



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Local Charity – Food Bank Aid

Thank you to everybody who supported our local charity today. Thank you for the generous donations to our local Food Bank Aid. The food was very gratefully received and will be put to very good use. Many families and children use local foodbanks. This links with article 24 – children have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food.



The Infant Show

The infant show this week was fabulous. The children spoke, sang and danced beautifully. The scenery was superb. Every child had a small part to play but together as a team they make up a lovely show. My personal thanks go to the KSI staff - teachers and all of our teaching assistants for their hard work putting it all together. Thank you to Mrs Fitzpatrick for producing and directing the show which really brought a well-known children's book to life! We hope that all the infant parents will enjoy watching the video which will remain on the school website for one week. There are lots of pictures on the website



Half Term Treasure Hunt

Over half term we are asking all of our children to do a treasure hunt. The treasure hunt involves collecting items and sticking them on a sheet. Some of the squares need coins stuck on to them. The coins will go towards our IT fundraising. This week, every child has brought home an A3 green coloured sheet with the treasure hunt on it. The children will have lots of fun finding the objects to stick on. After half term they should bring the sheets back. There will be a box for each colour treasure hunt. A winner will be drawn out in front of the children in an assembly. We hope that you will support your children to do this.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week, is an annual week-long campaign run by the children's mental health charity Place2Be. This year's theme was Growing Together. To mark Children's Mental Health Week, the DfE has published its third annual report which shows children and young people's wellbeing is gradually improving, despite the challenges that remain. The report shows a link between regular attendance at school and positive wellbeing across all age groups of children and young people, highlighting the positive impact of being in face-to-face learning. This week KS2 children watched a Place2Be assembly in their classrooms about mental health. They also watched a short video by the author Maz Evans talking about the impact that reading and writing has on her mental health. There was also a poem written by Josh Seigal to enjoy.



Safer Internet Day

This week has been National Internet Safety Day. Internet safety is very important. It is part of safeguarding. All schools are required to have every pupil sign an 'Acceptable use' form agreeing to certain behaviours when using our computers. This is done when a child joins the school and is refreshed again in KS2. On Internet Safety Day the Early Years children were thinking about relationships, friendships and how to resolve conflict. It is important that children understand how to do this in their day to day lives before they can consider this in an online environment. In KS1 the children were taught about how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identifying where to go to for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies. In KS2 the children were taught about the different opportunities that are available for online communication and collaboration and how to use these technologies safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognising acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identifying a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact



TFL – Gold Award

The Junior Travel Ambassadors, known as the JTAs, led by Mrs Thomas, were delighted to hear they had retained their gold level accreditation for the TfL STARS (Sustainable travel, active, responsible, safe) scheme. A school travel plan aims to increase the number of journeys to/from school made using active or sustainable travel and our award reflects Holly Park's commitment to this. Activities during the last year have included our walk to school week, bikeability training and Be Bright Be Seen Day as well as curriculum work such as maths in Year 1 using information from a survey of the staff car park, drawing maps and route planning of journeys to school and road safety work. We are already working towards our re-accreditation for this year and amongst other things we are looking forward to Wheel to School week in March. To find out more about the STARS scheme and our JTAs please look on the school website in the about us, pupil voice section or go to stars.tfl.gov.uk.



Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to everybody who supported our crazy hair day today. The money raised will go towards our IT upgrade. If you haven't done so yet – please make your £1 donation on School Money. Thank you



World Book Day 2022

This year, we would like to invite pupils to create their own Shoebox Book Scenes (examples below). They should decorate a shoebox (or any small box) and add details to make a 3D representation of a book. They can use card, playdough, clay, lego, paper – whatever they like. These should be made at home (half-term may provide the best opportunity) and brought to the hall on the morning of the 3rd March. A museum will be created for pupils to visit, throughout the day. We are really looking forward to celebrating all things bookish with the children!

Here are some book boxes that have already been created by some of our children already.



Percy Jackson



Harry Potter



Percy Jackson



Red Riding Hood



Tarzan



The Wizard Of Oz



How To Catch A Star



Percy Jackson

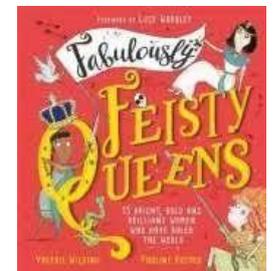
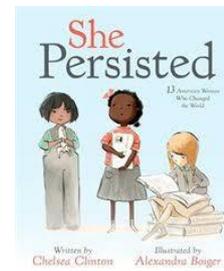
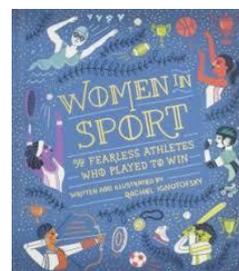
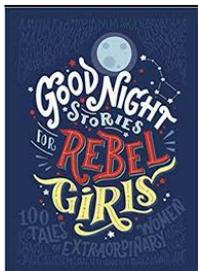
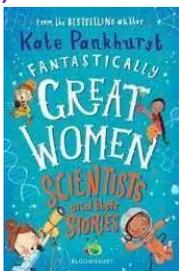


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International Women's Day – Book Donations

International Women's Day is on 8th March. We will be celebrating this day in assemblies across that week. The theme for 2022 is **#BreakTheBias**. Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated.

As International Women's Day is close to World Book Day, we would like to ask again for parental support to help increase the diversity of the books that we can offer in school for our children to read. We would like to ask parents for books about women and girls. There is a list attached to the end of the newsletter. Please send in books in person or through Amazon direct to 'The Headteacher'. All books donated will have a book plate inside saying who has donated them. We really do appreciate all of the books that are donated to us. The staff really appreciate them and they are so useful to ensure that our books remain current and diverse.



Hall Rental

Are you or someone you know interested in renting our school hall on a regular basis? We do not rent the hall for one off birthday parties but we are looking to rent our main school hall out for regular weekday or weekend slots. We would like to rent it out to organisations such as: slimming groups, exercise groups, dance groups, language groups etc. Rentals would be from 6pm onwards on a school night and weekend lettings by arrangement. If you are interested or know anybody who is interested – please contact Miss Hounslow in the school office.

A Literacy Toolkit

Does your employer give donations to charities? Does your employer make donations within the community? Your employer could play an important role in supporting the literacy skills of children at Holly Park by providing a Literacy Toolkit this World Book Day.

One in eight disadvantaged children in the UK don't own a single book. Your employer could play an important role in supporting the literacy skills of children at Holly Park by providing a Literacy Toolkit to our school. Each box is filled with:

- A fantastic range of 50 books for children and young people to inspire reading
- Fun activity sheets and other information to use in classrooms and send home
- Access to National Literacy Trust membership, which offers expert literacy support and resources, for a school for one year

Gifting a box is a simple way to make a difference and show commitment to raising literacy levels.

Each Literacy Toolkit costs £650.

Here is the link that you could send to your employer if they would like to support Holly Park.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/support-us/corporate-support/support-childrens-reading-literacy-toolkit/>



Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 91%.

The best attendance was from Y6 Beech Class with 99% attendance.

Dates

Half Term

Wednesday 23 rd February	Y2 SPAG Meeting for parents at 9.30am
Thursday 24 th February	Y1 Phonics meeting for parents at 9.30am
Friday 25 th February	Holly Park Maths Day
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4 th March	Y4 Pyjama party
Monday 14 th March	First Aid lessons this week
Monday 14 th March	Times released online for parent consultations
Wednesday 16 th March	Y5 to The National Gallery
Monday 21 st March	First aid lessons this week
Monday 21 st March	Y5 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am - Rights
Tuesday 22 nd March	Y4 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am - RE
Thursday 24 th March	Y3 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am – computing
Monday 28 th March	Holly Park Well-being Week
Monday 28 th March	Holly Park Wheel to School Week
Monday 28 th March	Parent Consultations this week for Y1 to Y6
Friday 1 st April	End of term at 1.30pm



International Women's Day Book List

Malala Yousafzai: Warrior with Words

Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

I am Rosa Parks (Ordinary People Change the World) by Brad Meltzer

Who is Jane Goodall?

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo

Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty

Shaking Things Up by Susan Hood

Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsberg Make Her Mark by Debbie Levy

Princess Smarty pants by Babette Cole

Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly

She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History by Chelsea

Clinton and Alexandra Boiger

Black Women in Science: A Black History Book by Kimberly Brown Pllum

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren

Me Frida by Amy Novesky

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison

Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell by Tanya Lee Stone

FANTASTICALLY GREAT WOMEN SCIENTISTS AND THEIR STORIES by

Ms Kate Pankhurst & Ms Kate Pankhurst

FORGOTTEN FAIRY TALES OF BRAVE AND BRILLIANT GIRLS by Various

FABULOUSLY FEISTY QUEENS: 15 OF THE BRIGHTEST AND BOLDEST WOMEN WHO HAVE RULED THE WORLD By Valerie Wilding & Pauline Reeves

GIRLS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD By Michelle Roehm & McCann

Rad Women Worldwide by Kate Schatz

NEVER MESS WITH A PIRATE PRINCESS By Holly Ryan & Sian Roberts

WOMEN IN SPORT: FIFTY FEARLESS ATHLETES WHO PLAYED TO WIN
By Rachel Ignotofsky

WE CAN DO ANYTHING: 200 INCREDIBLE WOMEN WHO CHANGED THE
WORLD

By Caitlin Doyle & Chuck Gonzales

You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer by Shauna Casey and Chelsea McLaren

Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai

The Princess in Black by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Willow's Whispers by Lana Button, illustrated by Tania Howells

Sophie and the Sea Monster by Don Gillmor, illustrated by Micheal Martchenko

Capturing Joy: The Story of Maud Lewis by Jo Ellen Bogart, illustrated by Mark Lang

Four Pictures by Emily Carr by Nicolas Debon

Amelia to Zora: 26 Women who Changed the World by Cynthia Chin-Lee

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed