



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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## Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Anti-Bullying Week will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. This year's theme, which is set by The Anti-Bullying Alliance, is "Make a noise about bullying". It will focus on discussing the difference between bullying and banter because often bullying is dismissed as "just banter".

- We will launch the week with **"Odd Socks Day" on Monday 13th November** to celebrate that we are all unique. Everyone will be asked to come to school wearing odd socks!
- The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will display posters around the school to promote the week
- Assemblies will be about anti-bullying
- Each class will have a lesson about the difference between banter and bullying and they will write a short poem in an attempt to "make some noise about bullying"
- The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will review the Holly Park Child Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy and then each class will read and discuss it during Talk Time
- Miss Michael will lead a meeting for all parents about Anti-Bullying



## Anti-Bullying Parents Meeting

Miss Michael will launch Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 13th November with a meeting for all parents at 9am in the school hall. This will take place at 9am in the hall. We will look at the definition of bullying and look at some scenarios where children have faced challenges. Some of these scenarios will be examples of where bullying has taken place whilst others will be examples of friendship difficulties and conflicts. We will look at the Holly Park Child Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy and discuss what support is offered to children at Holly Park. We will also discuss what parents can do to help their children. Please do come along.

## Cultural Day

As part of our work on Personal Development- today has been Cultural Day. Cultural heritage is about a person's unique, inherited sense of family identity: the values, traditions, culture, and artefacts handed down by previous generations. We absorb a sense of our heritage throughout our lives as we observe and experience the things that make our family unique. Cultural heritage includes: cultures, customs, beliefs, rites, rituals, ceremonies, social customs and traditions, arts, crafts and music. A cultural heritage is anything that was passed down from one generation to another. The heritage passed down can be tangible, like an heirloom, location, or object. It can also be intangible, like a tradition, belief, or skill.

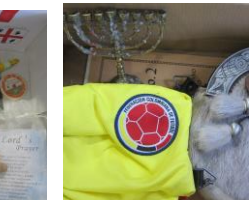
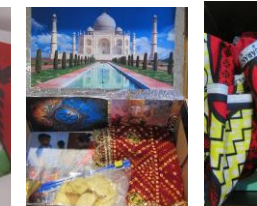
We have encouraged children to come to school dressed in clothes that represent their cultural heritage, wearing flags from their cultural heritage or colours of the flags. The children and adults looked amazing today!







Children from Year 1 to Year 6 put together a box containing items that represent their own cultural heritage. These included: flags, religious artefacts, recipes, a photo, food items, clothing etc. Such a great effort was made:





The point of our day was to value the backgrounds of all of our children, to celebrate the diversity of our community and for children to get to know more about their class mates and their backgrounds. Knowing their cultural heritage can build children's confidence and give them a sense of belonging.

Today was a wonderful day which the children really enjoyed. It was marvellous for everybody to get to know each other better, to understand and to show RESPECT for each other.

What a lot of different cultures are present within our school community. There is so much diversity here. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate this and for everyone to feel celebrated.

Next week I will feature the art work that has come from Cultural Day.

### Attendance and Punctuality at Holly Park Matters

Children should arrive in school by 9am. If they are late (after the gates have closed) they should sign in the Late File kept in the Office area. Children arriving after the close of registration without prior notification, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Children who are persistently late may be referred to the Education Welfare Team. The best way to avoid such action being taken is to get the children to school on time. Starting good habits from an early age is essential. If your child learns the importance of coming to school every day and being on time, then these good habits are likely to continue throughout their education and working life. If your child is not in school, then they cannot learn. If they miss school, they miss out. Whilst we would not want sick children at school, please help us to continue getting children here on time and prepared for the school day. Give your child a head start by ensuring that they are in school as regularly as possible and arrive on time. Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance.

Attendance Matters



### Glue Stick Donations

We are again asking parents for donations of glue sticks. We have used what we ordered and have also gone through 250 extra sticks. If you would like to make a donation to your child's class – I know that the class teachers would be incredibly grateful for donations of glue sticks. We cannot use the tiny sticks as they break quite easily in a classroom with multiple use – **we are looking for the 40g size**. Many thanks in advance for any contributions. They will be very gratefully received by class teachers.



### Remembrance

In assembly on Monday we talked about what Remembrance was about and why it is important that we remember. The children listened to a poem about why we have poppies and what they represent. The poem was called 'The Inquisitive Child' It is a poem all about why remembrance is important. This week we have sold poppies and other merchandise. I explained to the children why this happens and where the money goes.

The children in Bellevue After School Club and in the nursery have made lovely remembrance displays.



### Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 95%

Well done to Year 4 Sycamore Class with the best attendance at 99%.

### Dates

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week

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Parents Meeting about bullying (all year groups) 9am in the hall

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

KS2 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Consultations for KS1 & KS2 4-6.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Consultations for KS1 and KS2 4-6.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Decorations Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery drop in for new children 4-5pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 and Y6 parties
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Nativity at 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS parties
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Nativity at 2.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 parties
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 and Y4 parties
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Term ends at 1.30pm

