



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Copthall Athletics Competition

Last Friday, Holly Park took part in the annual Barnet Schools Athletics event held at Stone X Stadium. Our children showed exemplary sportsmanship and behaviour both on and off the track. There were many outstanding performances across the track, field and relay events. Particular well done to the Year 6 girls and boys relay teams who were excellent and won their events. Well done to Isabelle in Year 6 who won the 400m race. Huge thanks to Mr Carini, Mr Bourne and Miss Yianakki who trained the children.



Holly Park Maths Day

Maths day was on Wednesday. Maths day was about talking about maths. Children got a chance to discuss the importance of maths, its usefulness in our everyday life and their future. It was also National Numeracy Day on the same day. There was a welcome video from National Numeracy. Children talked about different occupations and how maths is used. The children also got to write a maths poem using mathematical vocabulary.



BarNET Zero Challenge

Fiona Quinton lives very close to the school but more importantly she was a parent here for many years with two children who went through the school. Then she was a governor for even more years and she still does our school website now - a true Holly Parker!!! Fiona is in a Barnet Eco competition which is about making Barnet one of London's most sustainable boroughs. There were over 100 initial ideas, which were developed into 22 workable solutions. Fiona is one of the three finalists. Her idea is about a practical solution for reducing carbon emissions and helping Barnet become a net zero borough by 2042. Fiona has had a great ECO idea for more biodiversity and cleaner air in Barnet by having Green Roofs Upon Bus Shelters (GRUBS). Please have a look at the link below and please vote for Fiona – it's a great idea!

<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/barnet-zero-finalists>



Year 6 Residential – Norfolk Lakes

The Y6 children have had fun week in Norfolk and have been pretty lucky with the weather. Over the week they have done a wonderful range of activities such as: stand up paddle boarding, canoeing, archery, fencing, climbing, volley ball, obstacle course, blind trail, team games, giant canoeing, tug of war, low ropes, Manor Olympics, kayaking, giant canoeing, survival skills and axe throwing. Many thanks go to the staff who gave up their own free time to be with the children 24/7 in order to provide this amazing experience and to care for the children. It is not something that schools have to do and it is a great deal of work and responsibility. Thanks to Miss Michael who organised and led the trip and also to Mrs Thomas, Ms Ter Horst, Mr Carini, Mr Delooze, Miss Mornington and Mr Reid.



The Holly Park Big Appeal – New Library

We are just past the mid-way point of our campaign. Thank you to everyone who has donated – it is very much appreciated. Your donations are making a huge difference! We have raised a fabulous **£3,690** so far but there is still a way to go to reach our target. Can you help? Our target is to raise **£5,000** from the crowd funder.

Please watch the video that launched this appeal and use the link (below) or scan the QR code to donate. Have you seen the half way point video? Take a look.

Please keep sharing the campaign. Please share amongst your friends, neighbours and family.

If you haven't made a donation yet and would like to – please use the links below.

Your support matters! Please donate what you can to help us create a space where imagination thrives and knowledge grows. Every donation counts – no matter how small.



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



Sponsored Read (Reception to Y6)

Today sees the launch of our sponsored read! Please, please encourage your child to take part. Over a two-week period from today 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.

This is a way that ALL of the children can get involved with the campaign to create a new library space. This is a way that they can feel involved and a part of the process and feel like they are making a difference to the school.

Your help and encouragement with this will be very much appreciated.



Dress as a Favourite Book Character

Thank you to those who came dressed as their favourite book characters this week and contributed to our library appeal with their £2 donation.



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:



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



Celebrating Success on our website

If your child has achieved success outside school we would be very happy to add this to our website. It can be activities such as: dance exams, martial arts gradings, music exams, sports achievements, fundraising etc Please just send me a paragraph of information accompanied by a photograph or two.

Challenge Marshall

Steve Marshall is a very familiar BELS member of staff who has worked for Barnet for numerous years supporting newly qualified teachers, SATs, Science, assessment etc (he wears a lot of hats!).

Today he is attempting to visit 100 Barnet schools in one day by walking and using buses to raise money for charity and to encourage sustainable living.

He is hoping to do this in an anticipated time scale of 10 hours from 8am to 6pm. It might be a bit ambitious – but he is aiming for 100 schools in one day!”

He hopes his challenge will inspire more parents and children to get to and from school by walking, cycling or using public transport, reducing pollution from car exhaust fumes. This will help the council achieve its target of making Barnet a net zero borough by 2042.

Steve is also using the challenge as an opportunity to raise money for charity, and you can donate at: <https://tinyurl.com/ChallengeSponsor>. You can sponsor him per school visited, or just give a total sum. The proceeds will be split between the MS Society, Live Unlimited (which provides opportunities to Barnet’s looked after children and care leavers) and the borough’s School Library Resources Service.

Steve should be outside Holly Park between 3pm and 4pm today. Look out for the banner we have made to support him.



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week of term was 98%

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

Dates

Monday 3rd June	INSET Day
Monday 3rd June	Y4 Multiplication checks begin
Tuesday 4th June	School begins
Wednesday 5th June	Willow Class to the Environmental Centre
Friday 7th June	Hazel Class to the Environmental Centre
Friday 7th June	End of the Library appeal
Friday 7th June	End of the sponsored read
Friday 7th June	Book themed cake sale at 3.30pm
Monday 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Monday 10th June	Secondary transfer meeting Y5 parents at 9.00am
Monday 10th June	Y4 trip to the Tower of London
Tuesday 11th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 12th	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 (Y5 children)
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
Thursday 11 th July	National Charity Young Minds – wear yellow
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
Tuesday 23 rd July	Children to visit new classes and teachers
Tuesday 23 rd July	Junior Duke celebration event 2.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' Party 7pm – 9pm
Wednesday 24 th July	Y6 Leavers' ceremony at 9.30am
Wednesday 24 th July	End of term at 1.30pm



WE HAVE ACHIEVED



PTA
Holly Park Primary



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



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

