



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Ofsted Inspection

As you know, we had an Ofsted inspection this week. The process was very rigorous, thorough and intensive with a complete 360 scrutiny of the school in all aspects of its work – Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Early Years. The inspection involved data, book scrutiny, planning scrutiny, discussions, observations, discussion with governors and pupil, staff and parent voice.

I am able to tell you that we are very pleased with how the inspection went. Unfortunately, I am not able to share with you the outcome at this stage. Once the final report is written (in approximately 30 working days) I will be able to share this with parents. This is likely to be after the Easter holidays.

I want to express my huge thanks to our whole community for coming together to celebrate Holly Park. Many thanks to the whole staff team and to school leaders including governors for their huge input into this inspection - not only their work over the last few days but for their continued work over the past 18 months in the build up to the inspection. Thank you to Fiona Quinton for her tireless work and attention to detail on the school website – which is where the inspection begins. All of the statutory information was there and the inspector loved Poppy and the dog blog! Thank you so much to our parent community for your positive feedback in the parent survey and for all of the positive comments made in the feedback. There have been many messages of goodwill and support from parents. Special thanks must go to all of the children who were just amazing and did us proud!

I look forward to be able to share the result and the report with you in due course.

World Book Day

Yesterday children from Nursery to Y5 dressed up as characters from books. There was a world book day assembly and children did various World book Day activities which will continue today. Y6 have dressed up today as characters from books and we look forward to seeing the book jars on Monday.



Supporting A National Charity 25th March

The national charity that we are supporting this year is The Anti-Bullying Alliance. It is a charity that was established by the NSPCC and the National Children's Bureau in 2002 and is hosted by the National Children's Bureau. They work to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children can live, grow, play and learn. Each year, they organise Anti-Bullying Week. At Holly Park, we use their resources and expertise to support the work that we do on anti-bullying. We will be launching Well Being Week on **Monday 25th March** by asking the children to come dressed in blue, pink and purple (the colours of the Anti-Bullying Alliance) and asking for donations of £1.

There will be a meeting for parents about anti-bullying on Thursday 21st March at 9.30 on Zoom.

Book Looks Year 1 to Year 6

These happen a week before the consultations. They are advertised in the dates section of the newsletter.

There are 2 book looks so do be sure to get the right date

There is a KS1 Book Look – this is for Y1 and Y2

There is a KS2 Book Look – this is for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

The idea is that you can go into the classroom and sit down with your child and look at their work.

This will give you an idea about how you think your child is doing ahead of parent meetings. I attach below a series of

things that you might look for.

The classrooms are open from 3.45pm to 5.45pm. You can come along any time within that window. (At the end of the school day, the teacher will indicate when you can come in once the teacher has made sure all of the children are safely accounted for)

I would estimate that you will probably spend approximately 20-30 minutes with your child and their books.

The teacher will not be present in the room as this is for children and parents to look together.

The event is not really suitable for toddlers. However, if it is unavoidable that they have to attend due to child care, we do ask that they stay with you and do not wander round the classrooms and play with equipment.

At the end of the session, please leave your child's work in a pile on the desk.

This term the book looks are:

Tuesday 12th March KS1 Book Look (Years 1-2) 3.45 to 5.45pm

Wednesday 13th March KS2 Book Look (Years 3-6) 3.45 to 5.45pm

Easter Holiday Camp

This camp offers both football and multi-sport camp days for boys and girls from the age of 5+. The camp will take place at Holly Park Primary School during the school Easter holiday from 2nd – 12th April. Camp days start at 9 am and finish at 3 pm. Children are split into groups according to age. Parents will need to provide your child/ren with a packed lunch and a morning snack. Camp days are fun, engaging, and full of exciting games and activities as well as prizes. The camp does not concentrate solely on the winning side of sports but also on ensuring the children have fun and play games competitively and respectfully. All members of staff are DBS checked. Please see the flier attached to the end of the newsletter.

Holly Park Book Swap

Today we had the annual Holly Park book swap. The children really enjoyed looking through the books. Thank you to all of the families who donated books. The book swap is a really good way to support the recycling of books so that children can enjoy new books at no extra cost.

Barnet Dance Festival

Some of our Y6 children represented the school so well at the annual Barnet Dance festival at The Arts Depot this week. It was an amazing opportunity to perform in a proper theatre, on a stage in front of an audience of 500 people. Approximately 70 Barnet school take part across several nights with over 1,000 children participating. Holly Park danced a rock and roll number with energy and enjoyment. They have been practicing for several weeks and were very excited to participate. Huge thanks and congratulations to Miss Yiannaki who has been rehearsing them at lunchtimes and always has very high standards for the children to meet. Thank you to Mr Bourne who supported Miss Yiannaki with the rehearsals and performance.



Year 4 Pyjama Party

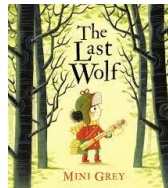
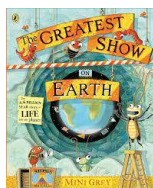
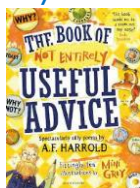
The Y4 pyjama party last Friday night was great fun. The children arrived at school and played really exciting and fun games in the hall with Non-Stop Action and did orienteering in the dark with torches outside in the playground, ate pizza, changed into their pyjamas and watched a movie in the hall. It was a wonderful and fun experience in preparation for the residential in Y5 next year. Thank you to Ms Sampson (who organised it) and all the staff who helped.



Author Visit 13th March

On Wednesday 13th March Ms Sampson has secured the author/illustrator Mini Grey to make a visit to meet the children at Holly Park and talk about her work and books. Huge thank you to the PTA who have paid for the author visit.

We have arranged for the Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop to sell copies of her books after school which Mini Grey will stay behind and sign copies of in the hall. The children will be able to use their World Book Day token to get £1 off any of the books they buy.



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week of term was 97%

Well done to Y1 Chestnut Class with the best attendance at 100%.

Dates

Monday 11 th March	Times released online for parent consultations
Tuesday 12 th March	Y4 Maths workshop for parents & children at 9am
Tuesday 12 th March	KS1 Book Look at 3.45pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Author visit
Wednesday 13 th March	KS2 Book Look at 3.45pm
Monday 18 th March	First aid lessons this week
Monday 18 th March	Curriculum Meeting for parents via zoom at 9.30am
Monday 18 th March	Infant Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 19 th March	Infant show at 2pm
Tuesday 19 th March	Nursery stay and play 4-5pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Infant show at 2pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Cross-country competition
Thursday 21 st March	Anti-bullying meeting for parents via zoom at 9.30am
Thursday 21 st March	Infant show at 9.30am
Friday 22 nd March	Year 4 Viking Day
Monday 25 th March	Holly Park Well-being Week
Monday 25 th March	Holly Park Wheel to School Week
Tuesday 26 th March	Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations 4pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3 Roman Day
Wednesday 27 th March	Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations 4pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	End of term at 1.30pm



WE HAVE
ACHIEVED



MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2022 - 2023



**Football & indoor
games with an
outdoor playground
& Astro football
pitch
Kids hiit workout
Boxing
Arts & Crafts**

ITHIP EASTER CAMP

**GIRLS AND BOYS
AGES 5-11**

APRIL 2ND - APRIL 12TH

**EASTER EGG HUNTS
on Tuesday and
Thursday!**

**Holly park primary school
N11 3HG
From 9am-3pm**

**DEADLINE
MARCH 12TH**

**SPACE IS
LIMITED**

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