and good bye to one of our PTA co-chairs – Paul as his daughter leaves Holly Park in July. Paul became a co-chair in September 2016 and has been co-chair for two years. Paul has done a great job in recruiting volunteers to help with our annual events and widening the number of people prepared to get involved. Paul has always been keen to make sure that the whole community was involved and that the events were inclusive for all.

Amanda Glaser is staying on as a PTA chair and is keen to have another co-chair. If you are someone who is organised, efficient, gets on well with people, has some spare time and have been involved with the PTA this year and are keen to become more involved as a co-chair in September then please speak to Amanda.

### PTA Summer Fair – Saturday 14th July

Rain or shine there will be lots of fun activities to celebrate the great British Summer..... Live music, test out your motorsports skills with our mini race track with pedal go carts (don't forget to book as spaces are limited). Don't miss out on our giant inflatable helter skelter plus the apprentice stalls return to Holly Park with Year 4 and 5 running their own traditional fairground stalls.. splat the rat, sponge a friend and wheel of fortune. There will be face painting and tattoos. Tantalise your taste buds with our BBQ and strawberries & cream and wash it down with a glass of Pimms, cup of tea or a fresh fruit smoothie. Plus lots more!!!! Look out for our great raffle, tickets on sale soon!!!

### Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

<b>Winners of Punctuality</b> parrot		<b>Y2 Elm</b> <b>Y4 Mulberry</b> <b>Y5 Hawthorn</b> <b>Y6 Beech</b>
<b>Winners of Attendance</b> Alligator		<b>Y6 Beech</b>

### Housepoints for this week

<b>Hydra</b>	225	points
<b>Unicorn</b>	215	points
<b>Griffin</b>	181	points
<b>Phoenix</b>	160	points
<b>Dragon</b>	155	points

Well Done **Hydra**

### Music News

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION LESSONS: No Woodwind lessons next week – otherwise everything as normal.

Tutors will ensure that any child not at school due to School Journey and choir rehearsals/performance will receive their full complement of lessons by the end of term. ENSEMBLE SESSIONS String Ensemble sessions are complete for the term. No Wind Band session next week. Rock Band session as normal.

The deadline for payment for Instrumental Tuition lessons for next term has passed. 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 you know what size of instrument is appropriate.

Chamber Choir took to the stage at the 'Barnet Schools' Music Festival' last Monday evening at the Artsdepot Theatre, North Finchley. They looked resplendent in their 'Holly Park Concert Dress' gave the audience a wonderful rendition of the Zambian song 'Bonse Aba' which involves singing in 4-part harmony. Well done to everyone involved.

Barnabas Years 3, 4 and 5 will have a rehearsal session on Tuesday 26th June (3:30-4:30) in readiness for their Summer Choral Concert on Wednesday July 11th at 7 pm. Ticket details to follow.

Our 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.

