

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Belonging

I have been talking to the children in assemblies about belonging to our school. The wellbeing Champions have also been thinking about how important it is for mental health that everyone feels a sense of belonging. In assembly teachers talked about clubs etc that they belonged to when they were small and what it meant to belong. The children came up with 4 things that they felt belonging meant. If we belong we are:

- Connected
- Included
- Valued
- Safe
- Have purpose/Involved

I am looking with the children at each of these words in assemblies over this term.

We have made a whole school display in one of our shared spaces about belonging. All of the children from Reception to Year 6 and all of the staff – including Poppy have their photo in the heart!



Online Safety - Parent Session 9th February

Do you know what your child is doing on their computer or ipad?

Do you know which sites are safe?

Are you aware of all of the dangers of your child having a mobile phone?

Are your children sending messages on x box?

Is your child watching videos on Youtube?

What are the dangers of Apps?

What social media is suitable for my child?

How much screen time is acceptable?

What are the latest online dangers?

On Friday 9th February we have paid for an outside company to come in and talk about online-safety all day with classes and also to do a meeting for parents at 9am to help parents think about keeping children safe at home on computers, ipads etc when they are playing games and using the Internet. We have run these sessions for the last few years and they have been a great success. Parents found it scary, thought provoking and extremely useful. It is very important to be one step ahead of your child as technology becomes more a part of children's everyday lives. Whatever your child's age or year group, the meeting will be appropriate and useful.

I would urge as many parents as possible to come along to the school hall at 9am on Friday 9th February







Chinese New Year Lunch

There will be a special themed lunch for Chines New Year on Thursday 8th February:

Chicken Chow Mein
Stir Fried Chicken with Steamed Rice
Or
Vegetable Chow Mein
Pineapple and Coconut Cake









Next Week is Mental Health Week

The week beginning 5th February is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is – My voice matters.

There will be an assembly at the start of that week. In talk time that week the children will have discussion about why their voices matter e.g Pupil voice within school, democracy, safeguarding, to get help, consent etc

The children will do an activity either in class or for homework about what matters to them:

There will be a <u>Dress To Express Day on Wednesday 7th February</u> where children dress to express themselves. This is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a range of emotions. Children can come dressed in their favourite colour or their favourite outfit or a fancy dress outfit – anything that makes them smile and reflects their personality.

Foodbank Aid - 'Can We Bank on You?' Campaign

Foodbank are trying to raise awareness of the local food bank and spread the word.

They are challenging schools to ask every child to decorate a paper plate with their favourite meal on it and then to take the **best creative group photos of the children holding up their plates.**

On Monday 19th February (straight after half term) every child from Reception to Year 6 will bring home a paper plate to decorate with their favourite meal. They can decorate by drawing and colouring it in or by collage or even sticking on 3D foods. There are some examples below. Some children might like to do this over half term on a paper plate.

They should return it to school by Thursday 22nd and some will be selected to be in a photograph competition to win the school £50 worth of food bank books for the school library.

On the week of 19th February, we will also have a large basket in the foyer and across the week we will be collecting donations of food to take to the local Food Bank Aid. Your support will be much appreciated. Suggested items are listed at the end of the newsletter.











Tag Rugby Club (KS2)

After School Tag Rugby - KS2 (7 - 11.9yrs) (Accelerate Sports) Tuesdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm

We are very happy to be able to now offer you our after-school tag rugby sessions as we do throughout many schools in Barnet and Haringey.

Tag rugby is a non-contact sport and our after-school tag rugby club programme is designed for Years 3-6, providing a safe and encouraging space for kids to learn together. No experience or skill is necessary and your child will have a chance to showcase what they have learnt at our All Valley Tag Rugby Tournament that we hold twice a year for our after-school club attendees. All club attendees will be invited to compete against other schools in the area with all children getting the chance to play. Which school will take home the coveted trophy this year?

If you have any questions please email deanna@accelerate-sports.co.uk

Please note we accept online payments (this will incur a platform fee), bank transfers, childcare vouchers or HMRC tax free childcare.

There will be free taster sessions next week for children to try it out:

Monday 5th February: Y3 and 4 in PE kit 12.20-1pm Tuesday 6th February: Y5 and 6 in PE Kit 12.20-1pm

The link to book is:

https://acceleratesports.classforkids.io/info/60

Term price: £64.00 Tuesday 3:30pm - 4:30pm Flier at the end of the newsletter.

6 sessions Tue 20 Feb 24 Tue 27 Feb 24 Tue 05 Mar 24 Tue 12 Mar 24 Tue 19 Mar 24 Tue 26 Mar 24











Chess Club (KS2)

We are pleased to announce that there will be a lunchtime chess club for years 3-6 starting after half term. The club will be run by John Fleetwood from Finchley Chess Moves. John is National Primary Schools Director of Chess. The classes need to be booked and paid for directly with John. Information has been sent out and is attached to the end of this newsletter.







Karate Club (YI-Y6)

The Pantha Karate club will start after half term. It will be for Year 1-6 in the main hall 3.30-4.30pm on Fridays The cost of the first half term is £75. Included in the cost of the weekly sessions is a free karate suit, a karate licence and ability to do the various Karate gradings as children progress with their Karate. Booking is direct with the club. The flier is attached to the newsletter.









Art Club (YI-3)

I am pleased to tell you that an art club will be starting after half term for children in Years I,2 and 3. It will be run by an art lady and will happen after school from 3.30-4.30pm in our spare classroom. The children will get to participate in lots of drawing and painting activities and will also learn about different artists. Booking is direct with the art lady. The leaflet advertising the art club and with all the information is at the bottom of this newsletter.







Road Safety

Last week all of our KSI children had a workshop on road safety and keeping safe while crossing the roads. The workshop gave essential information and was also lots of fun. I would urge parents to talk to children of all primary ages about safe crossing of the roads.

Ironically the workshop coincided with the same week that one of our Y6 pupils was knocked over by a car in Glenthorne Road. It is extremely important that Y5 and Y6 parents talk to their children about safe Lone walking and careful crossing of the roads.

I would again remind parents who drive to school and back to drive slowly and with extreme caution in roads which are busy with primary and secondary children going to and from school. I also remind drivers to think carefully when parking – parking on corners is illegal and restricts visibility for other drivers.

The incident last Friday has been reported to the police and there was a photograph of the driver and the car number plate. This will be investigated.











Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week of term was 94% Well done to Y4 Mulberry Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Monday 5th February Children's Mental health Week

Monday 5th February Annual House Challenge

Tuesday 6th February Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February Healthy eating workshop for parents at 9am (rescheduled)

Wednesday 7th February Dress to Express Day

Friday 9th February Online Safety Meting for parents at 9am

Friday 9th February HPS Online safety day
Friday 9th February End of Half term at 3.30pm



WE HAVE ACHIEVED























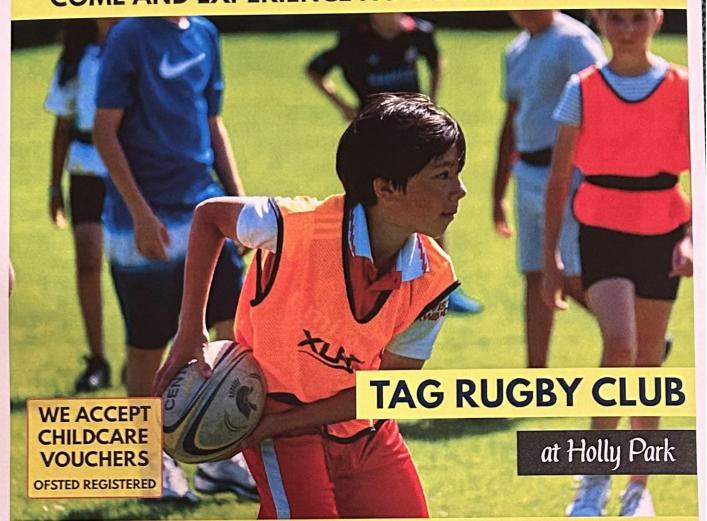








COME AND EXPERIENCE NON CONTACT RUGBY



TAG RUGBY CLUB!

FOR BOYS & GIRLS YEARS 3-6 (AGES:7-11)

AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 16:30 EVERY TUESDAY

https://acceleratesports.classforkids.io/info/60

TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE!
LUNCHTIME - YEAR 3&4 - MON 5th FEB
LUNCHTIME - YEAR 5&6 - TUE 6th FEB

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS • HOLIDAY CLUBS • SATURDAY CLUB• PE/PPA COVER • TAG RUGBY & MULTISKILLS deanna@accelerate-sports.co.uk • Tel +447507 798 271

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FINCHLEY CHESS MOVES

Email: johnfleetwoodj@aol.com

Dear Parents

I am delighted to let you know that I am starting a new chess club at Holly Park Primary School, starting after half term on **Tuesday 20th February 2024.**

They will be run each Tuesday during lunchtime 12.20pm - 1.00pm.

The club is open to Years 3-6.

The cost for the half term is £48 for 6 lessons. There is a limit of 24 children on a first come first served basis.

Chess develops a number of important skills such as pattern recognition and memory, decision making, analytical ability, imagination and self-discipline, all of which can naturally help children in the academic arena.

We enter teams in various tournaments, both locally and Nationally.

If your child is interested in joining the chess club, please email me the following:

Child's name:

Year:

Class:

Two mobile contact numbers:

Any allergies/medication:

Please pay by bank transfer only and the details are as follows:

Reference: Child's name followed by HPS (so it sis clear who payment is for).

Name of account: Finchley Chess Moves

Acc No: 60440205 Sortcode: 20 91 79

Yours sincerely John Fleetwood.

National Primary Schools Director of Chess









PANTHA KARATE

Pantha karate will be starting an afterschool club at Holly Park after the half term holiday starting on: Friday 23rd February

Classes will run: on Fridays 3.30pm to 4.30pm

For the first half term there will be 5 sessions.

Year groups: Years I to 6.

Cost: The fee for the half term is £75. This will include the karate suit.

Included in the cost of the weekly sessions is a free karate suit, a karate licence and ability to do the various Karate gradings as children progress with their Karate.

To book a place or make an enquiry please email: panthakarate@yahoo.co.uk



At the spare classroom 15.30-16.30
(5 classes) £75
We can do a trial session £15.
Siblings discount available on request.
No refunds on cancellations.

Children can bring ONE snack.

All materials are included in price.
In art club we will learn painting and drawing techniques plus history of art.

To book WhatsApp /text 07741126151 Vera Moore providing

your child /childrens name & class Year (tree).

If your child has any allergies
or any conditions please let me know.

ART&CRAFT PARTIES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



HOLLY PARK IS COLLECTING FOR **FOOD BANK AID 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



Cooking oil



Breakfast cereals



Biscuits, crackers, nuts, cereal bars & dried fruit



Rice, grains & noodles (max 1kg)



Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes & deodorant



Jam, honey, peanut butter, Marmite



📉 Baby formula & nappies (large sizes), creams

HOW TO DONATE

We will be collecting for Food Bank Aid from 19th to 23rd February Please leave your donations in the box in the foyer

Thank you on behalf of Food Bank Aid!





@FoodBankAid



Food Bank Aid

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