



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Y6 National Tests

This week we had the national test week for Y6. The tests are very challenging with the average expectation being more in line with what an average 13year old used to be expected to do.

I would like to acknowledge ALL of the staff who have worked with the children over the years but particularly to Miss Sampson, Mr Carini, Mr Delooze, Mr Gordon, Mrs Hurry, Ms Ter Horst and Mrs Thomas for the fantastic work they have done with the children this year to prepare them for the tests and to all the other staff who have supported Y6. Thanks go to the PTA for buying the start of day breakfasts and also to all of the school staff who set up the hall and volunteered to run the special Y6 breakfasts and those who also invigilated the tests across the week.

A very big well done to our Y6 children who have kept calm over the week and really tried their best. Thank you to governors who came in as independent observers to ensure the tests were carried out fairly.



The Holly Park Big Appeal – New Library

Last week we officially launched our Crowd Funder Campaign for our new Holly Park Appeal for a new library space within our school. The crowd funder is now live and runs for 4 weeks until 7th June 2024. Please help us transform a spare classroom into a vibrant library space at Holly Park School and keep reading at the heart of our curriculum! Please watch the video that launches this appeal and use the link (below) or scan the QR code to donate. Please share the link to the crowd funder on your social media. Please share amongst your friends, neighbours and family. Our target is to raise £5,000 from the crowd funder. Every donation counts – no matter how small. Your help and support is much appreciated. Currently the crowd funder stands at an amazing £3,560 – please help us reach our target.



www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hollypark-2024



How will the children be able to get involved with the library fundraising campaign?

This Big Holly Park Appeal, like the ones that have gone before it is a true community project involving parents, staff, governors, PTA and local charities. It is important that the children also feel involved. It was lovely to see some of them

in the videos – campaigning for a new library and explaining why we really need one. However, we want to ensure that all of the children can get involved. We have therefore come up with two events (inspired by the Reading Champions) that all of the children can get involved with:

Dress as a favourite Book Character (Nursery to Y5)

On Friday 24th May (the last day of half term) we would like to encourage all of the children to come dressed as one of their favourite book character for an online donation of £2 on school money towards the library. This could be the same character as they were for World Book Day recently or a completely new character. Please encourage your child to get involved with this and explain to them that by doing so they are helping to raise funds for their new library. Y4 are on a trip on 24th so they will have their dress as a character on Thursday 23rd.

Sponsored Read (Reception to Y6)

Over a two-week period from Friday 24th May to Friday 7th June – we are asking all children to participate in a sponsored read to raise money for the library. We are encouraging the children to read as many pages as they can – whether that be in one long book or across several shorter books. We are encouraging them to get people to sponsor them – immediate family, wider family (grandparents, uncles, aunts) , family friends and neighbours (with supervision and safety). The children will be given a paper sponsor form and an envelope to collect money in. We are asking people to sponsor them for the number of pages they read. Once they have completed the reading period, they should collect up the money and bring it into school in the envelope provided to be added to the library funds. Your help and encouragement with this will be very much appreciated.



Library Appeal – Crowd Funder Closing Event – Book Themed Cupcake Sale

On the last day of the crowd funder (Friday 7th June) we want to close the appeal with a book themed cake sale. We are asking all of our families to bake book themed cupcakes. These will be sold at the end of the school day and the money will also go to the library appeal. Please have a think about some book themed cupcakes that you and your family could have fun making together to bring for the sale. All cake donations will be very much appreciated. Here are some ideas that might get you thinking:



Lemonade and Fruit Cup Sale for the Library Appeal

Two of our Holly Park children were very enterprising last weekend. Lily and May ran a homemade lemonade and fruit cup stall last weekend in aid of the library for Holly Park. Amazingly, they raised £63.18. Fantastic – what a great idea and much appreciated.



School Games Mark – Gold

We are delighted to announce that we, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award again for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to: Mr Bourne, Miss Yiannaki, Mr Carini, Mr Reid and Mr Llewellyn. We look forward to applying once again in 2025!



Letting Our School Hall

Over the past couple of years we have been letting out our school hall at weekends for all kinds of events including parties. We also hire the hall out after 6pm on weekdays for clubs and groups e.g Karate. All lettings are booked through a company called 'Sharesy' If you would be interested in having a birthday party in the school hall you can book this through the Sharesy website. Booking can include the main hall, the dining hall, the Astro ball area or the playgrounds. If you would be interested in hiring a part of the school for an event you can go to:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holly-park-primary-school>

Y6 Careers Fair

Following the success of last year's Y6 careers fair, we are looking to repeat this again. As part of the work that we are doing across the school about the world of work we would really like to use our parent base to create a kind of careers fair towards the end of the school year. **The date will be Monday 22nd July (afternoon)** We are looking for approximately 10 parents who would be willing to come in to talk to a small group of children about their job and answer any questions. The session is a round robin of Y6 children in groups of about six, rotating round each parent. Each parent would need to talk to approximately 10 different groups of children for about 10-15 minutes at a time.

If you think that you would be able to come and help us with this and talk about your job please contact me on head@hollypark.barnetmail.net



Attendance

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

Well done to Y4 Sycamore Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Monday 20th May	Y6 Residential
Thursday 23 rd May	Y4 dress as your favourite character day in aid of the library
Friday 24 th May	Dress as your favourite book character day in aid of the library
Friday 24 th May	The start of our sponsored read in aid of the library
Friday 24 th May	Y5 PTA cake sale

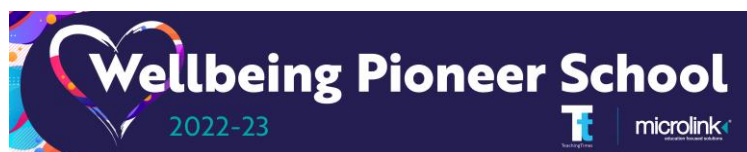
HALF TERM

Monday 3rd June	INSET Day
Monday 3 rd June	Y4 Multiplication checks begin
Tuesday 4th June	School begins
Wednesday 5 th June	Willow Class to the Environmental Centre
Friday 7th June	Hazel Class to the Environmental Centre
Friday 7 th June	End of the Library appeal
Friday 7 th June	End of the sponsored read
Friday 7 th June	Book themed cake sale at 3.30pm
Monday 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Monday 10 th June	Secondary transfer meeting Y5 parents at 9.00am
Monday 10 th June	Y4 trip to the Tower of London
Tuesday 11 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 12 th	Y5 to the Wallace collection

Wednesday 12 th June	PTA Fathers' day shop
Thursday 13 th June	PTA Fathers' day shop
Friday 14 th June	Nursery trip 1 to Princess Diana memorial Playground
Monday 17 th June	Meeting for parents new nursery/reception 2024/25 7pm
Tuesday 18 th June	Barnet Music Festival
Tuesday 18 th June	The Debate challenge workshop (Y5 children)
Tuesday 18 th June	Nursery open session for new parents 4-5pm
Thursday 20 th June	Diversity Day: Be yourself Thursday
Thursday 20 th June	Y6 Barnet Junior Citizenship programme
Friday 21 st June	Y3 Team Building day
Monday 24 th June	Junior Sports 10.30am
Tuesday 25 th June	Nursery open session for new parents 4-5pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Infant Sports 10.30am
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5 to Cuffley Camp
Thursday 27 th June	PTA Movie Night
Thursday 4 th July	The Debate Challenge day (Y5children)
Friday 5 th July	Nursery trip 2 to Princess Diana memorial Playground
Monday 8 th July	Reports emailed home across this week
Thursday 11 th July	Reception trip to Tate Britain
Monday 15 th July	Y6 show week
Friday 19 th July	New Classes announced for September 2024
Saturday 20 th July	PTA summer fair
Monday 22 nd July	Reception Assembly Performance at 9.30am
Monday 22 nd July	Y6 Careers Fair
Monday 22 nd July	Y6 Leavers' Party 7pm – 9pm
Tuesday 23 rd July	Children to visit new classes and teachers
Tuesday 23 rd July	Junior Duke celebration event 2.30pm
Wednesday 24 th July	Y6 Leavers' ceremony at 9.30am
Wednesday 24 th July	End of term at 1.30pm



**WE HAVE
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Please make a donation towards our target of
£5,000 to help us build a new school library



[crowdfunder.co.uk
/p/hollypark-2024](https://crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hollypark-2024)

