



HOLLY PARK
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Holly Park Highlights!



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Enriching and Enhancing the Curriculum

This year we continued with a series of activities across KS2 as progression towards the week away in Norfolk for Y6. All of the activities were a great success.



**Y3 Team Work Day At
Trent Park**



Y4 Sleepover Night



**Y5 - 3 Day Adventure At
Gilwell Park**



Y6 – A Week In Norfolk



Year 6 performed a marvellous show at the end of their time at Holly Park. The show was The Wizard of Oz. The children acted, sang and danced with great enthusiasm. We saw talents that we didn't know existed! Both casts of children did a splendid job. The scenery,

costumes and props were fantastic as always and thanks go to Mr Stewkesbury, and Miss Biggs for all their work and commitment to producing such a great end of year event. The children really enjoyed the experience and rose to the challenge.

Learning About Nature



The Eco Council and Learning Council visited the Woodberry Wetlands Centre near Manor House for their end of year trip.

They took part in a nature trail and a pond dipping session and enjoyed exploring the environment around the reservoir.



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

This year has been particularly successful for our Holly Park Allotment. It is looking the best it has done for a long time. There are many beds of growing herbs, fruit, salad and veg alongside the fruit trees and the pond. We are growing strawberries, garlic, peas, beans, parsnips, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes and much more. We have been able to use some of the produce in our school lunches. We had vegetables and garlic as a pizza topping and beetroot in the chocolate cake. I can vouch for the fact that both were delicious. The pond has been cleared and we even found a frog in it!



Our sunflower growing competitions have also been very successful and we have had a wall of beautiful sunflowers in the story garden. Congratulations to Hazel Class for the tallest sunflower, Pine Class for the largest sunflower head and Leonid in Y1 who grew the tallest sunflower at home.



PTA SUCCESS



The PTA has had another really good year which was topped off with a fantastic summer fair. There have been family events – Reception family fun night and Carols in the playground. For children they held a junior quiz and we have also had the normal Winter, Spring and Summer fairs. The repeat of the successful gifts for Mother's Day was very popular as has been the cake sales run by each year group across the year. I would like to express my thanks to the

PTA committee for all their hard work over the year and to all the volunteers including our school apprentices. Particular thanks to Paul Silk and Amanda Glaser.



Aye - Aye Nursery Fun!



The nursery children have been doing lots of activities linked to pirates. They went to the Princess Diana Memorial Garden and got to play on a real pirate ship!

They turned the big wheel, played below deck and climbed the mast. They even hunted for hidden treasure. Back in nursery they made treasure maps and telescopes.



Traditional Tales in Year 1



This half term the Y1 learning project was 'Once Upon a time'. The children looked at different traditional tales and read different versions of these stories. They did lots of role play and freeze frames. They wrote their own versions of Little Red Riding

Hood, riddles on traditional tales, and diary entries as a wolf from Little red riding Hood. They performed an end of year assembly, showing a more modern version of Red Riding Hood. The children had a fantastic time singing and dancing and the teachers were very proud of their efforts. They completed their learning with a Curriculum Day where they came dressed as their favourite traditional tale character. The children did a fashion show, wrote a story with different traditional fairy tale characters, decorated gingerbread men, made crispy cakes and then had a picnic eating their treats.



Year 5 Science Trip

At the end of June, Year 5 visited Greenwich. The children explored some of the amazing exhibits and displays at the National Maritime Museum before heading to the Royal Observatory. This was the main part of the trip and supported our science topic on the Earth, the Sun and the Moon. At the observatory the children explored the



Meridian and Weller Galleries and they also watched a spectacular show at the Planetarium entitled 'The Universe On Your Doorstep'. The

children thoroughly enjoyed the show and found it was a very entertaining way to follow up their learning at school.

Y3 Team Work

In June, Year 3 went on a team building activity Day to Trent Park. The children and adults travelled by tube to the park where they were met by instructors from Non-Stop Action. The weather was perfect and in the morning the children took part in a variety of different activities; these included parachute games, racing on giant skis, working as



a team to carry lots of tennis balls only using

tennis racquets and tug of war. The children

then had a picnic lunch in the park followed by an afternoon playing games of rounders and cricket. All the children had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. By the time they returned to school there were lots of very tired children and adults!

DOG BLOG



Poppy has now been coming into school for the whole academic year and the children and staff love her. She even has

her own dog blog on our website where you can find out about the week from her point of view. If you haven't already – take a look!



Walking In The Garden



Palm Class have really enjoyed using their phonic skills to write letters to their families and they have also made 'Friendship Certificates' for classmates. Their topic this term has focused on 'Growing'; They planted beanstalks and tomato plants and even visited the local allotments in The

Crescent. At the Allotments they learned how to grow vegetables and used their senses to find out about a range of different herbs. They have been busy learning songs and dances for their end of year Assembly called 'Walking in the Garden'. They are now ready to make the move to Year One!

Y4 Review of The Year



This term Year 4 have been doing lots of art and science. They made purses using a range of different stitches, including backstitch to join two pieces of fabric together. They wrote their names in Viking runes using stitches. They also had a very exciting Year 4 Review showcasing all the skills and learning from their curriculum this year. All sixty children in the year group, worked together to write their own scripts and make their own resources. They worked

incredibly hard and although anxious the night before, they were perfect!!!!



Project Britain Day



Our Annual Project Britain Day took place at the start of term. The event reminds the children of our own values, the British Values and to think more about our customs and traditions and to celebrate everything British. Our opening assembly looked at our own identity, our own values, school values and the British values. The children came to school dressed in Red, white and blue.

In assembly we all sang a rousing rendition of 'Land of Hope and Glory' and 'The Lambeth Walk.' During the day the children also learnt 'Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner.' The children had an opportunity to play the traditional British sports of tennis and cricket. In class the children looked at the work of a variety of British artists and sculptors. We considered mutual respect and what it

means. The children looked at who we are as individuals – what makes us who we are? We had a visit by a pearly King and a Pearly Queen



Sport at Holly Park

This year has been another very successful year at Holly Park for sport. We have entered several netball matches, and have enjoyed inter school football success for both girls and boys. There have also been various Non-stop Action clubs.

Children from KS2 represented the school at the Barnet Dance Festival.

The inter school Barnet athletics competition was a massive success for Holly Park this year.

We won two trophies including overall school winner of all Barnet medium sized schools. Our cross country team did the best ever – coming first in Barnet!

The year ended with two lovely sports days.



Gymnastics



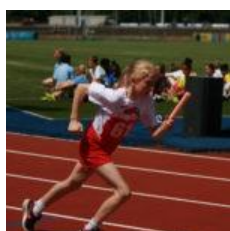
Infant Sports Day



Junior Sports Day



Cross Country



Athletics

Y2 VISIT A SYNAGOGUE



The children visited Finchley Reform Synagogue. They learnt a song in Hebrew. They got to explore some Jewish artefacts that could be found around the synagogue. The children were able to try on prayer shawls and

'kipot' (Jewish head coverings). They were able to handle precious objects. They learnt about the Jewish Sabbath and how this is celebrated every Friday night in Jewish homes. The leaders opened the ark where the special Torah scrolls are kept. They were shown how Hebrew writing is different to English. Hebrew goes from right to left and contains no vowels or punctuation

Music, Music, Music!

We have had another great musical year at Holly Park this year with a candlelight concert, an instrumental concert, Infant and Junior choir concerts and participation in the Barnet music festivals as well as music



in our Infant, Reception and Y6 shows. Barnabas Choir also got to perform at the SCOOP! – an amazing experience. Thank you to Mr. Hogan.