



HOLLY PARK  
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# Holly Park Highlights!



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## Holly Park Children Attaining Well

I am delighted to share with you that Holly Park pupils performed in line with or better than the National average in all areas of national assessment (at the expected level) in 2019.

### Reception

Holly Park Good Level of Development 2019 75%  
National 2019 72%

### Year 1 Phonics Check

Holly Park 87%  
National 2019 82%

### KS1 (Year 2)

Reading HPS 2019 expected 81%

2019 national 75%

Maths HPS 2019 at expected 81%

2019 national 76%

Writing HPS 2019 at expected 74%

2019 national 69%

Science HPS 2019 at expected 90%

2019 national 82%

### KS2 (Year 6)

Reading HPS 2019 at expected 73%

2019 national 73%

GPS HPS 2019 at expected 84%

2019 national 78%

Maths HPS 2019 at expected 77%

2019 national 79%

Writing HPS 2019 at expected 81%

2019 national 78%

Combined HPS 2019 at expected 64%

2019 national 65%



## The Lion King

Year 6 performed an amazing show at the end of their time at Holly Park. The show was: The Lion King. 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 animal masks were fantastic. Huge thanks go to Mr French, Mr Carini and particularly to Miss Biggs for all their work and commitment to producing such a great end of year event. Miss Biggs directed the show with huge enthusiasm. The amazing scenery and masks were thanks to all of our talented TAs – particularly Miss Roe, Mrs Hurry and especially Mrs Phillips. What talented people we have at Holly Park!

There are many photos on the website. (Look under celebrating success/concerts and shows). Charlotte in Y6 commented that the first performance was a bit stressful but the second performance was great fun. Samira said that all of the practice sessions were fun but the performance was a bit nerve-wracking! Tami observed that as her scenes went on, she felt more relaxed. Helin told me that she really enjoyed it all. One of our school governors e-mailed to say what a brilliant show it was - fantastic singing and choreography as well as brilliant costumes and set...it was very professional and the children obviously enjoyed performing it too! Well done Y6.

## Proud To Be A Headteacher

Someone once told me that being a Headteacher was the best job in the world! Over my six years as Headteacher at Holly Park, I can certainly say that it is a very busy and rewarding job! I can also tell you that I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Holly Park, particularly this year. There have been so many events across the year that have made me feel extremely proud of Holly Park – concerts, reviews, shows, sporting events, behaviour of the children and not least the Ofsted inspection. The tone of a school and the direction of the school is led by the Headteacher. A Headteacher is rather like the captain of a ship and I am very happy to be steering this ship in the direction it is going. However, a school is much bigger than the Head. The secret to leading a school well is to surround yourself with talented, supportive staff – and I am very proud to work with very talented, loyal staff and very committed governors and senior leaders who help me steer this ship! As I look forward to beginning my 30th year at Holly Park in September (where has the time gone?) I could not think of a happier place to be. I definitely end this school year feeling very proud of the children and staff of Holly Park.

# Y5 Out and About!



Year 5 have had yet another action-packed term! Gillwell Park was a real highlight with the children behaving really well and enjoying a wide variety of activities. Pupils then worked hard to write and produce their Year 5 review, which was a huge success - with lots of positive feedback from the audience members! Most recently, pupils have undertaken some geography fieldwork

observing, recording and presenting features of the local area in a map. The children have also been using the outdoor environment and have really enjoyed producing Trailers in Computing lessons in response to watching the film 'UP' as part of the Holly Park Film Festival and are also putting together reports on climate change after finishing their text in English on the book - Floodland.

## Developing Art Skills



Over this academic year, we have been looking at our Art curriculum and have had lots of staff training on all of the different aspects of art from drawing and painting to collage and printing. We have looked at the skills that

need to be developed across each phase of the school from nursery to Y6 and worked to ensure effective progression. It has been great staff development. Our final staff Inset was a trip to the National Gallery where we looked at how to use famous works of art with children.



## Nursery Pirates!



The nursery children went on a trip to Princess Diana's Memorial Playground in Kensington Gardens. First, they had a picnic with all of their friends before exploring the playground. The park is set around the story of Peter Pan and the children got to play on a real pirate ship, go inside the Indian tepees and look for rock crocodiles in the river. They enjoyed making music in the sensory garden and exploring secret paths and tunnels. The children were given the task of finding treasure chests hidden around the park but unfortunately, they could not find the key!

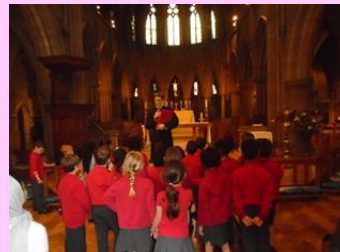


## Y1 Our Wonderful World

Year One's Learning Project this half term has been 'Our Wonderful World'. They have learnt about our local area and they went for a walk around Friern Barnet. They walked past and discussed the allotment, the scout hut and the library. They visited St John the Evangelist Church and Father Paul



talked to them about Christianity. They also walked past New Southgate train station and discussed road safety.



They went to the Co-Op and learnt about spending our 50 pence wisely. What a lot there is to see in the local environment!

# Y3 Team Work

In June, Year 3 went on an 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 rackets and tug of war. The children then

had a picnic lunch in the park before in the

afternoon playing games of rounders and cricket. All of the children had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. By the time they returned there were lots of very tired children and adults!



## Mrs Tsenti



You may have been surprised when you looked at the class

teachers for September not to see Mrs Tsenti's name. Mrs Tsenti is not leaving Holly Park. Mrs Tsenti is returning to Holly Park in September on a part time basis and will be doing PPA cover and teaching Sycamore Class for one day a week.

## Y4 - A Busy Year!



Year 4 took part in a great workshop called 'Pollution Solution.' They learnt a lot about pollution and how it affects our health and the environment. Year 4 totally immersed themselves in being Vikings when 'History Off the Page' visited them for their 'Viking Curriculum Day'. They were able to experience a variety of workshops, such as, candle making, Bronze engraving and clay pots. In the afternoon, they came back to the present day and became

archaeologists digging for artefacts. Year 4 also performed a wonderful review of the year in front of their parents. They wrote their own lines and organised each scene. Everyone was very proud of them.



## How Does Your Garden Grow?



Palm Class have had a very busy summer term! They have really loved the 'Growing' topic and have done many exciting activities. They read 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and had a go at growing their own beanstalks. They then planned a trip to the

local allotments and saw lots of amazing vegetables. At the allotments, they worked in teams to play a game, trying to find out what vegetables were growing in each bed. They learned lots of interesting facts about vegetables.

# Y2 Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside!



Year 2 have been learning all about the seaside this half term. The children have learnt about coral reefs and the creatures

that live there. They had the chance to build their own reef in maths! They learnt about the seaside in Victorian times and how different it was to the seaside today including the fascinatingly weird bathing machines that they used to use! They also learnt about how important it is to

protect the oceans by not polluting them with harmful plastics. They finished their project off with a relaxing trip to Chalkwell Beach. The children played beach games all day, dug holes, built sandcastles looked for crabs and jellyfish and paddled up to their ankles in very muddy sand! A very

lovely experience and memorable day!



## Sport at Holly Park

This year has been a successful year at Holly Park for sport. We have entered several netball matches, football matches and tournaments. We have continued with our swimming lessons, had a variety of sports clubs run by Non-Stop Action and we have taken part in Barnet cross-country competitions. Children from Y6 represented the school at the Barnet dance Festival. The inter school Barnet athletics competition was a success for Holly

Park this year. We won the girls relay and came second out of all Barnet medium sized schools. We also participated in the Barnet gymnastics competition and one of our teams won medals. The year ended with two lovely sports days that were very well organised and which had a great atmosphere.



Infant Sports Day



Copthall Athletics



Dance Festival



Gymnastics Competition



Junior Sports Day

## Y6 VISIT TO THE HINDU TEMPLE

Year 6 enjoyed their R.E. visit to the magnificent Hindu temple at Neasden. The children enjoyed exploring the marble temple and the Haveli with its ornate carvings and statues. They learned that the Mandir is the largest Hindu temple outside India and they enjoyed an exhibition



about the origins of Hinduism. Before their visit, the children learned about the Hindu religion in class, particularly about the Hindu belief in death.

# MUSIC, MUSIC MUSIC!

We have had yet another great musical year at Holly Park 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. We have also performed at The Scoop, recorded music with a band and performed as part of a Barnet Together project. Thank you to Mr. Hogan.



