



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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BRITISH VALUES DAY

Today is British Values day. The children have come to school wearing Red, white and blue.



We also had Morris dancing sessions in the hall for the children from Years 2 to 6. Morris dancing is a traditionally British form of dancing, Morris dancing is a form of English folk dance usually accompanied by music. It is based on rhythmic stepping. The dancers usually wear bell pads on their shins and the dancers wield handkerchiefs. The children really enjoyed the sessions.



British values are now woven into our PHSE curriculum so that they are part of our planned curriculum and are not just happening by chance. We have had a series of assemblies each week about British values. Each year group has a particular topic that they learn about on our British Values Day.

EYFS

In nursery & Reception the children learned about British traditions, events and British landmarks. There was also opportunity to do lots of activities involving red, white and blue – e.g painting, red and blue coloured water Coloured cornflour, Castle and George and the dragon small world scene, Crown making, British values day interest table with objects, photos and books, Making cucumber sandwiches.



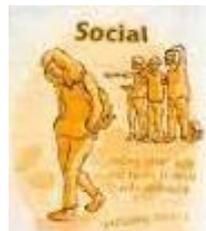
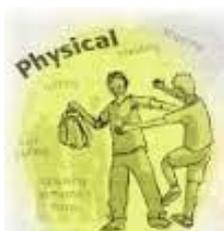
Year 1

Year 1 learned about showing tolerance and acceptance of those with other faiths. They thought about the fact that everyone has different opinions and views. They thought about the fact that - **There are NO OUTSIDERS at Holly Park** - we are all different – ages, religions, ethnicity, disability etc but everyone is welcome at our school. When someone is included, it helps them feel respected, valued for who they are and like they belong



Year 2

Year 2 learned about Individual Liberty. They thought about bullying and that we should all be free from bullying. They talked about different kinds of bullying – social, physical, verbal and online. They looked at the Holly Park Helping Hands. The children listened to the story 'The Juice Box Bully' to understand how children can be either 'bystanders' or 'upstanders' in a situation and to empower children to stand up for others. The children had different scenarios to decide if there was bullying going on or not and if there was then what type of bullying it might be. Children then got into groups to work together as a team to build a house of cards.



Year 3

Year 3 learned about the Rule Of Law. They thought about the role of school councils and groups. They talked about how we can resolve differences by looking at alternatives, seeing and respecting others points of view, making

Our Author Visit.

The children really enjoyed the poet visit last week. As well as reading some of his poems, he encouraged the children to write some poems of their own. They produced some lovely phrases and sentences.

From a Year 3 child – *Happiness is spreading glitter like butter.*

From a Year 4 child – *Anger is a mysterious tiger prowling through the forest of my mind.*

Our poet - Joshua Seigal – collected ideas from the children about their thoughts on Holly Park. Following the visit and having met the children, staff and Poppy, he wrote a poem about Holly Park.

HOLLY PARK

Loyal and friendly
A warm, kind heart
The books, the reading
The drawing and art
A hand to hold
When times grow darker –
That's what makes
A Holly Parker

The singing assemblies
And football teams
Games in the playground
The laughter and screams
The motivation
To go far
That's what makes us
Who we are

Equality, diversity
And dialogue
Cuddles and snuffles
With Poppy the dog
Turn on the light
And look at the spark –
That's what makes us
Holly Park!

Our National Charity – Guide Dogs For The Blind

For the summer term, we will be supporting a national charity. Because we have Poppy our school dog – who provides joy and comfort to many of our children and staff, we were keen to sponsor a charity who use dogs. We therefore decided to support Guide Dogs For the Blind. This is a long established and well known charity which we have never sponsored before.

Despite the devastation caused by sight loss, 70% of adults receive no support within the first 12 months of diagnosis, and are likely to encounter poor education, high unemployment, depression, loneliness and financial insecurity throughout their lifetime. The rise in the UK's elderly population also has an impact on people with sight loss. Childhood sight loss is on the increase. There are around 35,000 children and young people living with a vision impairment in the UK. Some 80% of a child's learning takes place using vision, and every day they go without support can affect their development. Over the coming years Guide Dogs for the Blind are looking to increase the number of guide dog partnerships and also develop a broader range of services that will help more people who are blind and partially sighted to get out and about on their own terms.

To support this charity – we are going to do an event called – 'Name the Puppy'

Each class will have a chart with 100 dog names on it. Children will be invited to name the puppy – by paying for 50p a go – with a minimum of three goes. So £1.50 per child.

We will ask parents to pay via school money and then the child will be able to choose two names.

Once the card is full – we will reveal the name of the dog – which is already pre chosen on a sealed strip behind the chart. The winner of the 'Name the puppy' in each class will receive a very cute puppy soft toy similar to those below.



North London Hospice

Two of our children – Harry and Isabelle are doing an 8 mile sponsored walk for North London Hospice this weekend in memory of their grandad. The Hospice provide fantastic care and support to many families. Many of our Holly Park families may have had dealings with the Hospice. If you would like to support the Hospice – you might want to sponsor Harry & Isabelle. You can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking

here: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rebecca-](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rebecca-collins40)

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Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to North London Hospice, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.



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Summer Dresses

A reminder that our school summer dresses at Holly Park are green and white gingham – not red and white.



Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 95%.

The best attendance was from Y3 Willow Class with 100% attendance.

Dates

Wednesday 4th May

Monday 9th May

Friday 13th May

Monday 16th May

Friday 20th May

Friday 27th May

HALF TERM

Monday 6th June

Tuesday 7th June

Monday 13th June

Y5 to Gilwell Park

KS2 National test week

National Charity Day

Y6 to Norfolk Lakes

International Day

Jubilee Celebration Day

Inset Day

Parent Online safety meeting in the hall at 9am

Y5 parent meeting – Secondary Transfer – in the hall at 9.00am

