



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Class Charters

Each class from Y1 to Y6 spent the first weeks of term creating a Rights Respecting Class Charter. They started by becoming familiar with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and all the different articles. The aim of a charter is to make the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) more prominent and relevant. A charter helps to establish and build shared values and relationships for creating a rights respecting ethos in the classroom and across the school. Each class agreed which articles were most important to them. The children decided what actions they would need to take to ensure the chosen rights are respecting and the adults as the duty bearers also decided what they would need to do. Once the children in Nursery and Reception have settled, they too will make Class Charters.



Cold Weather and Classrooms

The weather has begun to change rapidly – bringing a sharp end to summer and colder temperatures. We wrote in our risk assessment (which was approved by Barnet) – that we would review the situation about doors and windows being open. Clearly, it is a balancing act and all schools, not just Holly Park are trying hard to find the right balance. Recent German research by scientists has shown that good air circulation is key to fighting the virus. Warm stagnant air can be a breeding ground for a virus. We have made provision to ensure that there is a good circulation of air with windows open and internal doors open but external doors mostly closed. We may find it necessary to open external doors for short periods if it becomes too stuffy or to have them ajar. Clearly, the last thing we want is for either children or staff to be uncomfortable or upset. Teachers will be encouraging children to speak up if they feel cold. Please ensure children are warmly dressed with vests, coats etc in class if necessary. Children are allowed to ask to put a coat on. If your child is finding it very cold or is worried to ask about putting their coat on - please drop a paper note to the class teacher to let them know. Teachers will be talking to children about the need to keep air flow and also the need to keep warm.

The New PTA Committee for 2020-21

It was the PTA Annual general meeting this week. The new committee members for the year were appointed. The official committee are:

Joint Chairs: Marilena Skavara & Nathalie Hughes

Secretary: Julie Adlington

Treasurer: Otto Balsiger

Amanda Glaser will continue in her role as PTA Fundraising Partnerships Co-ordinator

The work the PTA did last year was amazing. In such difficult circumstances they still managed to create a sense of community with the new PTA newsletters, ice pop sales in front gardens and second hand uniform sales.

This year the PTA have some very exciting and innovative ideas to keep the PTA active within the school community. The first event will be the new Reception parent event. Information about this coming out soon. Do remember that you are all members of the PTA by being a parent at the school.



Nathalie



Marilena



Otto



Julie



Amanda

Special Fun Lunch

On Thursday there was a special fun lunch. The children were very excited about it and lots of children signed up to it. The burgers in a bun were very popular.



Attendance

Attendance over the last week was 97.10%.

The best attendance was from Y2 Elm Class with 100% and Y4 Sycamore Class with 100% attendance – WELL DONE

Diary Dates

Monday 5 th October	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th October	Y6 School Journey Meeting
Friday 9 th October	World Mental Health day
Wednesday 21 st October	Harvest Festival
Friday 23 rd October	House Challenge
HALF TERM	
Monday 2 nd November	Individual school photographs
Monday 9 th November	Y5 school journey meeting
Monday 9 th November	Notice for parent consultations
Wednesday 11 th November	Y3 parent curriculum meeting
Thursday 12 th November	Y5 parent Curriculum meeting
Monday 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 17 th November	Y4 parent curriculum meeting
Friday 20 th November	National Charity – Coram Children's Charity
Monday 23 rd November	Nasal Flu Immunisation

Queuing Etiquette

I have received feedback from some parents that queue jumping is still happening but in a different form! It seems to be that parents are pushing their children into the queue. This includes:

- 1) Arriving close to entry time and leaving a child with a friend of the child's who is somewhere in the queue (often right at the front or close to the front - upsetting for other parents and children behind them who have been patiently waiting in the queue).
- 2) Arriving right at the last minute and as soon as the queue starts flowing in, pushing children into the queue, straight into school, so they're going ahead of most children in the queue who have been waiting.

It isn't the school's job to patrol this, but we rely on parental support and for parents to model good behaviour for their children. It is still pushing in if a parent allows their child to join their friends in the queue. The child is pushing in. It's also not fair to feed your children into the front of the moving queue as they are entering the school. If everyone tried to do the same, there'd be no queue and just a big bottle neck. It's not fair and is wrong to do. We ask parents to think about others in the school community and to model polite queuing. In school we ask children to queue in a polite and orderly way with no pushing in.



Our Global Community Book Wish List

EYFS & KSI	KS2
Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o	The Infinite - Patience Agbabi
Julian is a Mermaid - Jessica Love	Anisha, Accidental Detective - Serena Patel
Look Up - Nathan Bryon	The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Q Rauf
Clean Up - Nathan Bryon	The Undefeated - Kwame Alexander & Kamir Nelson.
Don't Touch my Hair - Sheree Miller	Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties - Humza Arshad & Henry White
Ruby's Worry - Tome Percival	A Dangerous Game - Malorie Blackman
Ravi's Roar - Tom Percival	Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman
Meesha Makes Friends - Tom Percival	Welcome to Nowhere – Elizabeth laird & Lucy Eldridge
It's ok to be different - Todd Parr	Accidental Trouble Magnet – Zanib Mion & Nasaya Mafaridik
The Proudest Blue - <u>Ibtihaj Muhammad, S. K. Ali</u>	Hostage – Malorie Blackman & Derek Brazell
Molly Rogers to the Rescue - Cornelia Funke	Journey to Jo'Burg – Beverley Naidoo & Lisa Kopper
Ballerina Dreams - Michaela DePrince	A House Without Walls – Elizabeth Laird
Love from Anna Hibiscus - Atinuke	
My Hair – Hannah Lee	The Closest Thing To Flying – Gill Lewis
Sam Wu is not Afraid of Ghosts – Kevin Tsang, Katie Tsang & Nathan Reed	Lima's Red Hot Chilli – David Mills & Derek Brazell
Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Spiders - Kevin Tsang, Katie Tsang & Nathan Reed	Halo Moon – Sharon Cohen
Handa's surprising Day – Eileen Browne	Jamal's Journey – Michael Foreman
Handa's Hen – Eileen Browne	A Different Pond – Bao Phi & Thi Bui
Katie Woo Blws Her Top – Fran Mushkin & Tammie Lyan	Hasan's idea – Jill Atkins & Jose Rubert
Lulu Loves The Library – Anna McQuinn & Rosalind Beardshaw	Mint Choc Chip At The Market Café - Jonathan Meres & Hannah Coulson
Wedding in Delhi – Katie Dale & Amit Tayal	Thief – Malorie Blackman
Polonius The Pit Pony – Richard O'Neill & Feronia Parker-Thomas	Rubbish Town Hero- Nicola Davies
When Grandma Gives You A Lemon Tree – Jamie LB Deenihan & Lorraine Rocha	Home Ground – Alan Gibbons & Chris Chalik
Bringing The Rain To Kapita Plain – Verna Aardena & Beatriz Vidal	The Girl Who Stole An Elephant – Nizrana Farook

Jamela's Dress – Niki Daly	Pie In The Sky – Remy Lai
The Twelve Dancing Princesses – Jacob Grim, Wilhelm Grim & Rachel Isadora	Amal Unbound – Aisha Saeed
Here Comes Lolo – Niki Daly	The Elephant Road – Nicola Davies & Annabel Wright
Grace & Family – Mary Hoffman & Caroline Binch	Hari And His Electric Feet – Alexander McCall Smith & Sam Usher
Granny Ting Tang – Patrice Lawrence & Adam Larkum	Warrior Boy – Virginia Clay
Handa's Noisy Night – Eileen Browne	Malala Yousafzai – Lisa Williamson
Baby Goes To Market - Atinuke	A Hen In The Wardrobe – Wendy Meddour
Amazing Grace – Mary Hoffman	When Stars Are Scattered – Victoria Jamieson
Beautiful Bananas – Elizabeth Laird	I am Malala – Malala Yousafzai
A Hat For Mr Mountain – Soozin Kwak	How High The Moon – Karyn Parsons
Mrs Noah's Garden – Jackie Morris	Fred Wizard In Training – Simon Philip
The Boy Who Loved Everyone – Jane Porter	Season's Of Splendour - Madhur Jaffrey
Superhero Gran – Timothy Knapman	The Tiger Child - Joanna Trougton
The Camping Trip – Jennifer K.Mann	Polish Fables by Ignacy Krasicki.
My Friend Earth – Patricia Machachlan	Polish Fairy Tales by A. J. Glinski.
Pattan's Pumpkin – Chitra Sounder & Frane Lessac	Polish Folktales and Folklore (World Folklore Series) by Michal Malinowski and Anne Pellowski.
Under The Ramadan Moon – Sylvia Whitman	The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
It's a.... It's a.... It's a Mitzvah – Liz Sureby	Suki's Kimono Chieri
The Elephant In The Sukkah – Stevi Mandell	Happy In Our Skin Fran Manushkin
Get Off That Camel! by A.H. Benjamin and Krishna Bala Sheno	Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story From The Underground Railroad Ellen Levine
Grandma and the Great Gourd by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni and Susy Pilgrim Water	Everybody Cooks Rice Norah Dooley
Dad's Favourite Cookie Gu-Mi Jeong	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters John Steptoe

Liang's Treasure Yeo-Rim Yun	La Princesa And The Pea Susan Middleton Elya
The Way to the Orsay Museum Hyo-Mi Park	Hidden Figures Margot Lee Shetterly
This Love by Isabel Otter	The Garbage King Elizabeth Laird
Hats of Faith by Medeia Cohen	
Whoever You Are By Mem Fox	
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold	
The Colors Of Us Karen Katz	
Mae Among The Stars Roda Ahmed	
The Skin You Live In Michael Tyler	
Handa's Surprise Eileen Browne	
Meesha makes friends Tom Percival	
All are welcome Alexandra Penfold	
Jump about with Ted Sophy Henn	
Hue boy - Rita Phillips Mitchell	
Double trouble for Anna Hibiscus Atinuke	
Lubna and Pebble Wendy Meddour	
Rosa Parks from the Little people, big dreams range.	
Bessie Coleman from the Little people, big dreams range.	