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# Holly Park Highlights!



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## Platinum Jubilee

Our celebrations for the Jubilee took place at the end of May. The children came to school dressed as a King or a Queen for the day. We had an array of Kings and Queens today including Medieval Monarchs, African Kings and Queens, a Forest Queen, the Queen of Hearts, a Spanish Queen, Egyptian Kings, Viking Kings and Queens and modern day Queens. It was a magical sight! Even Poppy was dressed for the occasion! There was Maypole dancing workshops across the day which were great fun. There was a special Jubilee lunch eaten out in the playground – in a street party style under the red, white and blue jubilee bunting. The party food was delicious.



## Oliver

Year 6 performed an amazing show at the end of their time at Holly Park. The show was Oliver. The children acted, sang and danced with great enthusiasm. We saw talents that we didn't know existed! Both casts of children did a splendid job. The scenery and costumes were fantastic. Huge thanks go to Ms Sampson and Mr Carini for all their work and commitment to producing such a great end of year event. The amazing scenery and props were thanks to all of our talented TAs – particularly Mrs Hurry. What talented people we have at Holly Park!

Thanks also go to one of our governors – Annemarie Thomas for her support with the singing and getting

some oomph and enthusiasm going for the songs. Thanks also to Mr Messios and some of the pupils from East Barnet Secondary School who helped with the choreography of one of the scenes. It was lovely to see the children performing with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. What a great end to their time at Holly Park. Well done Year 6.

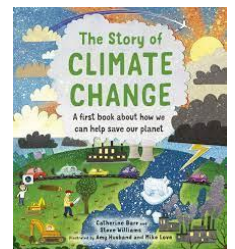
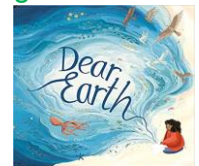


## Climate Change Week

This term was our very first Climate Change Week. 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 used three books as a focus for the activities, learning and discussions.



## Y5 Eggsperiment



Year 5 took part in a science curriculum day this term. Their task was to design and create a basket and parachute, working in groups, to enable the safe landing of an egg. The children's designs were tested by dropping the parachutes from a roof onto the playground. Some designs were very successful but others did result in broken eggs. The children analysed and evaluated the results to

determine what improvements could be made to future designs. They thoroughly enjoyed the whole day.



## International Day

Each Class focused on a part of their curriculum that had an International aspect. 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. Reception looked at bears in North America and China. Year 1 learned about different types of homes around the world.

Year 2 looked at traditional clothes from around the world. In Year 3, the children used the laptops and used Google Earth to look at iconic places of interest around the world. Year 4 looked at Spain both modern day and connected to the Tudors and the Spanish Armada. Y5 explored the topography and biomes of Ghana and Madagascar



## Nursery Pirates!



The nursery went on a trip to Princess Diana's Memorial Playground in Kensington Gardens. They enjoyed a picnic in the park before exploring the playground. The children got to go on a real pirate ship and they found hidden treasure chests. They enjoyed playing in the water and sand and climbing the various apparatus around the park. There were lots of secret hideaways and a music sensory area where the children could make their own music using different parts of their bodies. The children came back to school having so much to talk about!



## Y1 Our Wonderful World

Year One went on their geography field trip in the local area. They walked to Friern Barnet and along to Arnos Grove, looking at the geographical features along the way. They spotted different types of houses and flats and saw lots of things on the pavements and roads such as yellow lines, double yellow lines water meters and internet



cables. They looked at the different things that bins, post boxes, street lights and a fire hydrant. When they arrived in Arnos Grove, they visited Our Lady of Lourdes church in New Southgate



and were greeted by Fr David. He talked to the children about the features of the church and a little bit about the beliefs of Christians.



# Y3 Team Building

In June, Year 3 went on an Activity Day to Arnos Park. The children and adults walked to the park where instructors from Non-Stop Action met them. The weather was perfect and in the morning, the children took part in a variety of different activities including minefield, racing on giant skis, working as a team to carry lots of tennis balls only using tennis racquets and tug of war.



The children then had a picnic in the park before in the afternoon doing Orienteering to help

with their map skills learnt in Geography. All of the children had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. By the time they returned to school there were lots of very tired children and adults!



## Wellbeing Award



Place2Be's Wellbeing in Schools Awards provides an opportunity to recognise

the passion, determination and hard work in schools across the UK to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. The panel of 26 independent judges chose to shortlist Holly Park. We received a letter of congratulations and a certificate of achievement for the way that we champion positive mental health and wellbeing

## How Does Your Garden Grow?



As part of their learning about 'growing' and the 'the seasons', Palm Class visited the Crescent Road Allotments. The children had a wonderful time spotting all the different types of fruit, vegetables and flowers growing all around them. They were lucky enough to see frogs and a variety of minibeasts! The children noticed how

calm and relaxing it felt to be in the allotment and spent some time creating observational drawings of the different plants.



## Y4 - Tower Of London



Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful day out to The Tower of London this term as part of their Tudor topic in History. We began the day by visiting the priceless Crown Jewels! The children then saw the place where Anne Boleyn was executed before visiting the famous White Tower where they saw some of King Henry VIII's suits of armour. After this, they climbed the steps of the infamous Bloody Tower where Sir Walter Raleigh was imprisoned for 13 years

and also the last place where the Two Princes were last seen alive. Other highlights were visiting the torture tower, walking around the battlements, meeting a Beefeater and seeing the world famous ravens of the Tower! It was a fantastic trip and brilliant for the children to see one of London's most famous sights.





# Y2 Fashion Designers



Year 2 have been learning all about textiles as part of their Art and Design Technology this term. The aim of the project was for the children to design and

create a new t-shirt. The children looked at designers such as Coco Chanel and thought about what makes an effective T-shirt design. They also learnt key skills like: weaving, stitching, sewing and tie dye. They first designed their t-shirt and then knotted their t-shirts for the tie and dye. They

then created a piece of digital art ready to be transferred onto their dyed t-shirts as their own brand logo. They used fabric pens to draw on designs that they had planned for their T-shirts before finally sewing on buttons. Some children even added a pocket or an extra sewn on applique. To finish it all

off the children walked down the catwalk as part of their fashion show in front of their peers and parents!



## Sport at Holly Park

This year after the Pandemic, it has been fantastic to get sport back in full swing at Holly Park. We have played netball matches and football matches. We have continued with our swimming lessons, had a variety of sports clubs and lessons each week run by Non-Stop Action and we have taken part in Barnet cross-country competitions. The inter school Barnet athletics competition was a success for Holly Park again this year.

Classes have got back to their regular twice a week PE lessons. Our Y3 children had a team building day, Y4 did team games and orienteering at their pyjama party and both Y5 and Y6 took part in outdoor adventurous activities on their residential trips. The year ended with two lovely sports days that were very well organised and which had a great atmosphere with parents back on site.



Infant Sports Day



Athletics Competition



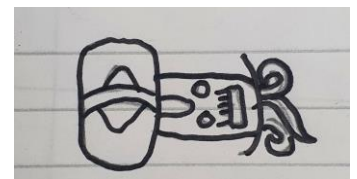
Y6 Outdoor Adventurous Activity



Junior Sports Day

## Y6 ANCIENT MAYA

Year 6's topic this term was based around the ancient civilisation, the Maya. Geographical elements featured as they learnt about the Maya's location in Mesoamerica. They studied their customs and beliefs and, for Art, had a go at writing their names in Maya hieroglyphs.



## SING, SING SING!

This term we have enjoyed several musical events. It has been wonderful to hear such lovely singing again. The Year 4 choir participated in a Hansel and Gretel Opera with our partnership of schools. The Year 5 Jubilee Choir sang at the Jubilee Pageant outside Buckingham Palace and the Year 6 choir performed at the annual Barnet Music Festival. Thank you to Miss Biggs and Mr Hogan for leading these special events.



