



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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February Half Term Reading Challenge

Don't forget about the half term 'Extreme Reading Challenge Competition' over the holiday. We want all of the children to be photographed reading in an unusual place! Holidays can provide an interesting background (for example reading in front of a famous landmark) but you can be just as creative at home. Anything from reading while sitting on an aeroplane to reading while bouncing on a trampoline! The children don't have to be reading a fiction book, it could be a recipe book, newspaper, magazine, instruction manual etc. The children should bring their photo in after the holiday and the winning entries will be displayed around the school.

The Infant Show – Charlie Cook's Favourite Book

The infant show this week was fabulous. The children spoke, sang and danced beautifully. The scenery was superb. We hope that all the infant parents enjoyed it. Every child had a small part to play but together as a team they make up a lovely show. My personal thanks go to the KSI staff - teachers and all of our teaching assistants for their hard work putting it all together. Thank you to Mr Hogan for the songs and a huge thank you and well done to Mrs Fitzpatrick for producing and directing the show which really brought a well-known children's book to life! There are lots of pictures on the website.



Thank you – Michael Crooks

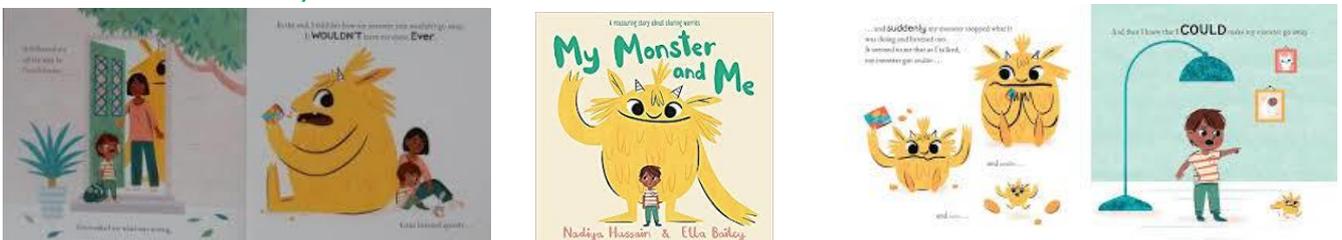
One of our school governors – Michael Crooks has recently come to the end of his four year term of office as a parent governor. I would like to thank Michael on behalf of myself, the staff and the rest of the governors for his commitment to the role.

Term Dates for the academic year 2020-21

The term dates for next year are attached to this newsletter and are also now available on the school website. Please make sure that you check these before booking a holiday.

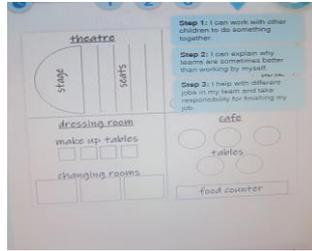
Children's Mental Health Week

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week. At Holly Park all of the classes did a lesson based around a book called 'My Monster and Me'. The story shows children how to talk about and deal with anxieties and worries.

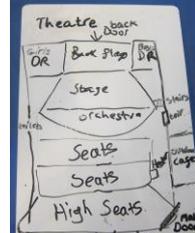
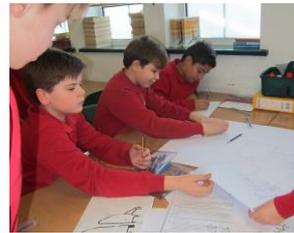


Enabling Enterprise - Skills Builder

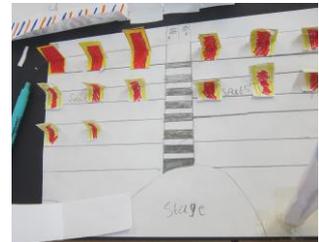
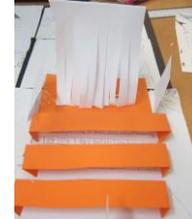
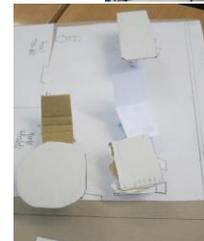
After an assembly to introduce their challenge, the children in KS2 quickly set to work to become architects and builders. The task was to design and build a new community arts centre for their local area and this certainly got their creative juices flowing! Teams shared great ideas whilst using their imagination and problem solving skills to decide where to build their space and what materials to use - they could not wait to get creating and making! The day culminated with teams presenting to their classes, celebrating their creativity and reflecting on how well they had worked as a team. In this activity the children used the skills of: listening, presenting, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork. The children used great vocabulary such as: architect, exit, design, sole use, floor plan and evaluate.



- Cast
- comfy seats
- bright + colorful
- Space to Move around
- Out door Space
- Water feature + plants
- Food + drinks + toilets



- Cafe Restaurant
- Dance Studio
- Cinema
- Toilets
- Book Shop
- Library
- Art Studio
- Theatre
- Recording Studio



Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th February Instrumental Concert rehearsal
Tuesday 25th February PTA pancake sale
Thursday 27th March Holly Park Maths Club 9am
Friday 28th February House Challenge
Tuesday 3rd March Instrumental Concert 6.30pm
Tuesday 3rd March PTA second hand uniform sale
Wednesday 4th March The Holly Park Book Swap
Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Reading Corner – Mr French & Miss Sampson What Do We Like To Read?



Miss Sampson told the children in assembly that as a child she enjoyed adventure stories like Famous Five. She was an adventurous child and loved this genre of books. As an adult she still likes adventure books especially crime books. Mr French enjoyed non-fiction books as a child – especially books about animals. As an adult he still tends to read non-fiction but does enjoy reading fiction in the summer holidays when he has time to keep up with the plot!

Rights Respecting Schools

This week's right is: Article 31 - You have the right to play and rest. Last week's quiz question was: When a young person reaches the age of 16, they are no longer considered to be a child. TRUE or FALSE? The answer is FALSE. The Convention considers anyone below the age of 18 a child. This week's quiz question is: The rights that each child has are decided by the government where they live. Is that right?

Y5 & 6 Writing Workshop with Ivor Baddiel

Ivor Baddiel is a script writer for Dermot O'Leary on the X factor. Thanks to one of our parents who is friendly with Ivor, he came into school to do a writing workshop with the upper juniors and talked to them about his job on the show. The children looked at real scripts from the X factor and got to write their own.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners for the Week

Winners of Punctuality parrot		Y1 Chestnut Y2 Elm Y2 Poplar Y4 Mulberry Y4 Sycamore Y5 Maple Y6 Beech
Winners of Attendance Alligator		Y4 Sycamore

Housepoints

Griffin	344	points
Dragon	303	points
Unicorn	228	points
Hydra	218	points
Phoenix	209	points

Well Done **Griffin**

Music News

MUSIC NEWS

The Holly Park School Instrumental Tuition Concert will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 6:30 pm.

CHAMBER CHOIR: remaining sessions: 26th February. 18th March. **YEAR 3&4 BARNABAS CHOIR:** 11th March.

Infant Choir (Tuesday lunchtimes) remaining sessions: **YEAR 2 INFANT CHOIR,** 10th March.

YEAR 1 INFANT CHOIR, 25th February. 17th March.

Our News Discussion Point Of The Week

Should sportswear be banned if it gives an unfair advantage?

Nike Vaporfly trainers, which have revolutionised running allowing runners to break world marathon records, have been given the green light by World Athletics. They confirmed that Nike Vaporflys, which cost £240 and can improve marathon times by one-to-two minutes in elite athletes, are legally allowable despite many in the sport accusing the shoes of providing a huge advantage for runners.



This Week's Related Vocabulary

Advantage – something that puts you in a better position than other people.

Banning – officially or legally not allowing something (prohibiting).

Marathon – a long distance running race which is 26 miles 385 yards (42.195km).

Revolutionised – when great changes happen to the way something is done.





The Holly Park Appeal

Dear parents,

For several years now I have been concerned about 180 junior children lining up so close together in the playground and more importantly going through one small entrance into the old junior building to hang their coats up in a small space before going into their classrooms. This is a less than ideal situation that happens 5 times every school day.

The solution is quite straight forward:

- Extend the playground down the side of the junior building and into the car park enabling the existing external door in current Mulberry Class to be used as an access point
- Knock through another external door from the old Hazel classroom into the existing car park creating a second access point

The benefits of this work will mean much less crowding in cloakrooms, safer entry and exits during the day, less crowding of parents and children at the start and end of the school day.

The added benefit will mean a larger place space for all of the junior children.

The work has never been undertaken because there is absolutely no way that our annual school budget could run to doing this.

Governors and staff have discussed how as a school we can have a co-ordinated approach to fund raising so that we can all work together to keep making improvements to the fabric of our school. A group has been formed consisting of staff, governors and PTA members called the 'Holly Park Appeals Committee.' The group is being led by a parent –and governor John Harte who is the governor with responsibility for Income Realisation.

The Holly Park Appeals Committee is raising funds for improvements to the school facilities to be carried out in summer 2020. Aimed at creating a **happier, healthier** and **safer** Holly Park, the works will include:

- Removing the car park running alongside the side of the junior school building and opening this space to children, creating a larger playground space
- Installing new entrances/exits from the junior building opening onto this newly-created playground space, reducing congestion inside and improving emergency exit provision

The estimated cost of the works is £40,000

Today the children had an assembly which in effect launched the Big Holly Park Appeal and explained to them what it was all about.

We would like the children to launch the fundraising by entering a playground design competition

Please look out in the book bags today for the competition design sheet.

Please also look out for a letter today in the book bags and by e-mail for more information about the appeal and what you can do to help and support us.

I really hope you will feel that this is an excellent project which will make the school happier, healthier and safer for our junior pupils now and for those who will be juniors of the future!

Headteacher

If you would like to get in touch about supporting the Big Holly Park Appeal, or have questions about the campaign, please contact John Harte on hollyparkspecialfund@gmail.com or 07812 049209.

February Half Term Challenge 2020

Reading Challenge.

We would like to encourage the children to take part in an 'Extreme Reading Challenge Competition' over the half term holiday.

To take part, all they have to do is be photographed reading in an unusual place!

Holidays can provide an interesting background (for example reading in front of a famous landmark) but you can be just as creative at home. Anything from reading while sitting on an aeroplane to reading while bouncing on a trampoline!

The children don't have to be reading a fiction book, it could be a recipe book, newspaper, magazine, instruction manual etc.

We did this 7 years ago and had some wonderful photographs. I remember photographs of Mrs Hassan reading under water while snorkelling

Some Readers in action!



The children should bring their photo in after the holiday and the winning entries will be displayed around the school.

Obviously, safety comes first and the children must get permission from an adult before they attempt any reading pose.

We look forward to seeing the results!



Science is a subject that we are really working on this year at Holly Park. As part of our action plan, we would like to get families involved with science experiments at home.

Each month our science team will be giving me a science challenge for the newsletter. Do have a go at home and send in your findings (named) to the school office or to Mrs Casey at the email below.

The experiments are fun and easy to do – but will hopefully get you all thinking. Have fun!

February - How can you make raisins dance?

What you will need:

Pint glass, warm water, raisins or anything you want to test, baking soda and white vinegar

Instructions:

- Fill the glass half full with water
- Add two heaped teaspoons of baking soda
- Add a few raisins and top off with white vinegar
- Observe what happens

Make sure you predict what might happen!

Take a photo or email/write what occurs.

Please send your entries to: scasey@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk or hand them into the office.





TERM DATES FOR 2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020:	Staff Training Day, school closed
Thursday 3rd September 2020:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 23rd October 2020:	End of the first half of the Autumn Term
<i>Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October: Half Term Holiday, school closed</i>	
Monday 2 nd November 2020:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 27th November 2020:	Staff Training Day, school closed
Friday 18th December 2020:	End of the Autumn Term, <i>school ends at 1.30pm</i>
<i>Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January: Christmas Holidays, school closed</i>	

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4 th January 2021:	Staff Training Day, school closed
Tuesday 5th January 2021:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 12 th February 2021:	End of the first half of the Spring Term
<i>Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February: Half Term Holiday, school closed</i>	
Monday 22nd February 2021:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Wednesday 31 st March 2021:	End of the Spring Term, <i>school ends at 1.30pm</i>
<i>Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April: Easter Holidays, school closed</i>	

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April 2021:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Monday 3rd May 2021:	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Friday 28th May 2021:	End of the first half of the Summer Term
<i>Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June: Half Term Holiday, school closed</i>	
Monday 7th June 2021:	Staff Training Day, school closed
Tuesday 8th June 2021:	Children return to school at 8.55am
Friday 9th July 2021:	Staff Training Day, school closed
Friday 23rd July 2021:	End of the Summer Term, <i>school ends at 1.30pm</i>