



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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The PTA Celebrating International Day Friday 21 May

Celebrating our amazing, multi-cultural school community. Calling all cooks, small and big, to cook a favourite International dish today (International Day) . Please share the recipe with the PTA for the cook book here <https://forms.gle/KU7xK5zU8SwEXBbo6>. Feel free to send a photo to Mrs Pelham for the newsletter.

Holly Park Cooks!

Do you have a favourite family recipe - one that everyone enjoys making AND eating? It might be your own recipe for flapjacks or a twist on a traditional dish – whatever it is we want it!

As part of the PTA fundraising efforts for this year, we are on the hunt for delicious recipes for a Holly Park cook book and are inviting all Holly Parkers to share their favourites. We would like a mixture of starters, main courses, desserts, cakes/biscuits that celebrate the Holly Park community. The recipes can be old family favourites or a recipe you invented. They should be easy and simple to follow! Please submit your recipes here by Monday 17 May. If you have questions please contact: hollyparkpta@gmail.com

International Day

International Day was today.

We have supported our International charity 'Just One Tree.' Children wore green. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 on school money. Just £1 plants a tree.



Today there was also a special International lunch which the children really enjoyed.



The children took imaginary flights with 'Holly Park Airlines' – piloted by Captain Pelham and supported by Air Stewardess Michael.

The children were immersed in their destination country and looked at the culture, customs etc of the countries they visited.



Nursery children made tickets for their flights and made their own passports for their journey. They visited Africa. They went on safari and looked at animals hidden around the nursery. They explored fruit and veg from Africa, looked at African patterns. They read the book Handa's Surprise which is set in Africa and talked about the setting and compared the houses to their own.



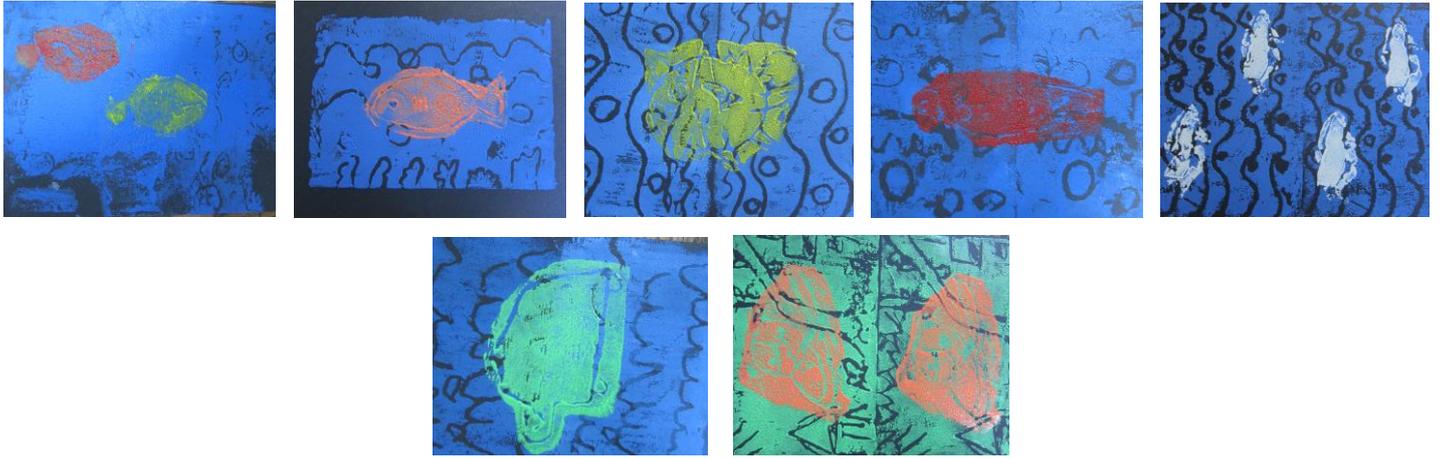
Reception visited North America and China to research facts about bears. They read information books about pandas. They retold their own stories based on Goldilocks and the three bears and created bear inspired artwork.



Year One flew to Russia as they have been learning about Helen Sharman as she trained to be an astronaut in Russia. The children did some art work based on Kandinsky, wrote their names using the Russian alphabet, found Russia in atlases and on globes and made cathedrals out of construction.



Year Two flew to Brazil in connection with their work on rainforests. They have compared the UK and Brazil. They did some Mola art printing from South America – they carved a design onto foam. They made two different designs and then printed them together to make one piece of art



Year Three visited Australia and India and Iran. In Australia they looked at aboriginal art and had a go at their own. In India they looked at Henna hand designs and made their own. In both countries they used Google Earth to visit famous places such as The Taj Mahal and The Sydney Opera House. In Iran they made Khatam Clay tiles and used Islamic art patterns to decorate them



Year Four visited South America in the morning where they made Mardi Gras masks. In the afternoon they visited Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands looking at the wildlife and making an iguana!



Year Five visited New Zealand and India. In New Zealand they had PE and learned a traditional Maori Haka. They also learned about the Maori people. They went to India to tie in with their work on Fairtrade. They visited a village called Chembakoli where the locals collect honey. They considered the effects of tourism on the forests and how that affects their ability to collect honey.



Year Six flew to Mexico and Guatemala. They did Mexican sports in PE, made Mayan death masks and a replica Mayan temple. They also did some Central America map work.



NSPCC 'PANTS' Assembly

In 2013 the NSPCC commissioned a new campaign called 'PANTS'. The NSPCC are aware that most sexual assaults on children are made by people they know so it is vital that children understand at an early age that some types of touching are not right. At Holly Park we do an annual assembly to remind children about safe and appropriate touching. The assembly explains to children about what it calls "the underwear rule", using the acronym **PANTS**, which is that:

- P** Privates are private
- A** Always remember your body belongs to you
- N** No means no
- T** Talk about secrets that upset you
- S** Speak up, someone can help you

This week we had the 'PANTS' assembly. Parents can find information about 'PANTS' on the NSPCC website if they would like to talk to their children more about this or reinforce the message.



Healthy Start Vouchers

I am just writing to make parents aware of healthy start vouchers that you may be eligible to claim. The vouchers are available for anybody receiving Child Tax Credit or other benefits. Find out more at:

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

If you are pregnant or have a child under 4, you could get help to buy some basic foods and milk.

You'll get:

- £4.25 each week of your pregnancy (from the 10th week of your pregnancy)
- £8.50 each week for children from birth to 1 year old
- £4.25 each week for children between 1 and 4 years old

Face Masks, Holidays & Guidance For Schools

The country has moved to Step 3 of the roadmap. However there are no changes for primary schools. Children will still be in bubbles etc. The expectation is still that parents will not be on the school grounds and that at drop off and collection times that parents will wear face coverings when entering the site.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be considering taking holidays during term time. However - as usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday. Holidays in term time will

Parent Online Safety Session

On Tuesday 8th June we will be running online safety sessions throughout the day for all year groups. The sessions will be run by an amazing company called – Education Child protection.

We always like to offer a parent workshop too from this same company so that parents can be kept informed and are up to date with the latest developments in online safety and are aware of how to support children at home with this and keep them safe.

Due to the pandemic and in order to maximise parent engagement with the sessions, we are now able to offer a pre-recorded one hour session from the same company. Parents will be able to access this between Monday 7th and Friday 11th June only. Nearer the time we will send you a link.

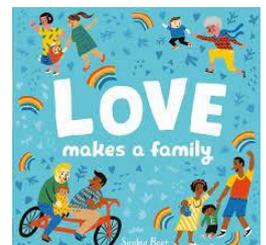
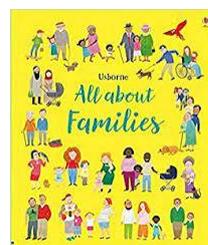
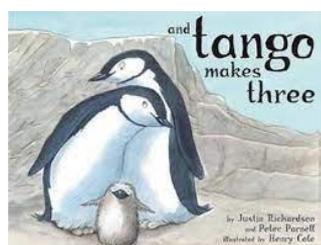
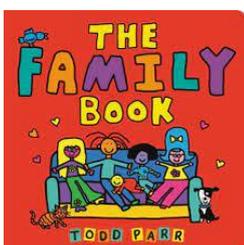
This dynamic, high quality presentation provides parents with an insight into the wide array of apps, games and websites that children are using. This session is a 'must' for all parents whose children have a presence in the digital world. The outcome is to empower parents to keep their children safe when using technology. There are four areas to be covered in the session:

What children are taught about Online Safety
The issues and dangers children face online

Latest trends of what children are doing online
How we can make children safer online

The Great Big Booklist Of Families – Diversity

During the month of June we will be thinking about all of our Holly Park families and the wide diversity of families that we have here. At Holly Park we have a wide range of different family backgrounds and children come to school from a host of different family situations – separated families, divorced families, single parent families, two mum families, multi-generational families, two dad families, adopted families, foster families etc In order to support our work with this and to ensure that the books in school reflect our diversity of families, we have compiled a booklist of books that cover all of these family types. We are asking parents (just as we did with our Global book list) to support us by donating books about different families for the children to read in school. This will be 'The great Big Booklist Of Families.' The booklist is attached to this newsletter. If you know of any other suitable books on this topic, please feel free to send them in instead. If you are able to donate a book or books – please send them in to school for the attention of the Headteacher. You can also have them sent to the school directly from Amazon for the attention of the Headteacher. Please remember to add a gift note so we can see who it is from. We will be putting a book plate inside each book donated with the name of the children or family who donated.



PTA Car Boot Sale- Sunday 13th June 12-4pm

In Holly Park School Car Park, respecting all covid rules in place, let's sell some unwanted goods and make some money for our school. If interested contact us at ptahollypark@yahoo.co.uk. We have 23 spaces (for 23 cars or 46 tables) Booking a space for a car is £10 Booking a space for a table is £5 There will be a BBQ, Candyfloss, drinks and more on the day.

Attendance

Attendance for the last full week was 92% Well done to Y2 Elm Class for the best attendance with 97%

Dates

Friday 28th May

End of Half term at 3.30pm

HALF TERM

Monday 7th June

INSET Day

Tuesday 8th June

School begins

Tuesday 8th June

Online safety session for parents (pre-recorded can be viewed until Friday)

Tuesday 8th June

Online Safety Day

Friday 11th June

House Challenge

Monday 14th June

Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 parents at 9.30am

Tuesday 15th June

Class Photos



The Great Big Book List Of Families

Made by Raffi by Craig Pomranz

The Family Book by Todd Parr

I Wished for You: An Adoption Story by Marianne Richmond

King and King by Linda De Haan

King and King and Family by *Linda De Haan and Stern Nijland*

Heather Has Two Mummies: by Lesléa Newman

And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson

Little Stork's New Home (an adoption story) by Ms Carolyn Robertson

A handful of buttons: Picture book about family diversity by Carmen Parets Luque

Love Makes a Family by Sophie Beer

The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman

Prince Henry by Olly Pike

A Family Is a Family Is a Family by Sara O'Leary

Stella Brings the Family by Miriam B. Schiffer

Two Dads: A book about adoption by Carolyn Robertson

Me, Mummy & Mum by Gemma Denham

All About Families by Felicity Brooks

Who's In My Family? All About Our Families by Robie H Harris

What Type Of Family Are We?:A Book of Modern Families Told Through the Eyes of a Child by Lizzy Seaton and Valeria Issa

Two Homes: by Claire Masurel and Kady MacDonald Denton

Two Mums by Ms Carolyn Robertson and Ms Sophie Keen

Mum and Dad Glue by Kes Gray and Lee Wildish

The Girl with Two Dads by Mel Elliott

Daddy, Papa and ME by Leslea Newman and Carol Thompson

The Different Dragon by. Jennifer Bryan

Heather Has Two Mommies, by Lesléa Newman.

A Tale of Two Daddies by Vanita Oelschlager.

We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption and Families by Todd Parr

Families, Families, Families! by Suzanne and Max Lang

Prince & Knight. By Daniel Haack

Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot by Dan Pilkey.

All Are Welcome. by Alexandra Penfold

Donovan's Big Day. By Lesléa Newman

Home at Last. By Vera B. Williams and Chris Raschka

The Year of the Baby. By Andrea Cheng

A Mother for Choco. By Keiko Kasza

All Families Are Special by Norma Simon

One Family by George Shannon

Do You sing Twinkle? By Sandra levins

In Our Mothers' House by Patricia Polacco

Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born by Jamie Lee Curtis

Fred Stays With Me! by Nancy Coffelt

Love Is A Family by Roma Downey

My Family, Your Family by Lisa Bullard

Do I Have a Daddy?: A Story About a Single-Parent Child

by Jeanne Warren Lindsay and Jami Moffett

Family Break-Up: My Family's Changing by Pat Thomas and Lesley Harker

Was it the Chocolate Pudding?: A Story for Little Kids About Divorce by Sandra Levins and Bryan Langdo

Shine: Why Don't Moon Fairy and Sun Prince Live Together?: A story for the children of separated or divorced parents by Mrs Polona

Kisovec (Author), phD Amanda Gummer PhD

The Very Special Dolphin by Caterina Hughes

My Friends and Me by *Stephanie Stansbie*

Owl Babies by *Martin Waddell*

Mr Seahorse by *Eric Carle*

My Daddy's Going Away by Christopher MacGregor and Emma Yarlett,

A Family is A Family is A Family by Sara O'Leary

Felicia's Favorite Story by Lesléa Newman

In Every House in Every Street by Jess Hitchman

Two is Enough by Janna Matthies

My Family's Changing by Pat Thomas

Walls by Emma Fischel

Asha's Mums by Rosamind Elwin

The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson

I've Loved You Since Forever by Suzie Mason

Ballet Shoes by Noel Straetfield

Blood Family by Anne Fine

Saffy's Angel by **Hilary McKay**

Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born by Jamie Lee Curtis

The Red Thread: An Adoption Fairy Tale by Grace Lin

What is a Family? A Question and Answer Book by Tamia Sheldon

The Shoebox Kid by Judith Lawrence Outten

Bringing Asha Home by Uma Krishnaswami

Lucy's Family Tree by Karen Halvorsen Schreck