



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

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Our National Charity – Guide Dogs For The Blind 13th May

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' or 'Guess the name of the dog' 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 three 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.

Parents will need to make payment on School Money by Friday 13th may. The office will then give a list of those who have paid to each class teacher – and those who have paid £1.50 can choose 3 dog names.

The following week there will be some extra spaces and we will invite parents and children to have extra goes IF they would like to.



North London Hospice

Last weekend, two of our children – Harry and Isabelle did an 8 mile sponsored walk for North London Hospice in memory of their grandad. The Hospice provides fantastic care and support to many families.



So far they have raised over £650! They completed it in 4 hours and enjoyed all of the park and attractions along the way whilst talking about their 'Grumpy Grandad' Thank you to everyone who has donated. I believe that there is still time to sponsor them. You can donate to their Just Giving page by clicking

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

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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.



Y5 Residential at Gilwell Park

Many of our Y5 children have had a great three days away at Gilwell Park. They did lots of fun activities including: orienteering, backwards cooking, archery, climbing and crate stacking. The trip was organised by Non-stop Action and was led by Mrs Kelly. Thank you to the other staff members – Mr French, Miss Boahene, Miss Mornington, Miss Loucas and Ms Terhorst who accompanied the children on the three days away.



Year 4 Opera Project

Our Year 4 choir - under the direction of Miss Biggs - are really enjoying learning the songs from Hansel and Gretel – which is a children's opera developed by the Royal Opera House. This week an opera singer called Veronique came to school to support the children with learning the songs and actions. The children loved it. They are preparing for a performance in June – where they will be performing for two evenings with our other five partnership schools. It will be an exciting event.



Year 6 At The Music Festival

We are very excited that Miss Biggs has put together a choir of Y6 children who will perform in June at the Barnet Schools Music Festival. This will be held at The Arts Depot and will be an amazing experience for them at the end of their time at primary school. Today we hosted other schools who came to Holly Park for a cluster rehearsal – to learn some songs for the festival together.

Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 96%.

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

Dates

Monday 9th May KS2 National test week

Friday 13th May National Charity Day

Monday 16th May Y6 to Norfolk Lakes

Friday 20th May International Day

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

