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Holly Park Highlights!



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OFSTED 2018 - A GOOD SCHOOL

For the past four years we have judged ourselves to be a good school, so we are very pleased that the inspectors agreed with us. There is so much to be proud of in the inspection report.

Particular parts of the report that we are pleased about are: Members of the governing body make a strong contribution to school improvement

Senior leaders monitor the school very well and have an accurate understanding of strengths and areas for development

Pupils make good progress in most subjects and attainment is improving

The behaviour of pupils and their attitudes towards work are good

Pupils enjoy school because the curriculum is exciting and varied

The school is an exceptionally caring, safe and nurturing environment

Teachers are very effective in establishing a positive climate for learning and have high expectations of pupils' behaviour

Pupils with SEND receive excellent teaching

The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding.

Pupils say they feel safe.

The school is very welcoming and friendly.

The report is extremely positive with only two main areas for development. We hope that you have read the report.



Year 3 Nativity

The Year 3 Nativity was absolutely wonderful. The children danced beautifully, sang sweetly and said their lines extremely clearly. Every child in Year 3 had a part to play. Many thanks go to the Year 3 teachers – Mr Bourne and Mrs Mehtar for their hard work and commitment with the rehearsals. Many thanks also to Mrs Spann and Mr Mock for organising the costumes. The children

participated with energy and enthusiasm. It was a very polished performance. It was clear just how much hard work had gone in to the show from both the children and staff. The backdrop as usual was beautiful and set the scene for the action. Audiences at all three performances really enjoyed the show.

Y4 Out Of Africa!

The children have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They went to the British Museum and were very excited to see the mummies and statues covered in hieroglyphics. The highlight was seeing the 'Rosetta Stone'. Mulberry Class learnt about printing and creating their own designs using wooden blocks. Sycamore Class made some beautiful patterns by weaving on a paper plate loom. As part of their topic on Africa they also had a visit from the British Council and learnt about a self-sufficient village in Ethiopia.



REMEMBRANCE – 100 YEARS ON!



We held a moving remembrance assembly to mark 100 years since the end of WWI. We also learnt about Percy Llewellyn Evans who was a teacher at Holly Park School. He died from an infection caught in the trenches. Every child at Holly Park made a poppy to go on our whole school display in the hall

Y5 Victorian Era



This term, Maple Class delivered an entertaining and fact-filled assembly. This was themed around their topic, Victorians, and included snippets of life, during that period. Queen Victoria herself visited Holly Park (and was delighted to be made an honorary member of the school). Both of the Year 5 classes have read Street Child and A Christmas Carol – both excellent books set in the Victorian era. They have looked at Victorian embroidery in D&T and have even created their own Victorian inspired

Embroidered Handkerchiefs. In art they did printing inspired by William Morris. In order to further their knowledge of Charles Dickens and the Victorian era they visited the Museum of London to visit the Victorian walk and meet Charles Dickens himself. The topic ended with a Victorian day where the children experienced life in a Victorian classroom for the day – dunce cap and all!!! Miss Harrison looked very smart dressed as a Victorian teacher.

Year 1 Traditional Tales



Year One have been learning about Traditional Tales. They focused on the tales of The Gingerbread Man, The Ugly Duckling and The Little Red Hen. They did lots of writing including retelling the tales and making puppets,

writing rules for being a good friend, writing letters of apology to the Hen and letters to cheer up the Ugly Duckling. In November, they had a curriculum day where children dressed up as characters from Traditional Tales. They had the challenge of building three houses for the little pigs and they made their own gingerbread men. It was a great end to the topic!

ART AT HOLLY PARK



Anti-Bullying – ‘Choose Respect’



The theme of Anti-bullying week this year was – ‘Choose Respect.’ The idea is that bullying is a deliberate choice and not the right choice. As part of Anti-Bullying Week we asked all of the children to come to school wearing

odd socks. This 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 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. Our School Council have received professional training as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. We were also very proud to receive a GOLD Award as an All Together Anti Bullying School.

This term we have really been developing the progression of art skills from early Years to Year 6. The staff have had several professional development training sessions looking at progression of skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and collage. The sessions have been great fun and we have really seen the impact of this in the art being taught across the school. We are looking forward to more of this training in 2019!

PTA WINTER FAIR



The Winter fair at Holly Park was as ever a wonderful community event for all of our families. It brings children and parents together to share the fun whilst at the same time raising much needed funds for the school. We had a mix of traditional game stalls such as the toy tombola alongside our Year 5 and 6 creative apprentice stalls which were run by our pupils. They had lovely creative stalls encouraging visitors to make all kinds of Christmas decorations. Santa was as usual very busy and his grotto was a treat! There were plenty of delicious food stalls including mince pies and mulled wine.



The addition of the outdoor carousel was very pretty in the playground—lots of fun was had on there even in the rain! The bare bones singers added a festive feel to the proceedings. The raffle prizes (including a hamper from the school staff) were well received. We also had a stall from the 6th Friern Barnet Scout Group. We hope that families had an enjoyable afternoon. Everyone seemed to get into the festive spirit. A huge thank you go to Amaanda, Nathalie, Otto and all of the other PTA volunteers – who made such a lovely event. We estimate the fair made approx £3,000.



YEAR TWO Magical Moving Boxes

In Year 2 the children have been reading stories with heroes and villains in them. In Design Technology, the children spent time designing a moving picture box using a setting or character from those stories. The children used boxes, felt, card, lolly-sticks and string to make their designs come alive! They measured and cut wood doweling to create a lever for their character to move on. They have done really well and the teachers were most impressed with their picture boxes. At the end of term, Year two had a Heroes and Villains Curriculum Day. They came to school dressed as a hero or villain from literature and enjoyed class discussions about what makes a good hero or villain in a story. There were lots of interesting costumes- from Harry Potter to the snail from 'The Snail and the Whale'! The children created comic strips about their character and made props for their hero or villain to use. They also enjoyed using their culinary skills to make a 'superhero salad'! A fun way to end the topic!

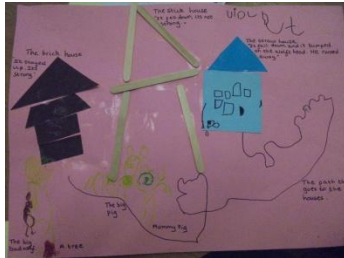


Quality Mark PE & Sport

We were the first school in Barnet to be awarded the AFPE Award for school sport. Three years has gone by and we have had to reapply for the award. The assessment panel considered our application, with the feedback from the validation visit, the panel is delighted to award Holly Park the **Quality Mark** for 'demonstrating good commitment to improvement in physical education & sport'. The report commented that: Class teachers have been up skilled over the years, using a coaching company. Both subject leads work hard to make sure the coaches develop teachers. Standards in gymnastics looked good from the lessons observed. Since the last assessment, the curriculum has become broader and includes a Forest school. There are more opportunities for children to be engaged in school sport with the introduction of intra-school competitions. Those that want to wear a team strip are encouraged to. Holly Park is successful when competing against other schools. The Headteacher recognises the impact the subject has on whole school development. Two dedicated subject leaders lead and manage this subject well.



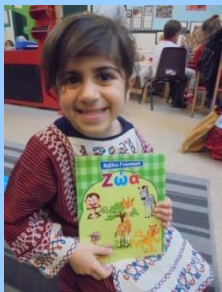
NURSERY LEARN ABOUT TRADITIONAL TALES



The nursery children have been enjoying the traditional stories of The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs. They re-told both stories in a variety of ways using puppets and props and they made their own story pictures and story maps to show their understanding of the stories. The children loved making their own Gingerbread Men and were fantastic at following the instructions to make them. They also enjoyed playing

with gingerbread play dough and showing their counting skills. After hearing the story of The Three Little Pigs, the children made their houses using different materials. They were encouraged to talk about what they were doing using lots of language.

Culture in Reception



from all around the world and chatted about their families and experiences. They talked about how they are all different and why this is brilliant, as it makes our lives so interesting. Soon after the Cultural Day they also had a special Art Day. They looked at two famous paintings; Monet's 'Water Lilies' and Jackson Pollock's 'No.5' action painting. They listened to music that reflected the moods of the paintings and then had a go at creating their own versions of the masterpieces.

Palm class have been very busy! They have really enjoyed getting to know each other during their first term in Reception and they had a fantastic Cultural Day that celebrated all of their heritages. They all came into school wearing special clothes that reflected their cultural heritage. They brought in homemade food



Year 6 Wartime Experience



Year 6 have particularly enjoyed learning about World War 2. One of the highlights was creating models of Anderson air raid shelters in DT. The children were given some corrugated card and a shoe box to construct their models. It was a challenge to ensure the structure was strong enough to remain in place after it had been painted (the paint added to the

weight of the card) and the children learned a few different techniques to strengthen different parts of their models. During the war, people would camouflage their Anderson Shelter with soil and use the top of the roof as a small vegetable patch: children enjoyed recreating this feature on their models. The results are fantastic!

Y3 Rocks, Fossils & Soils



One of Year Three's Science topics this term has been Rocks, Fossils and Soils. In November they had a visit from Geobus. The children were shown how various rocks are made and they got to investigate different fossils.

They even got to try and make their own sedimentary rocks and fossils.

