



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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The latest Government Announcement & Schools

This week on Monday the government announced that phase 4 – further lifting of restrictions is delayed until at least 19th July. Current restrictions remain in place. For schools this means that DFE guidance remains the same and we can still not have parents on the school site in large numbers. This news does therefore affect some end of term events.

Sports Days – these will go ahead as normal for the children – in their class bubbles however there will be no parents able to come and watch as the maximum spectator size is 30 people.

Y6 Show – this will go ahead as normal, We will have 4 performances with a maximum audience size of 30. The rest of the children in school will unfortunately not be able to watch it.

Reception Assembly – will not go ahead. All other assemblies were cancelled this year. We can only have an audience of 30 maximum. The staff feel that it is more important that the children need time to catch up on consolidating learning rather than rehearsal time.

Y6 Leaving Ceremony - this is on 23rd July. Under present conditions with a maximum size of 30 parents it would not be able to go ahead. We wait for further news for the next government announcement to see if parents can attend.

A polite reminder that all parents should still be wearing face coverings when on our site – over the nose and mouth.

Euros Football Lunch

This week we had a special theme day lunch – UEFA Football lunch. The food was presented very nicely and the counter and table were decorated in support of the England team. The children really enjoyed the lunch. The sticky toffee sponge was delicious!



Upcoming Special Lunches

There will be two more special lunches before the end of this term. 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:

Wimbledon Tennis Lunch - Tuesday 29th June (menu attached)

Teddy Bear Picnic Lunch – Tuesday 13th July

House Challenge

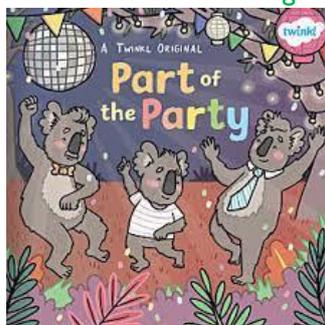
Today we had our Summer Term House Challenge. The theme was Performance Poetry. The children worked in house team groups. Each class began by watching a Michael Rosen video with tips for performing. They watched a few other poems too. They also did a warm up with a Julia Donaldson poem as a class/group. They thought about rhythm, speed, actions, volume etc. The groups were then given a poem to work on and to turn it into a performance for the rest of the class to watch. Thank you to Miss Sampson for organising it.



The Great Big Booklist Of Families – Diversity

We have continued to celebrate the diversity of families. In my assembly this week I asked the children about the meaning of the word 'diversity' We read a story called 'Part Of the Party' which is about making everyone feel included and welcome no matter what kind of family they belong to. We also discussed how we can all help make a difference in ways such as:

- Not judging others on what they look like, where they are from or the family they belong to
- Making sure we encourage each other for the talents and skills we all have
- Learning about different families and reading stories about them
- Celebrating diversity and how super it is that we are all different
- Looking out for people who are being treated unfairly just because they are different
- Reporting any kind of unkind behaviour
- Remembering that we are all humans and all humans have the right to be treated fairly and to be safe and happy



Thank you so much for the books that have continued to come 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 the book donations. 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. If you know of any other suitable books on this topic, please feel free to send them in instead.



If you would like some guidance on books to donate for a specific type of family that might represent your own family situation – please see below.

Adopted Or Foster Care Families

Little Stork's New Home – Carolyn Robertson

Bringing Asha Home 0 Uma Krishnaswami

I Wished For You – Marianne Richmond

The Suitcase Kid – Jacqueline Wilson

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

Separated/Divorced Families

Two Nests – Laurence Anholt & Jim Copplestone

Mum & Dad Glue – Kes Gray

The Very Special Dolphin - Caterina Hughes

My Family's Changing - Pat Thomas

Single Parent Families

Raising You Alone – Warren Hanson

Two is Enough - Janna Matthies

Two Mum Families

Me, Mummy & Mum – Gemma Denham

Heather Has Two Mummies – Leslea Newman

Two Dad Families

Two Dads - Carolyn Robertson

Tonight Owl from Dogfish – Holly Goldberg Sloan & Meg Wolitzer

Daddy, Papa and Me – Leslea Newman

And Tango Makes Three - Justin Richardson

The Girl With Two Dads - Mel Elliott

Different Kinds Of Families In General

A Handful Of Buttons – Carmen Parets Luque

What Type Of family Are We? – Lizzy Seaton

The Family Book – Todd Parr

In Every House on Every Street – Jess Hitchman & Lilli La Baleine

The Great Big Book Of Families – Mary Hoffman & Ros Asquith

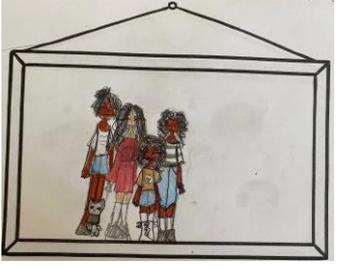
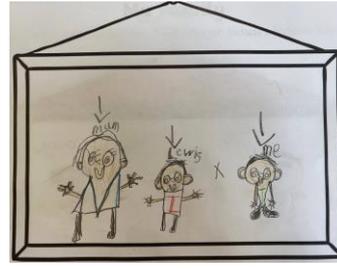
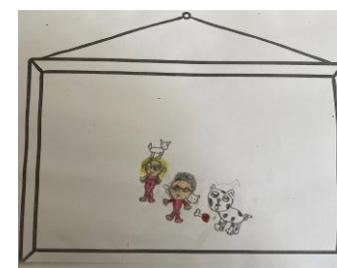
My Friends & Me (A celebration of different kinds of families) – Stephanie Stansbie & Katy Halford

Love Makes A Family – Sophie Beer

All Kinds Of Families – Suzanne Lang

A Family Is A Family Is A Family - Sara O'Leary

As part of our classroom lessons about different kinds of families, the children drew their own families. Here are a few:





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.



Attendance

Attendance for the last full week was 98% Well done to Y1 Chestnut Class and Y1 Pine Class for the best attendance with 100%

Dates

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





Wimbledon Lunch 2021 **Tuesday 29th June**

Tennis Balls in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti
OR
Andy Murray Curry (Veggie) with Racket Rice

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Centre Court Carrots
Backhand Broccoli

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Aces Strawberry Jelly with Ice Cream

