



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Be Bright Be Seen Day

Today was our annual "Be Bright Be Seen Day", to raise awareness of the importance of being safe on the streets. Mrs Thomas and The JTAs did an assembly about why the day is so important. We asked children to come to school dressed in bright clothes – not just colourful – but as bright as they can find. Here are some examples of children dressed for Be Bright Be Seen day:



Inter School Cross Country

On Tuesday 17th October Holly Park took part in the first race of the Barnet Schools Cross Country Event. All of our runners did really well, with there being many top 10 finishes. Special mention goes to Isabelle in Year 6 for coming 3rd in her race. With the second race to come in March, Holly Park currently sit 3rd overall just 18 points off first place. Thank you to Mr Bourne and Mr Carini for preparing and training the children.



House Captains

Below are our new House captains for this academic year.



GRIFFIN



PHOENIX



UNICORN



HYDRA



DRAGON

School Photographs

The school photographer will be here on **Tuesday 31st October (first week after the holiday)** to take individual and sibling photographs. If you have not returned your photography permission form then your child/children will not be able to have their photograph taken.

Also, if you have ticked no school photographs on the form, then your child/children will not have their school photograph taken. If you are not sure, please check with the school office today.

***IF your child normally has PE on a Tuesday – please do NOT come to school on Tuesday 31st October in PE Kit for the school photographs – please come to school that day in school uniform (for the photographs) and bring the PE kit in a drawstring PE bag. Children will change for PE in school that day and take their PE kit and uniform home on the same day

PTA

At the AGM last week, the PTA agreed to spend some of the funds raised last year on the following:

- £2,000 for replacing old iPads
- £600 for an author visit.
- £200 for resources for children with special needs and children with English as an additional language.
- £40 for a subscription to the historical society.
- £70 for sentence building games.
- £500 for new athletics kits
- £550 for PE equipment.
- £220 for a new football kit.
- £120 for new RE books for EYFS & KSI.
- £450 for maths resources

We are very grateful to be able to buy these extra resources that cannot be bought from the ordinary school budget.

Pupil Voice

Pupil Voice is very important to us at Holly Park. Through pupil voice we can find out more about what pupils think about school and the ideas they have for improving things. Having such a large number of groups that the children can be involved in means that they can contribute to their school community and get involved. They can also help other pupils to enjoy their time at school.

Here are some of our pupil voice groups:



Play Leaders



Junior Travel Ambassadors



School Council



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Rights Respecting Champions



Learning Council



Reading Champions



ECO Council



Dining Hall Monitors



Healthy Living Council



Wellbeing Champions



Mini Mentors

Walk To School Week

As part of making the children aware of being healthy and of caring for the environment and about safety in the area immediately outside the school grounds we had a Walk to School Week this week. Leaving the car behind at least one day a week would be something good to try OR driving part way to school and then walking the rest of the way – we call this 'PARK and STRIDE.' Well done to everyone who walked to school. Keep it up!



Read Together In Class

On Monday 6th November, parents are invited to go into school with the children to read. The session is from 8.45am to approx. 9.15am. Parents are welcome to read to children or listen to children read a book to you. Children love to read and share books with adults. You will be reading with a small group of children. If you have more than one child you will need to decide which class to go to as there will only be time for one

class. The event will be repeated in the Spring and the Summer term so there is a chance to read with your other children to. We hope that many of you will be able to visit.

Key Information about Holly Park

How does the school make parents aware of what their child will learn during the year?

The school sends out a termly year group curriculum newsletter to parents explaining what will be taught in every subject for that term. These are also on the year group page of the website.

The school has a curriculum section on the school website. Every subject has its own page with information about what is taught and how it is taught.

The school runs curriculum meetings or workshops for each year group to explain more about a variety of curriculum areas so that parents have a better idea about what is taught and how it is taught

E.g Nursery – The EYFS Curriculum

Reception – The EYFS curriculum and phonics

Year 1 – Phonics

Year 2 – SPAG and maths. Expectations for the national tests.

Year 3,4,5 – 3 workshops a year. One per term on a different subject.

Year 6 – expectations for the national tests and sex and relationship education

How does the school let me know how my child is doing?

The school may let you know informally how your child is doing through informal chats at the end of the school day, through phone calls or with a note home

The school lets parents know how their child is doing by showing their work with a book look in the Autumn and Spring term

The school holds a parent consultation in Autumn and Spring so that parents can discuss how their child is doing

The school provides an annual written report to parents at the end of the school year so that parents can see how their child is achieving in all areas of the curriculum

Is there a good range of subjects available at Holly Park?

There is an excellent range of subjects available at Holly Park. All national curriculum subjects are taught : maths, English, science, music, Spanish, art, DT, science, computing, history, P.E, geography, PHSE, R.E

We also use a specialist music teacher and a specialist Spanish teacher. We also run forest school in Year 1 and Year 5. Children go swimming in Year 4. Outdoor adventurous activity is also available on the residential trips in Year 5 and Year 6.

Attendance

Attendance for the last week was 98%

Well done to Year 2 Rowan Class and Y4 Mulberry Class with the best attendance at 99%

Dates

HALF TERM

Tuesday 31 st October	Individual Photograph Day
Tuesday 31 st October	Y3 Geobus workshops
Thursday 2 nd November	Y4 to British Museum
Thursday 2 nd November	Y6 to Imperial War Museum
Monday 6 th November	Parents in Class to Read Together 8.45-9.15am
Monday 6 th November	Notice for parent consultations Y1-6
Wednesday 8 th November	Y3 Maths workshop for parents & children 9am
Friday 10 th November	Curriculum Meeting For Parents (all year groups) 9am
Friday 10 th November	Holly Park Curriculum Day
Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13 th November	Parents Meeting about bullying (all year groups) 9am
Wednesday 15 th November	KS2 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 16 th November	KS1 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm



