



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Percy Llewellyn Evan

Last week in the remembrance assembly we talked about **Percy Llewellyn Evans** who was a Sergeant, 14th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, who died on 12th February 1917 on home service, aged 30 after he caught a disease in the trenches. He was buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard. Percy was a teacher at Holly Park School. At the weekend both Mrs Casey and I went to find his grave. Mrs Casey left poppy decorated stones. We were intrigued to see that someone (perhaps a relative) had put a cross by the grave.



Anti- Bullying Week

As part of Anti bullying week we asked all of the children to come to school wearing odd socks. The idea is meant to be fun BUT also is an opportunity for children to express themselves as individuals and to recognise that it is ok for us all to be different. The children had an assembly about bullying where they have learnt to be an “Upstander” not a “Bystander”. In class the children made “face mash ups”, to celebrate our differences and diversity. They also drew around their hand and on each finger they wrote down who they would talk to if they were being bullied. Children in KS2 also had a lesson about online Bullying.



Parent Consultation

The parent consultations for Y1 to Y5 (Juniper) take place in the main school hall. The meetings for Y5 Maple and Y6 are in the shared area outside their classrooms. Each teacher will be sitting at a desk. If you arrive earlier than your timed slot, then please go into the hall as there will be seats available for you to wait for your consultation. It will also mean that the teacher can see that you have arrived. Each consultation slot is for 10 minutes. The norm in most primary schools is 5-10 minutes. The teachers will try their best to keep to time and we would ask that you please arrive in time for your slot. If you do arrive late, it may be that your consultation has to be moved back a bit and you will have to wait a bit.

Please be patient if at the end of a long session of parent meetings the teacher is running a bit late for your meeting. If you and the teacher feel that at the end of 10 minutes there is more time needed to discuss your child then you can of course make another time after school one day if necessary and with the agreement of the teacher.

We do ask that **all children** come to the consultation meetings and are part of the discussions. This is a system that we have used now for many years. We believe that it is very important that the children are part of the discussions and hear what is being said about them. Again we would ask that while you are waiting for your appointment that the children sit quietly and are not running around the hall, climbing on to the stage or banging the African drums. These first consultations will tell you about how your child has settled into Y1 academically, socially and emotionally and how they seem to be progressing at this early stage. The teacher will point out any early areas where the child might need consolidation and further practice and support. They will also point out areas where the child may be excelling. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions. The second consultation in February/March time will be more about the progress they are making and areas that they need more consolidation and help with as that will be the midpoint of the school year.

Diary Dates

Monday 19th November	Meeting for new Nursery parents at 7pm
Wednesday 21st November	Parent Consultations for Y1 & Y2 2.30-330
Thursday 22nd November	Green Day
Thursday 22nd November	Parent Evening for Y1 & 2 3.45-8pm
Thursday 22nd November	Parent Evening for Y3-6 2.30-8pm
Friday 23rd November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th December	Nursery drop in
Tuesday 4th December	Candlelight Concert 6.30pm
Thursday 6th December	Y5 to the Museum of London
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Friday 14th December	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
Saturday 15th December	PTA Winter Wonderland
Monday 17th December	Y3 Nativity at 2pm
Tuesday 18th December	Y3 Nativity at 6pm
Tuesday 18th December	Enabling Enterprise Y3 & 4
Tuesday 18th December	Upper KS2 parties
Wednesday 19th December	Nursery & Lower KS2 parties
Wednesday 19th December	Enabling Enterprise Y1,2,5 & 6
Wednesday 20th December	KSI & Reception parties
Friday 21st December	Term ends at 1.30pm

Local News

Friern Barnet School presents 'TOY STORY DANCE SHOW.' On Thursday 6th December, at 7PM. Tickets are £3. To reserve tickets or for more information contact: EAP@friern.barnet.sch.uk

Road Safety House Challenge

Last Friday afternoon the children worked on some short Road safety drama sketches. They worked in their houses. Years 6 and 2 worked together, Years 5 and 1 and Years 3 and 4. The teachers awarded points for creativity and team work. The teachers were pleased that the children were able to put forward some very strong Road safety messages.

First	Hydra	500 points
Joint Second	Griffin	400 points
Joint Second	Unicorn	400 points
Fourth	Phoenix	200 points
Fifth	Dragon	100 points

Christmas Jumper Day

I am just writing to give you advance warning that Christmas Jumper day at Holly Park will be Friday 14th December. Children will wear their HPS uniform on the bottom half with a Christmas jumper on the top half.

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y1 Chestnut Y1 Pine Y3 Hazel Y5 Juniper Y6 Beech
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y2 Rowan

Housepoints for this week

Unicorn	409	points
Phoenix	369	points
Griffin	352	points
Hydra	338	points
Dragon	322	points

Well Done Unicorn

Green Day

On Thursday 22nd November we are asking all of the children to come to school dressed in green and to bring in a donation of £1 to go towards buying a new greenhouse for the allotment.

Music News

Instrumental Tuition and Ensembles: All sessions are taking place. The final sessions for Instrumental Tuition lessons for this term are as follows: Monday violins: 19th November. Friday violins: 30th November. Woodwind (recorder, flute, saxophone and clarinet): Tuesday 27th November. Wednesday 'cello and brass (trumpet and cornet): 21st November. Thursday 'cello, tablas and drum kit: 22nd November. Friday guitar – these sessions were completed on 16th November. Wind Band sessions (Tuesdays 12:30-12:55) continue until 27th November. String Ensemble and Rock Band sessions are complete for the term.

Spring Term Instrumental Tuition Fees Letters have been sent home with the details of how to pay for your child's Instrumental Tuition for next term. Deadline for payments: Monday 26th November. **Barnabas Choir** and **Infant Choir:** No more after-school sessions until next term.

All choir members have been sent home with copies of the lyrics for the Candlelight Concert. These should be assembled into a plastic wallet file or ring-binder. We would like the children to do their best to commit the songs to memory by the time of the concert.

Parent Information Forms

We are required to send out a new information form. New legislation for safeguarding says that parents must give the name and contact details of 2 emergency contacts in addition to parents. It is your responsibility to check that these emergency contacts are happy for the school to hold their information. I know that it is a nuisance to keep filling in forms but it is good practice to ask for up to date information on an annual basis. The forms will go out next week (1 per child) and we would appreciate the swift return of the forms. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. Look out for these next week.

