



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Meet The Reading Champions

The Holly Park Reading Champions are here to do exactly what their name states - champion reading! The champions have chosen what they would like their role to entail this year and they are raring to go... Firstly, they want to focus on the choice of books purchased and made available for pupils; they feel it is important that we really have a broad range of styles on offer. Secondly, they would like to run some lunchtime book groups where pupils can come and enjoy a range of stories and books based on a theme - first up is going to be spooky books. Lastly, they are going to be spreading their love of books and reading by helping draft, write and edit the termly reading newsletters, started by Ms Sampson last year. There are also plans for another video too! It is going to be a book-burstingly busy year for our Champs and we cannot wait to see what they achieve. The Reading Champions are supported by Ms Sampson.



Harvest

This week we celebrated Harvest. The food we collected is going to our local foodbank aid. On Monday we had an assembly about Foodbanks – we learned about what they are, who works there, who visits them and about the journey of foodbank food. We reflected that all children have the right to food – this links with article 24 – children have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food.

In our Harvest assembly we reflected on our school diversity and the different places our families come from. We learned that harvest does not just happen in this country but that there are different harvest festivals around the world. We heard about Crop Over in Barbados, the Olivagando festival in Italy, Pongal in India, Rice harvest in Indonesia, Thanksgiving in Canada & America, The Moon Festival in China and the Yam festival in Ghana and Nigeria.

Thank you so much for your very generous donations. Thank you to the PTA who transported the goods to the food bank.



Who Are The Subject leaders?

We thought that it would be interesting and useful for you to know who our curriculum subject leaders are. In a primary school every teacher has to be in charge of a subject.



Mr Carini & Mr Turner
Computing



Miss Mountford
Writing



Ms Sampson
Reading



Mrs Mir
Maths



Mrs Walton
Phonics



Ms Echanove
Spanish



Miss Biggs
Art



Mrs Moore
RE



Mrs Mehtar
PHSE



Ms Owen
History



Ms Hughes
Science



Miss Wood
Geography



Mrs Tsenti & Mrs Bawcombe
Design Technology (DT)



Miss Yiannaki & Mr Bourne
PE



Mrs Thomas
Pupil Premium & LAC



Mr French
KS2



Mrs Fitzpatrick
EYFS & KSI



Are You Interested in Being A School Governor?

I'm wanting to make a personal call to action to Holly Park parents who have considered taking a voluntary role in the community. We may well have the perfect opportunity for you to make a difference! I feel that there has never been a more important or exciting time to be a school governor: the challenges of the pandemic era give rise also to opportunities for schools to shape the education of our children in innovative ways in a new environment. Being a part of the Governing Body would give you the opportunity to help to shape the strategy that underpins the Holly Park ethos in which your child is learning about the world. Holly Park has an opportunity NOW for a parent who wishes to join. Importantly, we do not need you to submit candidate statements at this time, and I know that can put some people off. For a relatively small time investment on your part, I know we can offer you an opportunity to feel good about yourself, and have an influence on Holly Park for generations to come. Please don't worry that English may not be your first language – in fact, we want to celebrate this rich diversity in all that we do as a school. Anyone who is interested should please contact me by email at tgraveney@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk, or make your interest known to Mrs. Pelham. We would like to offer you the opportunity to talk more about what the role entails.

Netball Match

The Holly Park netball team played their first match against another school since COVID started in March 2020. Holly park won 5-2 against St Johns The team played well; defended spaced out and caught the ball! Well done to all the players and to Ms Hughes and Miss Roe.



Pupil safety Before School

I have been made aware that the pavements outside school are quite busy at the start of the school day because many parents are dropping their children off and are then blocking the pavements by standing and chatting to each other. This has meant that children have had to walk into the road in order to get passed and to get in to school. Several groups chatting also means that children can be late coming into school as they navigate passed. Please can I ask that if you want to stand and chat to friends at the start of the school day that you move away from the school or go across the road. I would also ask that reception families who are queuing to come in – please stand against the fence and not near the road. Thank you. The safety of the children is very important.

Car Parking

It has also been brought to my attention, that several cars are parking illegally on the corners of roads, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross and also dangerous as oncoming cars cannot see clearly around the corners – as their vision is blocked. Car parking and traffic management is not within the remit of the school, however I have called the council to ask them to send traffic wardens on random days at the start and end of the school day to issue parking fines. I would encourage any parent who is also concerned about parking to do the same.

Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 96%

Well done to Y5 Juniper Class with the best attendance at 100%

Dates

Monday 1st November

Individual School Photograph Day



Whole School Half Term Homework Water Advertising Campaign

The healthy Living Council would like all of our children from Year 1 to Year 6 to take part in a London wide campaign to promote drinking water. This is a whole school homework, which is inspired by the Healthy Living Council.

The Healthy Living Council would like all of the children to take part in a very exciting campaign set by the Mayor of London. It is a water advertising challenge which could see an advert, created by you, shown in London.

The aim of the campaign is to get all Primary and Secondary school children across London to only drink water when they are in school. No juices, no fizzy drinks, no smoothies etc. Just Water.

The idea is to promote the benefits of water. This is because:

- Water is essential for life.
- It is a key part of getting a balanced diet.
- It is low cost.
- Refilling water bottles reduces single waste plastic
- It is easily available to us in this country through our taps. The same is not true in some other countries.

You can include the benefits of drinking water in your advert. This also **links very well with article 24 of the Rights Of the child – Every child has the right to clean drinking water.**

You will need to **design an advertising poster** to promote only drinking water in school. It should feel inspiring and powerful but honest about the benefits.

Your ideas need to use pictures and word.

They are looking for the best idea, which can be described in words or images. Keep it simple and not too busy. A simple design and a simple slogan will work fine.

You can draw it by hand, design it on a computer, paint it or photograph it. **Use 1 A4 page – it can be either landscape or portrait.**

Good luck from The Healthy Living Council

Post your entry on to your Google Classroom for your teacher to see.

Send your entry to: WaterOnly@london.gov.uk

Along with your name, school, postcode and age.



Bonfire Night Lunch Menu

Friday 5th November



Hot Dogs (Y1 and above incl vegetarian sausages)

Margarita (Cheese & tomato) Pizza

Chips

Sweetcorn & beans

Jacket Potatoes (cheese & beans topping)

Catherine Wheel cookies

Sticky Toffee Sponge & Custard



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Help raise **£500** for Holly Park School!

WINTER FAIR ESTATE AGENT BOARDS

This year, we have again managed to secure Austin Chambers to help **support our winter fair** with their estate agent boards.

Would you be prepared to have an estate agency board outside your house to **advertise our winter fair?**

The school gets **£10 for every board** that goes up. We need **50 addresses** to place the boards at!

This is an excellent form of fundraising for us and in previous years has raised over **£500!**

We really appreciate you taking part in this.

All you need to do is **register your details**, via the link below, by Monday 1st November. You **don't need to do anything else**, as the boards will be placed outside your property a few weeks before the winter fair, leaving no permanent marks, then later removed by the estate agents.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyparkpta>

If you need any help with the PTA events website, please email us on hollyparkpta@gmail.com

We only need 50 boards to raise £500!

On behalf of the PTA, thank you for your support.