



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Special Award – Supporting Wellbeing

I am delighted to tell you that Poppy our school dog has been awarded a special award from the PDSA who give out special animal awards. Poppy now joins an illustrious list of animals whose actions have enriched the lives of humans. Poppy has been awarded the PDSA Commendation certificate for animal devotion. This is an award for enriching and supporting the lives of the children at Holly Park School. The director General of the PDSA commented that it was lovely to hear about how Poppy contributes to a safe and positive environment in the school as well as supporting the children's social and emotional development and behaviour.



PDSA Commendation

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes and the PDSA Commendation aims to celebrate the unparalleled devotion and enrichment that animals bring to our lives.

Roll of Honour

▼ DOGS

Dogs

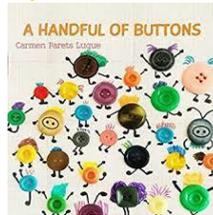
Poppy

Date of award: 13 May 2021

For providing support and enriching lives at Holly Park Primary School

The Great Big Booklist Of Families – Diversity

June is Pride Month and it is a celebration of diversity and people's right to live how they choose without discrimination. Pride Month promotes positivity and equal rights for all. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the culture of inclusivity. At Holly Park this month we are celebrating the diversity of our Holly Park families. During the month there will be various assemblies about different kinds of families. Teachers will also discuss different kinds of families in class. I began the week by reading the book – 'a handful of buttons' in my assembly.



Thank you so much for the books that have already been coming in to school. We will be continuing to collect books throughout the month of June as we will be thinking about all of our Holly Park families and the wide diversity of families that we have here. We really do appreciate them. 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. During the month of June there will be assemblies about different families, there will be books shared in classrooms and discussions about families and a whole school homework about what makes a family.

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.



The Big Holly Park Appeal 2021/22

Today we are officially launching the new Holly Park Appeal for 2021/22.

Our new appeal is to improve the IT infrastructure within the school.

Why have we chosen IT for the appeal?

Our IT infrastructure is 15 years old which means that classroom teacher desk tops that run the Interactive White boards are old, outdated, slow and failing, the wifi is slow, not all parts of the school have connection. We have made many repairs – but the equipment is now at the stage that it is passed repair. The school server which holds all of the data is also very old and past repair. More and more schools rely on IT and teachers use it as part of their everyday teaching.

What exactly would the money raised buy?

A new server, a huge WIFI upgrade, new classroom desk tops to run the Interactive white boards.

What is the total cost of this project?

The total cost to improve the system will be approximately £25k and this is not something that we can afford out of a very tight school budget.

How will the money be raised?

We are running the appeal in two phases. The first phase is to raise money to upgrade the server and WIFI. We are hoping to raise that money between now and the summer holidays. We hope to raise this money by making bids, contacting local companies, through parent match funding and through parents seeking support from businesses they work for. Look out for more information on this next week. PTA events will also continue across the summer term to help raise funds for this project.

The second phase will run from September to Christmas and we will be launching a crowd funding appeal and asking for parent help and support with this to share it amongst friends and families. The PTA will again be supporting this phase with events in the Autumn term.

Do we already have any funds towards the appeal?

I am delighted to say that we do have some funds to get the appeal off to a great start. I made a bid to the Friern Barnet Education Trust and they have generously sent a cheque for £5k for phase one of this project.

I am also thrilled to report that amazingly through the events that the PTA have held in these very difficult times (cake sales, Bingo days, non-uniform, quizzes, bas2schools etc) that the PTA have raised £4k for this appeal. So in total we have already got £9k to get phase one under way.

Who is leading this appeal and driving it forward?

As with our last appeal, this appeal is driven by a committee of people – staff, PTA and governors – all working together for a great cause for the children. The team is led by Anna Sherrington who is the governor with responsibility for Income Realisation. Other governors on the committee include Tim Graveney and Fiona Quinton. The PTA is represented by Nathalie Hughes, Marilena Skavara, Otto Balsinger, Amanda Glaser and Daniel Bobroff. Staff members include myself, Mr Turner & Mr Carini who are our IT leads in school and Gerard Davies our IT technician.

When will the appeal be finished?

Our aim is to have two phases of fundraising which will end completely in December 2021. We then plan to upgrade and install the new equipment in February half term 2022.

Who will benefit from this appeal?

All Holly Park children from nursery to Year 6 will benefit from this appeal. It will mean that children who go to teaching rooms outside the classroom will be able to access WIFI. Every classroom will be able to run the interactive whiteboards more efficiently to show the children videos, clips etc and children working on laptops and ipads in classrooms will also be able to connect with the internet more easily and speedily.

What is the next step in terms of the appeal?

Look out next week for more information about how parents may be able to engage their employers and companies with this appeal.

We hope that everyone in our Holly Park community will engage with this appeal and see how it will be able to improve the education on offer at the school and support all of our Holly Park children.

Please see the attached fliers



Welcome Back Mr Hogan

We are delighted to welcome back Mr Hogan for this half term to teach all of KS2 music. The staff and children were very excited to see him.

New Deli Style Lunches

Our new Deli style lunches for Years 1 to Year 6 have gone very well this week. The normal food options are still available but there is an extra choice. Each day there are different breads such as wraps, rolls, ciabatta, sliced bread, bagels etc. There are a choice of filling such as tuna, cheese, cream cheese and chicken slices.



Upcoming Special Lunches

There will be three special lunches over the rest of this term. The first one will be next week on Tuesday 15th June and it is a special Football Euros lunch! See the end of the newsletter for more information. If your child normally has a packed lunch and they would like a special lunch – then please let the office know beforehand. The lunches are:

Euros Football UEFA lunch – Tuesday 15th June (next week)

Wimbledon tennis lunch - Tuesday 29th June

Teddy bears picnic lunch – Tuesday 13th July

New Co-opted Governor

I am delighted to tell you that we have a new co-opted governor to join our governing body following the resignation of Kate Tress. Sarah Deale has agreed to join us as our new governor. Sarah has a breadth of experience in educational leadership. She has had several senior management roles including her current headship, a previous headship and deputy head roles. Sarah has also been an advisory teacher in two local authorities and a SENCO. She has taught across the primary age range and in a specialist setting. Up until April 2020 she was head of Coppetts Wood School which is in the same partnership group as Holly Park School and she is currently head of the Virtual School in Barnet for looked after children aged 3-16 years. Sarah understands the importance of accurate self-evaluation to drive school improvement. Sarah has been both a staff and a parent governor (as well as a Headteacher) and is well aware of the importance of the governing body, what a difference it can make to the school and what a support it can be to the Headteacher.

Attendance

Attendance for the last full week was 96%% Well done to Y3 Spruce Class for the best attendance with 99%

Dates

Monday 14 th June	Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 parents at 9.30am
Tuesday 15 th June	Class Photos
Friday 18 th June	House Challenge
Friday 25 th June	Year 3 Activity Day
Monday 21 st June	Meeting for parents new to nursery & Reception 7pm
Friday 25 th June	Year 3 Activity Day
Wednesday 30 th June	Infant Sports
Friday 2 nd July	Junior Sports
Monday 5 th July	Reports emailed home to parents during this week
Monday 5 th July	Y6 Show week
Monday 12 th July	Y6 Activity Week
Monday 19 th July	Reception Assembly Performance this week
Monday 19 th July	New Classes announced
Thursday 22 nd July	Children to visit new classes and teachers
Thursday 22 nd July	Y6 Leavers' Party 7pm – 9pm
Friday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' ceremony at 11.30am
Friday 23 rd July	End of term at 1.30pm





UEFA European Cup

Tuesday 15th June

Southgate's Spaghetti Bolognese
or
Marcus' Mac 'n' Cheese

or
Kane's Corn
and
Penalty Peas

Golden Boot Syrup Sponge



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 Paret 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