



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Online Safety Parent Session Tuesday 4th June at 9am – DO COME!!

Do you know what your child is doing on their computer or ipad? Do you know which sites are safe? Are you aware of all of the dangers of your child having a mobile phone? Are your children sending messages on x box? Is your child playing Fortnite? What are the dangers of Apps? What social media is suitable for my child? How much screen time is acceptable? **On Tuesday 4th June** we have paid for an outside company to come in and talk about online-safety all day with classes and also to do a meeting for parents **at 9am** to help parents think about keeping children safe at home on computers, ipads etc when they are playing games and using the Internet. We have run these sessions for the last few years and they have been a great success. Parents found it scary, thought provoking and extremely useful. It is very important to be one step ahead of your child as technology becomes more a part of children's everyday lives. Whatever your child's age, the meeting will be appropriate and useful.

Our New Vice Chair of Governors – Clare Hegarty



I consider it to be a privilege to be a governor of Holly Park School. I came hoping that my commercial and management background coupled with many of years of working with children in the classroom, then as a School Business Manager, with Non Stop Action and as a Governor would bring beneficial experience to the Holly Park Governing Body. I judged that my first objective was to learn as much as I could about the school by attending as many meetings and learning walks as possible. Given my school management background, I have focussed on the committees for Finance (which now includes Premises) and Staff, Pupil & Wellbeing (SP&W). Through the Finance committee, we aim to ensure that the budget is spent wisely and achieve the best value for money. SP&W focuses on creating the very best environment for the children to be happy, secure and to be prepared for learning which is no less than they deserve! More recently, I assumed responsibility for GDPR and the role of Vice Chair. As Vice Chair, I hope to support our Chair, Tim in developing the governing body structure to better match the current needs of the school and to make best use of the skills of the team. The most pressing challenge is the on boarding of three new governors who come with a variety of skills and lots of enthusiasm. Outside of Holly Park, I am passionate about my work, I am a committed trustee of Arcobaleno Cancer Trust which raises funds for cancer research, but my most important role is as Mum to our three sons.

Our Kitchens Area Manager/Trainer – Leigh Ashley



Leigh is a qualified chef originally working in hotels. He then moved into education and has over a decade of experience managing school kitchens and enhancing service types from Primary to Secondary schools. Leigh is a qualified trainer in food and Health and Safety with a portfolio of 16+ primary schools that he currently looks after. Leigh likes to meet every term with the school council to obtain feedback and incorporate their ideas in to the current menu cycle. Every year the school will receive bespoke theme day menus. Leigh also likes to meet regularly with the pupils during the lunch service to get feedback on the lunches. Over the last year, Leigh has overseen the introduction of yoghurt Stations, hydration stations, display plates and tailored menus into his schools. Leigh's next project (something he intends to introduce to Holly Park) is to incorporate the schools grow garden foods into the current menu to set a great standard of farm to fork within the local community. Leigh aims to provide happy healthy eating at Holly Park.

Sunflower Competition



This week, the children brought home a small bag of sunflower seeds. The children need to plant their seeds and look after them and watch them grow. The competition is to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. I have attached some instructions about how to grow and look after the sunflowers. It will also be on the competition page of the school website. Good luck and happy growing!

Y6 National Assessments

This week we had the national test week for Y6. The tests are very difficult for Y6 children with the average expectation being more in line with what an average 13 year old used to be expected to do. I would like to acknowledge all the staff who have worked with the children over the years but particularly Miss Biggs, Mr French, Mr Carini, Mrs Hurry and Mrs Phillips for the fantastic work they have done with the children this year and to all the other staff who have supported Y6 and run extra booster classes. Well done to our Y6 children who have kept calm and tried their best. Thank you to the governors who came in as independent observers to ensure the tests were carried out fairly.

Be a part of the new PTA Lottery



Be a part of the Holly Park PTA lottery. This lottery is organised nationally and many schools take part. It has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! Look at the leaflet attached to this newsletter for more information. It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers, Governors and the wider community together, in partnership with the school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children in the very near future such as – a new improved Early Years outdoor area, new surface for the story telling chair area, a writing shed for the Junior playground and a table to go with it and a reading shed for the KSI playground. Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck! Tickets cost just £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school. There is a guaranteed cash prize to someone on our Holly Park supporter list every week. There is a further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw EVERY WEEK! Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online. The first draw is on Saturday 6th July. Don't miss out on a chance of the winnings!

Diary Dates

Monday 20th May Y5 Residential trip
 Monday 20th May Y3 to the Gudwara
 Tuesday 21st May Chestnut Class Assembly at 9am
 Wednesday 22nd May Year 2 Curriculum Day
 Thursday 23rd May Enabling Enterprise Day
 Thursday 23rd May Cricket Festival
 Friday 24th May Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 parents at 9am and repeated at 2.30pm
 Friday 24th May House Challenge
 Friday 24th May Y2 Football Festival
 Friday 24th May End of Half term at 3.30pm

HALF TERM

Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y5 Maple Y6 Beech
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y4 Mulberry 100% Y6 Beech 100% Y6 Lime 100%

Housepoints for this week

Hydra	509	points
Dragon	497	points
Phoenix	465	points
Griffin	426	points
Unicorn	394	points

Well Done **Hydra**

Music News

Instrumental Tuition and Ensembles take place as usual.

When children take part in School Journeys our tutors make every effort to make up for the lost lesson in later sessions during the term. Payment for instrumental tuition is now through the **Barnet Education Arts Trust** payment system called '**INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL TUITION**'. Letters have been sent out with the full details. Children in Year 2 and above in September are offered lessons on violin and 'cello. Children in Year 3 and above in September are offered woodwind and brass lessons. For those in Year 4 and above in September, we offer drum kit and tablas lessons. Children in Years 5&6 in September are offered guitar lessons. Our team of tutors will audition every child beginning on a new instrument and will contact parents following the auditions. Do not pay for any lessons until the tutor has sent you a letter. **Please be exact in telling us which instrument your child requires an audition for. Only one instrument for new learners.**

CHAMBER CHOIR (Years 5&6 Barnabas Choir) Last rehearsal (before Artsdepot concert) will be held on **4th June** after school. **Barnabas Choir (Years 3, 4 & 5)** Special after-school rehearsal on Tuesday 25th June for Summer Choral Concert on Wednesday 10th July at 7 p.m. Ticket details nearer the time.

Holly Park Words OF The Week

Famine – extreme scarcity of food
Fatigue – extreme tiredness
Feeble – weak
Flamboyant – tending to attract attention because of their exuberance, confidence, and stylishness.





Sunflower Competition



How to grow your sunflower

- 1 Put some soil in a plant pot
- 2 Put one seed in the soil about 2cm down
- 3 Water it
- 4 Put the plant pot in a warm place like a kitchen window sill
- 5 You could put half a plastic bottle over it and grow it outside
- 6 When leaves appear take the plastic bottle off.
- 7 Don't forget to water it
- 8 Carefully plant it out in a big pot (bucket size) or in the ground
- 9 Sunflowers can grow to over two metres – they need watering and protecting from slugs when they are tiny. They may also need a cane to support them.

GOOD LUCK!



JOIN THE HOLLY PARK PTA SCHOOL LOTTERY

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How Does it Work?

This is our very own lottery with a draw every Saturday evening. **Tickets cost £1 per week.** You can buy more than one ticket. We raise money for the school – 40% of all ticket sales go straight to the school (more than any major lottery) There is a guaranteed weekly winner – one of our HPS supporters will win a cash prize every week (30% of ticket sales)! There is a £25,000 weekly jackpot prize - Every ticket has a further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw!

Supporters can pay in a number of ways:

Monthly recurring: Direct Debit / payment card or One-off payment for 3, 6 or 12 months of tickets (payment card only)

Winners will be notified by email each week

Winners can choose how to receive their winnings - Including bank transfer or even donate to your school!

Payment from the money raised will go directly into the PTA's nominated bank account

How Does Your £1 Ticket Get Split?

40p for the school

30p for the school winner prize

6p for the £25,000 prize

20p for administration

4p for VAT

What's The Catch?

There's no catch! The School Lottery is helping schools all over the UK raise more money every day. £1 tickets with great prizes and great odds of winning!

A lottery where supporters are happy even if they don't win because they know they're making a difference to their school!

There is plenty of time to get involved and join up Our first prize draw is on **Saturday 6th July.**

You have to be in it to win it!!!