



HOLLY PARK
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Holly Park Highlights!



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Junior Duke

The Junior Duke scheme is aimed at helping junior aged children to learn and practice a large variety of important life skills. It gives them the opportunity to learn new skills. All of the challenges are about Personal Development. Personal Development is something that at Holly Park we believe is equally as important as academic development. In the final week of term we celebrated the achievements of 68 of our KS2 children who completed their award. This represents just over a quarter of our KS2 children. Well done to all of the children and parents for completing the challenges and for persevering through the year.



Bugsy Malone

Year 6 performed an amazing show at the end of their time at Holly Park. The show was Bugsy Malone. 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. Ms Sampson directed the show with huge enthusiasm. The amazing scenery and props were thanks to all of our talented TAs – particularly Ms Ter Horst and 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 to Mr Nichols who came and played the

piano superbly for all of the performances. Thanks also to Mr Messios and one of the pupils from East Barnet Secondary School who helped with the choreography of one of the routines. There are many photos on the website. Well done Year 6



RE AT HOLLY PARK

This year we have really embedded our work on RE across the school. Every year group has also visited a place of worship. We asked a Local Authority Inspector to come in and look at RE at Holly Park and her judgement was that the RE curriculum is strong, RE displays are high quality and work in books is good quality and that children can recall what they have learned and can compare and contrast religions.



Y5 Fun Experiences



In science, Year 5 have been learning about the Earth and Space. They visited the Science Museum and watched an amazing 3-D movie at the IMAX cinema, seeing how real astronauts live and work on the International Space Station. They explored the galleries connected to space, flight and medicine, and saw some impressive sights, such as real rockets and a lunar module.

Many of Year 5 had a fantastic time at Gilwell Park in May, taking part in a range of challenging outdoor activities such as archery, climbing and crate-stacking. Those who stayed in school had lots of fun doing arts and crafts and cooking yummy cakes.



Holly Park Tree Of Kindness

Our tree of kindness (in the foyer) has continued to flourish and bloom some more this term. Nominated children have their name written on a heart and it is hung from our tree of kindness. At Holly Park we feel that it is very important (especially as a Rights Respecting School) that Children are valued as individuals not just for their academic achievement. It is also important to focus on the positive relationships that our children have with each other – of which there are so many on a daily basis



Nursery Adventures!



The nursery went on a trip to Princess Diana's Memorial Playground in Kensington Gardens. Once they arrived at the park the children just wanted to do one thing and that was eat! They all had a big picnic and a little run around Kensington Gardens before going into the playground. The children loved climbing all over the large pirate ship, creating sounds in the music garden, crawling through tunnels and getting messy with the sand and water. They were given the task of finding two treasure chests which they did. The children had a fantastic day and many had a good nap on the coach ride home.

Y1 FOREST SCHOOL

This term, Year 1 had the opportunity to go to forest school! They had so much fun and did lots of different and fun activities. The children built dens, found mini beast habitats, relaxed in hammocks, identified plants, conjured up potions, created necklaces, walked along a slack-line and many many more!



The last forest school session was at school and the children had the opportunity to sit around a campfire and toast marshmallows. Yum!



Y3 Team Building

In June, Year 3 went on an activity day to Arnos Park. The children and adults walked to the park where we were met by instructors from Non-Stop Action. The weather was perfect and in the morning the children took part in variety of different activities; these included 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 lunch 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 there were lots of very tired children and adults!



Rights Respecting Rainbow



Our Rights Respecting Rainbow is hanging proudly on the wall in our lower junior shared area. All of the children had discussions about the

rights and which one's they felt were most important or special to them. Each child in the school from Reception to Year 6 chose a right. They drew around their hand and wrote the right on to the cut out hand. Each year group had a different colour of card.

Reception And The Beanstalk



This term Palm Class have been enjoying learning all about growing. They read Jasper's Beanstalk and Jack and the Beanstalk. They planted some beans and were very patient waiting for them to grow. They learnt about what a plant needed to grow healthily and they went

to the local allotments and did some observational drawings of the plants. Children also wrote their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and used their imagination to think about what other things might have been at the top of the beanstalk.

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. They 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 that the Two Princes were last seen alive. Other highlights included visiting the Torture Tower, walking around the battlements, seeing Beefeaters and 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 Cafe



The Year Two children held a Cafe afternoon for their parents and carers. The children were put into groups and thought of their own cafe

names, such as The Atlantic Ocean Cafe and The Fashion Cafe. In the morning, the children prepared their cafes, making signs and creating their own price lists. They had to consider how much the ingredients cost and how much they would charge, to make a profit. The children made their own sandwiches,

biscuits and drinks and sold them to Year One children in the morning and their adults in the afternoon. The children calculated the money and added it all together at the end to work out how much money they made. With the profit that they made, the children will be choosing wet play games to take to their new Year

Three Class with them for September.



Sport at Holly Park

This term has been another busy term of sport. We have continued with our swimming lessons – catch up classes for Year 5. We have had lessons in school each week run by Non-Stop Action.



Infant Sports Day



Y6 Outdoor Adventurous Activity

The inter school Barnet athletics competition was a success for Holly Park again this year. 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 enjoying the events.



Athletics Competition



Y5 Outdoor Adventurous Activity



Junior Sports Day

Y6 TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

In June Year 6 got the bus to Mill Hill where they took part in a safety workshop designed to aid their transition to secondary school. They had a series of short sessions with various organisations including the metropolitan police, the ambulance service, the fire service and Transport for London.



Y6 Careers Fair

During the last week of term we were delighted to have thirteen parents and governors come and speak to our Year 6 children about their careers. We had a life coach, a publisher, a doctor, a marketing manager, a café owner, a nursery owner, a forensic scientist, a finance manager, an accountant, a programmer, a news reporter, a teacher and someone who works for Google. It was fascinating for the children to hear about all of the wonderful jobs.



