



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## National Story Telling Week

In assembly this week we talked about National Storytelling Week. We discussed how story telling began centuries ago and long before the written word. We talked about how stories are all around us on: podcasts, TV, radio, newspapers and those we hear. Some are fictional some are true. We talked about what makes a good story teller. Children love to hear stories – not just stories read from a book but parents telling their children stories. Do remember to tell your children stories – stories about when you were a child, stories about their ancestors, made up stories of fairies, monsters. Adventures etc. Perhaps at bedtime each week – spend a couple of evenings telling stories rather than reading from a book. Get your children to tell you stories. With young children – make up stories together with them – using their toys – dinosaurs, knights, emergency service vehicles etc. Enjoy telling stories.



## The Big Holly Park Appeal - IT Fundraising Update

We wanted to update you on how the fundraising was going for our IT infrastructure project. The total we need to raise is approx. £25,000.

So far we have raised just over £5,000 on the crowdfunding before Christmas, The Friern Barnet Education Trust have donated £5000 and the PTA have donated £10,000. So far we have approx. £20,000.

A massive thank you to the fundraising committee and the PTA for all their work and efforts. We have a fantastic result. Thank you to all of you who have donated to this cause in many different ways. We still need to raise another £5,000 but seem to be on course for raising the money by the end of the school year. We will be continuing to raise money through smaller fundraising projects across the next two terms and there will be more PTA events. Please continue to use Amazon Smile and the PTA lottery – all of these help to support the fundraising efforts.



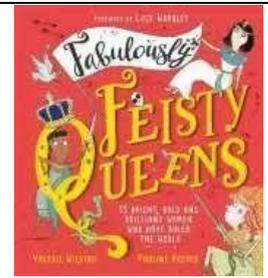
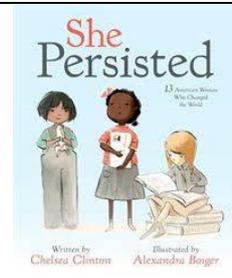
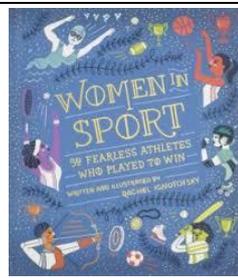
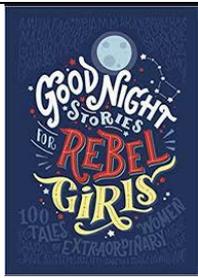
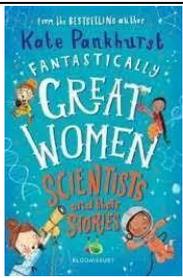
## Half Term Treasure Hunt

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. Before half term every child will bring 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.

## International Women's Day – Book Donations

International Women's Day is on 8<sup>th</sup> 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. You may know of others.



### Local Charity – Food Bank Aid – Next Friday

Please see the flier attached to this email. We will be collecting food for Food Bank Aid on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

### Crazy Hair Day 11<sup>th</sup> February

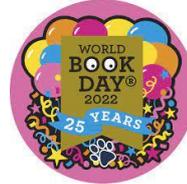
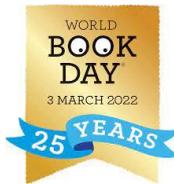
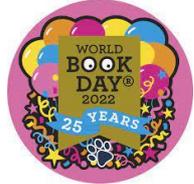
On the final Friday of half term (11<sup>th</sup> February) we are asking the children to come to school in uniform but with crazy hair. We are asking for a £1 donation on school money. The £1 donation will go towards the IT project. We hope that the children will have fun thinking about their crazy hair style.

You can do ribbons, wigs and hair sprays.



### World Book Day

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March it is one of the highlights of the year for us at Holly Park – World Book Day! Children should come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters and Ms Sampson and the Reading Champions have already begun planning lots of fun activities that will be taking place in class.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



Elves & The Shoemaker



Kensuke's Kingdom



Charlotte's Web



Red Riding Hood



Harry Potter



Princess & The Frog



Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

Some of our Y6 children have already made their own boxes which they will show in assembly next week.

## Fizz Free February

This month is **Fizz Free February!** As part of the Sugar Smart Barnet campaign, schools are encouraging children to take part in 'Fizz Free Feb' which is a time when individuals are challenged to give up fizzy drinks for the month. The benefits of giving up fizzy drinks include saving money, reducing sugar consumption and protecting teeth. This is part of a project of positive, proactive action against high sugar consumption and raises awareness of the consequences of having too much sugar; for children this includes tooth decay, excess weight, and even type 2 diabetes.



## Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 91%.

The best attendance was from Y4 Sycamore Class with 96% attendance.

## Dates

Monday 7th February	KS1 performance this week
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11th February	Local Charity Event – Food Bank Aid
<b>Friday 11th February</b>	<b>End of Half term at 3.30pm</b>
Wednesday 23rd February	Y2 SPAG Meeting for parents at 9.30am
Thursday 24th February	Y1 Phonics meeting for parents at 9.30am
Friday 25th February	Holly Park Maths Day
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4th March	Y4 Pyjama party
Monday 14th March	First Aid lessons this week
Monday 14th March	Times released online for parent consultations
Wednesday 16th March	Y5 to The National Gallery
Monday 21st March	First aid lessons this week
Monday 21st March	Y5 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am - Rights
Tuesday 22nd March	Y4 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am - RE
Thursday 24th March	Y3 Curriculum Meeting for parents 9.30am – computing
Monday 28th March	Holly Park Well-being Week
Monday 28th March	Holly Park Wheel to School Week
Monday 28th March	Parent Consultations this week for Y1 to Y6
Friday 1st April	End of term at 1.30pm



# HOLLY PARK SCHOOL IS COLLECTING FOR FOOD BANK AID



FOOD BANK AID

## FOOD BANKS URGENTLY NEED DONATIONS

Food Bank Aid delivers your donations to 15-20 food banks each week, supporting 10,000+ people (including 3,000 children) across North London.

### WHAT THE FOOD BANKS REALLY NEED



Tinned food - meat, fish, fruit, veg etc



Breakfast Cereals & Porridge



Rice, grains & noodles (max 1kg)



Instant coffee, tea, sugar, UHT Milk



Jam, honey, peanut butter, marmite



Ingredients: Oil, yeast, flour, eggs



Biscuits, crackers, nuts, cereal bars, dried fruit



Toiletries, sanitary pads, incontinence pads



Laundry tablets, washing up liquid, bleach, sprays



Baby formula & nappies (large sizes), creams

### HOW TO DONATE FOR FOOD BANK AID

We will be collecting on **Friday, 11th February 2022**. Please bring your donations to school on the day, drop off points will be signposted around the school site.



Food Bank Aid: North London



@foodbankaid\_nl

Food Bank Aid is a registered charity no. 1194314

## 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 Igotofsky

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