



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Barnet Dance festival

Some of our Year 6 children took part in a huge Barnet Dance Festival at the Arts Depot this week. The festival included over 88 schools - infant, junior, primary, secondary and special schools. The Holly Park routine was a Rock and Roll style dance to 'Jail House Rock.'. The children performed with style, energy and great co-ordination and they had practiced hard for the event. Many thanks to Miss Yiannaki and Miss Harrison for their hard work and choreography. The dance was a huge success and their costumes very smart.



Year 4 Sleepover

The Y4 sleepover last Friday was great fun. The children arrived at school at 6.30pm, made their beds up, played games in the hall with Non Stop Action and did orienteering in the dark with torches, ate pizza and cake, performed a talent show, watched a movie and eventually went to bed! The staff who slept over managed about three hours sleep! In the morning beds were packed, breakfast eaten and games played until the children were collected at 9am. It was a wonderful experience in preparation for the residential in Y5 and many of our children experienced their first night away from home and enjoyed it. Thank you to Mrs Kelly who organised it and all the staff who helped on Friday night and Saturday morning. There are lots more photos on the website.



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are fast approaching towards the end of term. Following the success of the online booking system in November, we will be doing this again. On Monday, you will receive a text message through our normal text messaging system telling you that you can book online via a link. Sign up will begin at 6pm on Monday evening. The system is a first come first served system so you will need to be prompt in booking. You will be able to choose a 10 minute slot from the remaining spaces. Obviously parents with 2 or more children will have to book for each teacher separately. As a school we will then simply print off the bookings for each teacher. You will be able to change booking times if you need to BUT please be advised that will only be possible if there are slots available. So please select your chosen time carefully.

Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside all of the teachers that you can book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
5. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.

At any time before the Parents Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.

Make sure you book your parents evening ASAP to ensure you get the best time for you.

Book Looks

If your child is in Y1 to Y6, then please do come along to look at your child's books with them ahead of parents evening. The book look begins at 3.45pm and parents can come to look until 5.45pm. Teachers will not be present in the classrooms. The idea of the book look is so that parents can come along and see the work in their child's books before the teacher discusses how well the child is doing (their strengths and areas for development) at parent evening.

KS1 book look – Tuesday 19th March KS2 book look - Thursday 21st March

National Primary Maths Challenge

I am delighted to tell you of the fabulous success of one of our Y6 pupils in the Primary Maths Challenge which is a competition across the country. 63,000 pupils nationwide entered the competition in November, with 2375 pupils invited to take part in the second Bonus Round and a total of 1496 lapel badges were awarded. **Harry W** in Year 6 was amongst the lapel badge winners. Enormous congratulations to Harry who won a Silver award. The following table shows the distribution of marks for all schools participating in the final challenge.

Score Category	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25
Percentage of pupils in range	0	10	45	40	5

Awards have been allocated to those who have scored **14** marks or higher. This year there were; **103 awards for Gold** (21 - 25 marks) **657 for Silver** (17 - 20 marks) **736 for Bronze** (14 - 16 marks)

PTA News

Last week a very generous parent and her two daughters Helin and Elif came up with a plan to make 75/80 pancakes with toppings to sell in the playground after school on Pancake Day. It was an absolute success and many disappointed parents had to make do with our shop bought "back-up plan". Sorry to all who missed out and watch this space for a pancake/crêpe cook off next year. Y3 had their cake sale and made £97.50, thank you to all who baked, bought and ate.

The Holly Park Reading Shed

One of our pupils, Mika in Year 3, recently went to America on sabbatical with his parents. Whilst there, he did a lot of reading and came up with the idea for an ongoing book swap area. Mika wrote me a letter to express his idea and we then had a chat about it. Developing Mika's idea I then approached the PTA to ask them to fund Mika's idea in the form of a Reading Shed. The PTA were very happy to support this practical initiative that had come from a pupil. The idea of the shed is that it will be open before and after school (managed by Mika) so that children can bring in books for it and take books from it – an ongoing book swap. It will also be open at lunchtimes for children to sit on the grass and read a book. It is wonderful to see this idea actioned. Mika officially opened the shed and cut a ribbon to declare the reading shed open. Please see a letter from Mika attached to this newsletter. Thank you to Mika for his idea and to the PTA for making it possible. The Reading Shed is very attractive.



Keep Britain Tidy

Mrs Casey (Forest School teacher) has signed up to an initiative called Keep Britain Tidy and is 'hosting' a rubbish collection on March 23rd at Coppetts Wood where we do Forest Schools. Mrs Casey is hoping to get 100 volunteers to help out as the entrance to Coppetts Wood as it is littered with non-biodegradable rubbish. These are woods that our children use. As the world turns more and more to a use once and throw away attitude (throw away generation) we need to combat this and take action! If you are willing to get involved, please meet Mrs Casey at Coppetts Wood on Saturday 23rd March from 10am to 2pm in appropriate clothing.



Water Aid – International Charity - 22nd March

Our International Charity this year is water Aid. Right now, some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets or hygiene. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream. Water Aid has teams in 34 countries across the world, working to transform millions of lives every year by improving access to clean water, toilets and hygiene. On March 22nd we are asking our Holly Park children to come dressed in blue clothes and to pay £1 at the gate to support this charity. Children can add to the blue clothes with blue faces or blue hair too if they want!!

Term Dates 2019-20

Term dates for the next academic will be e-mailed out next week and some hard copies will be available in the foyer. The term dates will be available on the school website.

Holly Park Words OF The Week

Complex – consisting of many different parts

Consent – give permission

Conserve – keep from harm or destruction

Consume – eat, drink or ingest

Diary Dates

Monday 18th March
consultations

Tuesday 19th March

Tuesday 19th March

Tuesday 19th March

Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 21st March

Thursday 21st March

Friday 22nd March

Friday 29th March

Monday 1st April

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Tuesday 2nd April

Wednesday 3rd April

Thursday 4th April

Thursday 4th April

Friday 5th April

Times released online for parent

Hazel Class Assembly at 9am

Cross Country Competition

KS1 Book Look 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Y4 football tournament

Y5 to The Planetarium

KS2 Book Look 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Enabling Enterprise Day

PTA Spring Fair

Holly Park Well-being Week

Wheel to School Week

Gymnastics competition

KS1 Parent Evening 2.30-3.30pm

KS1 parent Evening 3.45pm – 8pm

KS2 Parent Evening 2.30pm – 8pm

End of term at 1.30pm

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y6 Lime Y5 Maple Y4 Sycamore Y3 Hazel
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y3 Willow Y4 Mulberry

Housepoints for this week

Griffin	441	points
Dragon	407	points
Unicorn	395	points
Phoenix	376	points
Hydra	337	points

Well Done **Griffin**

Music News

Spring Term Instrumental Tuition: All sessions are as normal.

Ensemble sessions are complete for the term.

HOLLY PARK MUSIC BLOG This contains many of the songs we are learning in our choirs. It may be accessed via the school website (Music and Choirs: Holly Park Music Blog).

Remaining dates for the Spring term

INFANT CHOIR YEAR 1: 21st March.

CHAMBER CHOIR (Years 5&6 Barnabas Choir): 19th March; session on 26th March is cancelled. Final Chamber Choir session of the term: April 2nd.

Diary dates: Infant Choir Concert: Tuesday 30th April, 6:30 p.m.

Chamber Choir will be performing at the Barnet Schools' Music Festival – held at the Artsdepot Theatre, North Finchley – on Tuesday 18th June (7 – 9 p.m.)

Barnabas Choir (Years 3, 4 & 5) will be held at school on Wednesday 10th July, 7 p.m.



I went to America and in America

I went to school. At that school there were bookshelves. Children could donate books to the shelves. Then other children could take a book to keep as long as they bring in a book themselves.

I thought this was a good idea because it could increase children's enjoyment of reading.

There's something special about owning a book and this idea lets you keep the book.

So this is why I had the idea to write a letter to Mrs Pelham asking if Holly Park could do something similar... and we could.

From Mika.
(Year 3 Hazel class)

P.S. Please donate books to help. Thank you!