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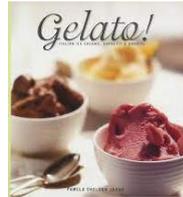


Holly Park International Day

Today was International Day at Holly Park. Each Class focused on a part of their curriculum that has an International aspect.

Nursery

The nursery children flew to Italy. They started the day by watching a video about going to the airport and getting on a plane. The children made their own passports and built a plane using community blocks outside. They then pretended to go on a plane journey to Italy. The activities they then did relating to Italy were: Pasta art, Pizza art - making their own pizzas using paint and various materials, Painting flags, Pasta necklaces, Photos of famous Italian buildings in the construction area, Italian music playing, Playdough ice-cream and scoops. In the afternoon they watched a Go-Jettlers episode about the Leaning Tower of Pisa and they tried to make their own leaning towers. They ended the day with an ice cream party.



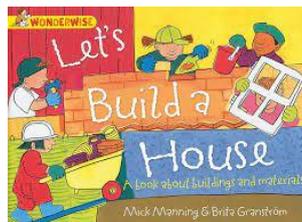
Reception

Reception have been looking at North America and China. They have been looking at bears – brown bears and panda bears. In the afternoon they had a tea party for the bears.



Year 1

Year 1 have learned about different types of homes around the world. This has linked to their science work on materials. They looked at different kinds of homes around the world and they tried making homes using different materials. They have also been reading a book called 'Let's Build a House'



Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at traditional clothes from around the world. They also looked at food from around the world. This is linked to their geography work on the seven continents. The children have used atlases to label blank maps. They then put pictures of food and clothes next to the different continents. They discussed similarities and differences of the various foods and the various clothing.



Malta



Japan



Ghana



Kenya

Year 3

In Year 3, the children used the laptops and used Google earth to look at iconic places of interest around the world such as Big Ben, London (United Kingdom) Eiffel Tower, Paris (France) Statue of Liberty, New York (America) Sydney Opera House (Australia) Taj Mahal, Agra (India) Statue of Christ the Redeemer, Rio (Brazil) Horseshoe Falls, Niagara (Canada) Leaning Tower of Pisa (Italy) Pyramids, Giza (Egypt) Mount Vesuvius (Italy). They also used it to locate and look more closely at Holly Park School, and their own address within the United Kingdom.

The children in Hazel Class also made Khatam clay tiles as part of their art work on sculpture. Khatam tiles are from Iran. They used Islamic art patterns to decorate them



Google Earth



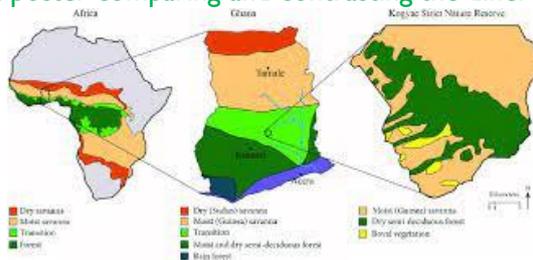
Year 4

As part of their geography curriculum focussing on a European country, Year 4 looked at Spain for the day. This is in a modern day context but also in the context of their topic on the Tudors as they are looking at the Spanish Armada and its route. They will located Spain on a map and also significant places within Spain. They had a go at some Flamenco dance steps and listened to phrases in Spanish music. In art they looked at the work of a Spanish artist who is based in Barcelona and tried to create watercolours in his style.



Year 5

For International Day Y5 explored the topography and biomes of Ghana and Madagascar. The children wrote a postcard to a friend/family member detailing the journey from Ghana's capital, Accra to another Ghanaian city. They also created a poster comparing and contrasting the different biomes.



Jubilee Gifts

In June 2022, the United Kingdom will once again be in the spotlight around the world while we raise a glass in celebration of a historic event - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 70 Year Reign. Our PTA at Holly Park Primary School is offering these two products personalised with our school logo (at the back) to mark this incredible occasion. You can order these goods at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyparkpta>. There is a deadline for the orders. They must be received the week after half term. The goods will be wonderful keepsake's for years to come when your children are adults.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Mug and Bear. The bear is 12 cm high and exceeds the European Toy Safety Standards EN71 (all Parts), safe for all ages and mugs are dishwasher safe. £10



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee tote bag. 38x42cm canvas bag £7



Online Safety Meeting for Parents

Do you know what your child is doing on their computer or ipad? Do you know which sites are safe? Are you aware of all of the dangers of your child having a mobile phone? Are your children sending messages on x box? Is your child playing appropriate games? What are the dangers of Apps? What social media is suitable for my child? How much screen time is acceptable? On Tuesday 7th June we have paid for an outside company to come in and talk about online-safety all day with classes and also to do a meeting for parents at 9am to help parents think about keeping children safe at home on computers, ipads etc when they are playing games and using the Internet. We have run these sessions for the last few years and they have been a great success. Parents found it scary, thought provoking and extremely useful. It is very important to be one step ahead of your child as technology becomes more a part of children's everyday lives. Whatever your child's age or year group, the meeting will be appropriate and useful. I would urge as many parents as possible to come along to the school hall at 9am on Tuesday 7th June.



Celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Next Week

Our celebrations for the Jubilee will be on Friday 27th May – the day before the half term holiday.

We would like ALL of the children to come to school dressed as a King or a Queen for the day. There will be Maypole dancing workshops across the day which the older children will participate in and the younger children will watch. There will be a special Jubilee lunch that day which will be eaten out in the playground – in a street party style. If you would like your child to have the special Jubilee lunch, please contact the school office by the Friday before (20th)

Jubilee Lunch

Cheese sandwiches
Chicken sandwiches
Jam sandwiches

Pizza fingers

Vegetable sticks and hummus

Sausage rolls
Vegetarian Mexican bean rolls

Jelly

Cup cakes

Flap Jacks



Year 6 Residential to Norfolk Lakes

The Y6 children have had a marvellous week in Norfolk and they were so lucky with the weather. Over the week they have done a wonderful range of activities such as: caving, stand up body boarding, canoeing, archery, fencing, climbing, volley ball, obstacle course, blind trail, a lake walk, bouldering, compass skills and wide games. Many thanks go to the staff who gave up their own free time to be with the children 24/7 in order to provide this amazing experience. It is not something that schools have to do and it is a great deal of work and responsibility. I hope that both parents and children will be grateful for the life long memories that have been created this week – which will stay with the children for the rest of their lives. Thanks to Miss Michael who organised and led the trip and also to Miss Roe, Mrs Thomas, Mr Carini, Mr Reid and Muna.



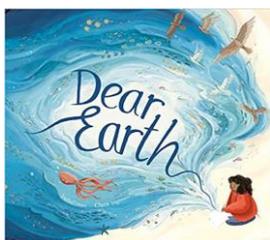
Climate Change Week

After half term we are holding our very own Climate Change Week. We feel that this is a very important focus area especially following on from COP 26 in November 2021 – this was the United Nations Climate Change Conference. For change to happen, it is very important that young people (The future generation of adults) are aware and involved with Climate Change. Our school PHSE curriculum looks at the environment across the age ranges and deals with objectives such as:

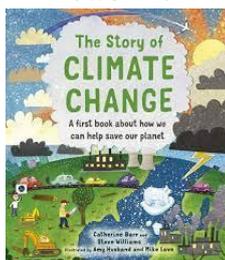
- Know some of the things they can do at home and at school to help the environment
- Be able to talk about where food comes from and some of the ethical questions around food supply
- Be able to explain the ethical considerations and environmental impact of buying products
- Consider the schools contribution to protecting the environment

We are using three books as a focus for the activities, learning and discussions that will happen during our HPS Climate Week.

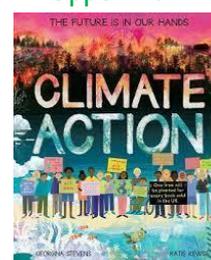
EYFS and KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2



Each class will produce work to go into our very own Holly Park Climate Change big book.

We are asking parents to make donations of books to support this climate change focus. We feel that it is important to make sure that there are books available in all class rooms from nursery to Y6 and in our reading challenge on this important theme. A book list of climate change books that we would love to have is attached to this newsletter. We will be collecting climate changes books through May and June. We really appreciate this help from parents. Thank you for your support.

Y2 Parents Having Lunch This Week

At the end of Year 2, the children stop receiving a free lunch and have to pay for their school lunch as they move in to Year 3. To help parents of Year 2 children see what the quality of the lunch is like, we invited 12 Year 2 parents to come in to school every day over this week and sample the lunch.

The parents who came really enjoyed the lunches. They were impressed with the food and commented on how flavoursome the food was. It was a really good thing to have done and we will definitely think about doing it again. In the Autumn term we will be inviting governors in to have lunch with the children.

Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 93%.

The best attendance was from Y2 Rowan Class with 99% attendance.

Dates

Friday 27th May

Jubilee Celebration Day

HALF TERM

Monday 6th June

Inset Day

Tuesday 7th June

Parent Online safety meeting in the hall at 9am

Monday 13th June

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



Climate Change Book List

Dear Earth by Isabell Otter and Clara Anganuzzi

The story of Climate change by Catherine Barr and Steve Williams

Climate Action: The future is in our hands – Climate Action by Georgina Stevens and Katie Rewse

Fever at the Poles by Stephen Aitken

The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge by Joanna Cole

The Fog by Kyo Maclear

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

The Polar Bears' Home by Lara Bergen

The Lonely Polar Bear by Khoa Le

Our House Is on Fire: Greta Thunberg's Call to Save the Planet by Jeanette Winter

What is Climate Change? by Gail Herman

Under the Weather by Tony Bradman

A Hot Planet Needs Cool Kids by Julie Hall

Mission: Save the Planet by Sally Ride and Tam O'Shaughnessy

No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg

How You Can Save the Planet by Hendrikus van Hensbergen

Stuff by Maddie Moate & Paul Boston

Climate Rebels by Ben Lerwill

I Love You, Blue by Barroux

The Great Barrier Reef by Helen Scales

Be The **Change** (poems to help you save the world) by Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow & Roger Stevens.

Great Women who save the Planet by Kate Pankhurst

How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear by Dr Jess French and Angela Keoghan

Tree Full of Wonder by Anna Smithers

Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker

Fourteen Wolves: A Rewilding Story by Catherine Barr

There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom by James Sellick

This Book will (Help) Cool the **Climate** by Isabel Thomas.

Clean Up! by Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola

The Extraordinary Life of Greta Thunberg by Devika Jina & Petra Braun
The Bear in the Stars by Alexis Snell

Charlie and Lola: Look After Your Planet by Lauren Child

The Happy Hedgerow by Elena Mannion and Erin Brown

What a Wonderful World by Leisa Stewart-Sharpe and Lydia Hill

The Tale of the Whale by Karen Swann and Padmacandra

Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird

Dear Greenpeace by Simon James

The Last Tree by Ingrid Chabbert

Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann

One Plastic Bag by Miranda Paul

What A Waste: Rubbish, Recycling, and Protecting our Planet by Jess French

A Planet Full of Plastic: and how you can help by Neal Layton

The Tin Forest by Helen Ward

The Blue Giant by Katie Cottle

If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams

Change Starts With Us by Sophie Beer

Dear World Leaders: A response to children's letters about climate change
by Aled Jones

Mother Earth is Weeping by Claire Donald and Simon Taylor

Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts and Hannah Peck

Little Turtle and the Sea by Becky Davies and Jennie Poh

Sunny's Blazing Battle: A True Story About Climate Change by Ellie Jackson and Liz
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