



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Neurodiversity refers to a world where neurological differences are recognised and respected as all other human variations. The umbrella term 'neurodiversity' is used to describe alternative ways of thinking such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. According to this source, approximately 15-20% of the population has a neurological difference. However, the neurodiverse population are a minority group. Lack of awareness around neurodivergent conditions can lead to decreased self-worth, social isolation, and higher rates of mental ill health. Also, managing the sensory differences that being neurodiverse can bring can be challenging and lead to feelings of anxiety, stress, and depression. This week Mrs Kelly led an assembly about neurodiversity.



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School Streets – Important Information

At Holly Park the safety of our pupils in school and on their way to school is of the utmost importance to us. We know that road safety directly outside the school has been a concern for many parents too. We are delighted to announce that we have worked with Barnet Council to introduce a 'School Street' outside our school.

What is a School Street?

A school street is a timed road restriction where most vehicles are not permitted to travel through the school area. This is during school pick up and drop off times.

How does it work?

A School Street is monitored by Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras to ensure that only vehicles with permits travel in the School Street.

Why are we having a School Street?

School Streets are about pupil safety during school pick up and drop off. In the past 12 months we have had several near misses between pupils and cars, several cars travelling over the speed limit, cars not parking properly and children getting out into the road and lots of very bad parking.

By removing cars from the school pick up and drop off zone children will be safer during this time.

Where does the school street cover?

The School Street covers the pickup and drop off zones directly outside the school. **The zone will run in a straight line on Bellevue Road from the junction with The Crescent and the junction with Holly Park Road.**

These will be active between: **8.30am --9.15am and 3.00pm – 3.45pm Monday to Friday**

during these hours this section of road will become a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone. The timed closure will be enforced with the use of ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras.

When will the school street start?

The first date of the school street will be the first day of the Summer Term (15th of April).

It is a perfect time as the weather is getting warmer and the evenings are getting lighter. The school street should keep everyone safer around the school. School Streets are also about using active routes to get you to school - hop on your bike or get on your scooter to get to school.

**Please be advised that if you do drive through the section of Bellevue Road outside the school in the school safe zone during the specified times that you will be caught on camera and you will receive a fine from Barnet Council. The school is not responsible for the issuing of fines.*

Halal Wednesdays

Following responses in the 2023 parent survey about the possibility of Halal meat, I have been looking in to the possibility of having Halal meat served at Holly Park. We have been in discussions with our caterer about introducing Halal meat into school lunch **ONLY** for those pupils who would like to have it. For those who do not wish to have Halal meat, the **meat that is currently on offer to all children will still be available.** The Halal meat would only

be for those children who request it.

For the summer term and to see how it goes, we are considering the option of Halal meat as an option on the Wednesday roast dinner day. On Wednesdays for the summer term, there will be Halal chicken available.

If you choose to opt for Halal meat for your child on the Wednesday – then the children must choose this option and not the vegetarian option on offer.

If you would be interested in having Halal meat for your child as part of this trial on a Wednesday, completed slips should have been returned to the school office **by today**. I will then be able to inform Olive Dining who would make the decision about if there was enough take up. I will obviously inform you of the outcome.

If there is enough take up, then I would hope that this option would be available from 15th April 2024 for the summer term. We will then monitor the take up of the Halal Wednesday offer over the summer term.

Term Dates For 2024/25

The Holly Park term dates for the academic year 2024/25 are attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

Jenny Elia

At the end of this term, Jenny Elia one of our long-established nursery nurses will be leaving to take up a post as a nursery nurse in the 2year old provision at Moss Hall Nursery. We will be sad to see Jenny leave as she has been at Holly Park for very many years and has worked in both nursery and reception. She is very creative and produces wonderful activities for the children to engage in and lovely displays. Jenny has worked hard on promoting our nursery and has been responsible for our nursery social media. Jenny has contributed to wider school life and has also been on residential trips with the older children. We wish Jenny well at Moss Hall.

Clubs For Summer Term – Outside Providers

Our big selection of new clubs have gone very well this term with many children participating. The clubs will be running again next term and a new sign up is necessary if children want to continue next term or join a club. A list of clubs and contact details is attached to the bottom of this newsletter. We hope that many parents will sign up over the next week to ensure a place for their child/ren.



Easter Treats

There will be special Easter treats on Monday 25th March as part of the school lunch:

Chocolate Easter Egg nest Cake
Coconut Easter Egg Nest Cakes

PTA Easter Fair

The PTA Easter fair was a huge success yesterday and the sun shone! The hall was very busy indeed and children enjoyed searching the playground hunting for their Easter eggs. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported it and especially to those who ran stalls and who organised the fair

A message from the PTA:

A Big Thank You! To all our wonderful volunteers who made our Easter Fair a big success! Be it support in preparing, setting up, selling on the day or clearing up.

And of course, not forgetting A Big Thank You to all our wonderful Holly Park families who came along and joined in the fun, making it a success.

Congratulations to our winner of our Cake Competition is Kevin's mum in Year 3, Griselda! Winning a wonderful Easter Hamper full of chocolate goodies!

Also, congratulations to our runner up parents;

Rhian - mum of Amara in Y3

Rebecca - mum of Carter's in Nursery

Laura - mum of Jasper in Nursery, Tobias in Y3 and Annabella Y6

Julie - mum of Oscar in Y3

The winners of our 'Guess the number of Eggs in the bucket?'

Alana in Year 6 Cedar Class

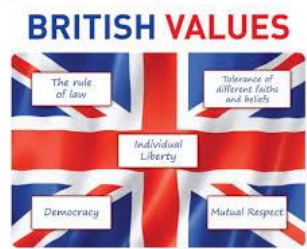
May in Year 4 Hazel Class

Well done! They guessed the exact number of eggs in the bucket which was 172 eggs!!!



British Values Day

Friday 19th April is our British Values Day – children need to come to school that day wearing red, white and blue. They will be undertaking various activities about the British values in class that day.



Uniform

We have noticed recently that uniform is not being followed correctly by several children and families.

After Easter we will be looking very closely at uniform and will be messaging daily to parents of children who are not wearing the correct Holly Park uniform.

Some reminders:

- For PE children must have plain white trainers.
- Navy blue trousers are not part of our uniform.
- Hair accessories should be in school colours
- No jewellery (except of a religious nature) should be worn
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Here is the Holly Park summer uniform:

Year 1 to Year 6 Summer

As Winter or:

Green and white checked dress (optional and generic)

Grey shorts (generic)

White or black sandals with secure fastening (max heel height 3cm) **NO Trainers or CROCS**

A cap to protect from the sun

***No other items of clothing should be visible under the red polo shirt.** If a child is cold they should wear a short-sleeved vest and their sweatshirt on top,

PE Kit

Red shorts (generic)

Plain white T-shirt (generic or branded)

Plain white trainers

Outdoor kit of dark green jogging trousers and top

Wellbeing Week

Next week is Holly Park wellbeing week. As part of this week we ask children to wheel to school – on bicycles or scooters as a healthy way to travel to school.

Our wellbeing week this year has a focus on being kind to yourself and being kind to yourself. Mrs Puzey and the Wellbeing Champions will lead assembly on Monday to present this to the children.

It is just as important to be kind to yourself as it is to be kind to others. The wellbeing champions will be explaining how we can be kind to ourselves e.g – taking regular walks, eating healthily, getting enough sleep, praise yourself, learn from your mistakes, believe in yourself etc.

Kindness has lots of benefits for our own and others mental health and wellbeing. We will be encouraging the children next week to be kind to themselves.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week of term was 95%

Well done to Y3 Hazel Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Monday 25th March

Holly Park Well-being Week

Monday 25th March

Holly Park Wheel to School Week

Tuesday 26th March

Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations 4pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 27th March

Y3 Roman Day

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Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations 4pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 28th March

End of term at 1.30pm



**WE HAVE
ACHIEVED**



**MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL**
2022 - 2023



External Clubs Quick Sign Up Directory Reception

Yoga	Wednesday 3.30pm	allison@pilatesandyogazone.com 07800 992202
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KS1

Football	Monday 3.30pm	https://nonstopaction.co.uk/ 02084460006
Yoga	Wednesday 3.30pm	allison@pilatesandyogazone.com 07800 992202
Gymnastics	Thursday lunch	07725818655 info@vickyracademy.co.uk
Art	Friday 3.30pm	Vera Moore 07741126151
Karate	Friday 3.30pm	panthakarate@yahoo.co.uk

KS2

Street Dance	Monday lunch (Y3/4) Monday 3.30pm (Y5/6)	info@dancewright.co.uk 07482693890
Chess	Tuesday lunch	johnfleetwoodj@aol.com
Tag Rugby	Tuesday 3.30pm	deanna@accelerate-sports.co.uk 07507798271
Gymnastics	Wednesday lunch	07725818655 info@vickyracademy.co.uk
Computer Game Design	Wednesday 3.30pm	www.eAssistant.co.uk 077 4849 3383
Yoga (Year 3)	Wednesday 3.30pm	07800 992202 allison@pilatesandyogazone.com
Computer Coding	Thursday lunch	www.eAssistant.co.uk 077 4849 3383
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Art (Y3&4)	Friday 3.30pm	Vera Moore 07741126151



TERM DATES FOR 2024 – 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

- Monday 2nd September 2024:** Staff Training Day, school closed
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024: Children return to school at 8.55am
- Friday 13th September 2024:** Staff Training Day, school closed
- Friday 25th October 2024: End of the first half of the Autumn Term
- Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November: **Half Term Holiday**, school closed*
- Monday 4th November 2024: Children return to school at 8.55am
- Friday 22nd November 2024:** Staff Training Day, school closed
- Friday 20th December 2024: End of the Autumn Term, *school ends at 1.30pm*
- Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January: **Christmas Holidays**, school closed*

SPRING TERM 2025

- Monday 6th January 2025:** Staff Training Day, school closed
- Tuesday 7th January 2025: Children return to school at 8.55am
- Friday 14th February 2025: End of the first half of the Spring Term
- Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February: **Half Term Holiday**, school closed*
- Monday 24th February 2025: Children return to school at 8.55am
- Friday 4th April 2025: End of the Spring Term, *school ends at 1.30pm*
- Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April: **Easter Holidays**, school closed*

SUMMER TERM 2025

- Tuesday 22nd April 2025: Children return to school at 8.55am
- Monday 5th May 2025: May Bank Holiday, school closed
- Friday 23rd May 2025: End of the first half of the Summer Term
- Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May: **Half Term Holiday**, school closed*
- Monday 2nd June 2025:** Staff Training Day, school closed
- Tuesday 3rd June 2025: Children return to school at 8.55am
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025: End of the Summer Term, *school ends at 1.30pm*