



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

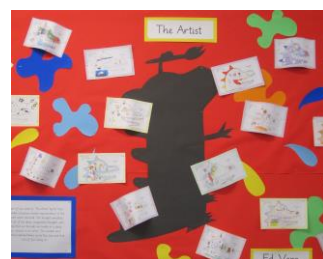
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## **Whole School Start Of Year Book – The Artist**

Our whole school start of year project was based on the book 'The Artist' The children did lots of work in art and PHSE. The book emphasises that it is fine to make mistakes, that we can learn from our mistakes and that we need resilience to carry on. Each Class made a display based on the book.



## **PTA AGM**

The PTA AGM will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. All parents are members of the PTA. Everyone is welcome. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss: Election of New PTA committee members, discuss last year's PTA events & amounts raised, Summary of where PTA raised funds were allocated last year, PTA calendar of upcoming events and the school priority wish list.

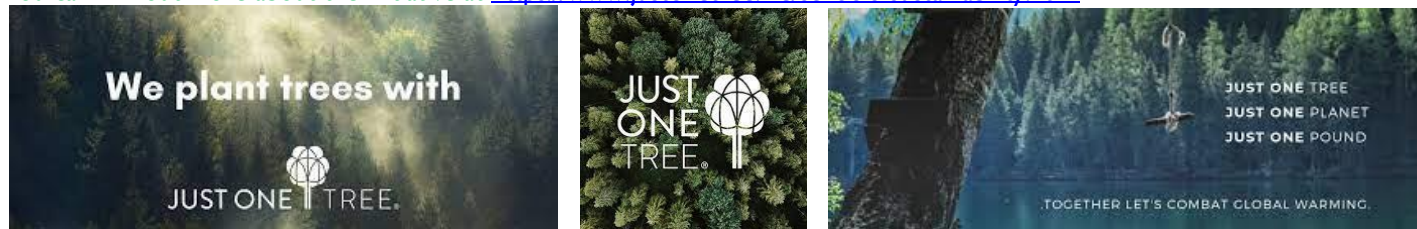
## Just One Tree

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October we will be joining Barnet schools across Barnet in celebrating and raising money for 'Just One Tree Day' Just £1 plants one tree. The charity help to Combat Climate Change through reforestation. JUST ONE Tree, make it simple to plant trees! They are a non-profit initiative making an impact in the fight against climate change through global reforestation. They plant their trees in areas severely affected by mass deforestation, maximising the effect.

As part of a borough wide project on the environment, Barnet are asking all Barnet schools to participate in this initiative.

Children need to wear green and/or brown clothes on 13<sup>th</sup> October and donate £1 on School Money. If every Barnet child brings in £1 for the non-uniform day, that is a lot of trees being planted by the charity in the Kenyan rainforest.

You can find out more about the initiative at <https://www.justonetree.life/schools-sustainability.html>



## HARVEST

Holly Park will be celebrating Harvest on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. To mark this event, we will be collecting tinned foods, cereals, porridge, rice. Noodles, tea bags, coffee, sugar, jams, oil, dried fruit, biscuits, crackers, washing up liquid, laundry tablets, bubble bath, shower gel, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and baby formula for Foodbank Aid North London. It would be fantastic if everyone could donate something to support this very worthwhile cause. Please bring in all your donations on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, and bring them directly to the hall where we will be ready to receive them to make an instant display for our assembly. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter.



## Results of The Parent Questionnaire

This week I emailed to you the results of the parent questionnaire that was sent to all parents at the end of the last academic year. There were a high number of returns made which was very pleasing to see. The results of the survey were very positive.

The headlines were:

97% of parents said that their children are happy at this school

98% of parents said that their children feel safe at this school

94% of parents feel that children are well behaved at this school

56% of parents said their child had not been bullied and 41% said any issues had been dealt with effectively = 97%

95% of parents said the school makes parents aware of what is being learned at school

22% of parents said they have never raised a concern and 76% said that concerns were dealt with effectively = 98%

97% of parents said their child does well at the school

96% of parents said there were a good range of subjects on offer at this school

94% of parents were happy that the school tells them how their child is doing

84% of parents said that their child can participate in clubs and activities at this school

88% of parents felt that the school supports personal development

**99% of parents would recommend this school to anybody moving into the area.**

## Air Pollution

Following on from the information in the newsletter last week about the good air quality outside the school, I would just like to remind parents that the idling of car engines while waiting has now been made illegal. This means that if parents arrive early and are waiting to come and collect children – they should switch off the engine while waiting.





### School Streets

In September, Barnet Council have been celebrating a commitment to healthier, greener and safer streets in the community as part of World car free day (22<sup>nd</sup> Sept). This coincides with the fact that we are getting a school Street outside our school to make it car free at certain times of the day. Barnet Council asked for some of our children to participate in a photo shoot with Cllr Barry Rawlings outside the school.

The council's School Street Scheme is designed to create a safe place where children can walk, scoot and cycle to and from school between school drop-off and pick-up times, without the worries of traffic. A time when most vehicles steer clear of the designated street, whilst residents, business owners, or carers of someone living on the street, can still access the road freely at any time, by applying for permits.

Councillor Barry Rawlings, Leader of Barnet Council said "In Barnet, we believe in taking meaningful steps towards a more sustainable future. World Car-Free Day and Cycle to School Week are not just events; they are powerful tools to encourage positive change. We are proud that schools like Holly Park, are supporting initiatives such as the School Street scheme and are leading the way to creating cleaner, greener streets for our community in Barnet. School Streets bring a wave of benefits. Children thrive in healthier environments, breathe in clean air and enjoy active travel journeys – leading to healthier bodies, and happier minds."

There will be more information coming about the School Street Scheme for our school.



### Free School Lunches for KS2

For this academic year, the mayor of London is providing funding so that every KS2 child in KS2 (Years 3-6) can have a free school lunch.

Children at Holly Park who have a lunch will not be charged.

We are not sure what will happen at the end of this year – however I hope that lots of parents will take this up as it is a money saving option for households. You do not need to inform the school office. The lunch register is called each morning and children just need to tell their teacher they are having school dinner.

### Special Lunch – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

There is a special lunch next Thursday – Build Your Own Burger.

Beef Burger in a Bun  
Veggie Burger in a Bun  
Homemade Seasonal Wedges  
Baked Beans or Sweetcorn  
Chocolate Cookie or Fruit Pot



### PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning

The PTA held a coffee morning this morning for MacMillan cancer support. Most of us know people in our lives who are or who have been affected by cancer. The coffee mornings are a great opportunity to chat, socialise, eat cake and make a donation to this wonderful charity.



### Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 95%

Well done to Year 3 Hazel Class with the best attendance at 98%

### Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Y6 assessment meeting 9am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Y2 visit to the synagogue

Wednesday 11th October Harvest Festival  
 Thursday 12th October Nasal Flu  
 Friday 13th October Just One Tree Day  
 Monday 16th October Walk to school week  
 Wednesday 18th October Y3 to Neasden Temple  
 Friday 20th October Be Bright Be Seen Day



# HOLLY PARK SCHOOL IS COLLECTING FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL



FOOD BANK AID

## FOOD BANKS URGENTLY NEED DONATIONS

Food Bank Aid delivers your donations to 30 food banks each week, supporting 16,000+ people (including 5,200 children) across North London.

## WHAT THE FOOD BANKS REALLY NEED



Tinned food - meat, fish, fruit, veg



Jam, honey and peanut butter



Breakfast cereals and porridge



Biscuits, crackers, cereal bars & dried fruit



Rice, grains & noodles



Laundry tablets and washing up liquid



Instant coffee and tea



Baby formula & nappies (large sizes), creams

We will be collecting donations for  
Harvest Festival on  
**11th October 2023**

*Thank you on behalf of Food Bank Aid!*



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