



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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National Charity – Young Minds Thursday 11th July

This week we supported our National Charity. Young Minds is a charity who support the mental health of young people. Their vision is that they want to see a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health. Children wore yellow which is the charities colour and paid £1 on school money.



Staff leavers and Joiners

It is that time of year again when we have to say goodbye to some staff who are moving on to pastures new and when we also welcome new staff to Holly Park.

Mr Delooze was with us on a one-year contract and will be leaving us in a few weeks. He is moving out of London and has secured a job in a school near to his new home.

Mrs Kowe was also on a one-year contract with us and will also be leaving us at the end of term.

We wish both Mr Delooze and Mrs Kowe good luck in the future and thank them for everything they have done at Holly Park.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Biggs back in September, not as a class teacher but as a teacher to cover classes two days a week.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Smith as a class teacher to Holly Park in September. Mrs Smith currently works in another Barnet school and is a very experienced teacher across both KS1 and KS2.



The School Gate in the mornings from September 2024

I am writing to give you advance warning that in September we will still be operating our soft start in the mornings however the window of opening will be 5 minutes shorter. The gates will open at 8.45am and will close at 8.55am. This is because teachers have noticed that those children coming through the gates at 9am are arriving late to the first lesson. By the time they have parked scooters and put packed lunch boxes away – it is 9.05am when they arrive in class and the first lesson is already underway. By closing the gates at 8.55am this will ensure that children have time to get to their classrooms for 9am.

Instrumental Tuition at Holly Park Autumn Term 2023

If you wish your child to have instrumental tuition lessons at school next term please log into Barnet Education Arts Trust (beatrust.org.uk) where you will find all the details you need. Lessons are usually for children in next term's Year 3 and above. However, we do offer violin and 'cello lessons to next term's Year 2 children, as well. The school does not enrol any children or take fees. Please observe BEAT's deadlines for enrolment and fees.

Report Feedback

We hope that you have found the school report for your child useful. Please do take the time to give your feedback/comments on the school report. A blank feedback form was emailed home for your use – however you can send feedback handwritten or typed and emailed to the school office – It does not have to be on the exact form. Staff take many hours writing the reports and reading the reports before they go home so feedback is much appreciated.

First News – free in the holidays

First News is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. It is age-appropriate (aimed at 7 to 14-year olds but accessible for all ages), impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills. We love using First News in the classroom and are thrilled to offer all Holly Park Primary School children a free First News digital subscription over the summer holidays. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained all summer long.

First News digital is available via an app and includes:

Daily news stories which children can read, listen and react to. These include reports on the Euros, the Summer Olympics, and the upcoming general election.

The latest issue of the newspaper and many past issues

Weekly polls to vote on

The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show

Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary

Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children

Click here for our school's unique access link: <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2024/?fn=F6DDA441>

One of our Holly Park pupils (Daisy in Year 4) will have her work featured in an August edition!

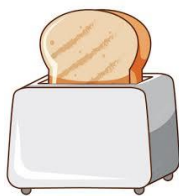
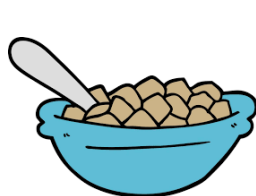


Summer Camp At Holly Park

There is a summer camp at Holly Park for the first 3 weeks of the summer holidays. ITHIP have run camps at Holly Park in previous holidays. If you are interested in your child attending – please see the flier at the end of the newsletter.

Breakfast Club

In September the cost of Breakfast Club in September will be **£4.50 per child per day**.



The KS2 Reading Challenge Return Of Books

As we come to the end of the academic year teachers will no longer be issuing new Reading Challenge books. Children can finish the current Reading Challenge book they have and then return it to the shelves. Once a child finishes their current Reading Challenge book they can either bring in a book from home to read or choose a book off the shelves in the classroom book corner.

We need ALL Reading Challenge books returned by **Friday 12th July**. Please make sure that your child has returned their book by then. Please also have a good look at home and please return any other Reading Challenge books that you may have at home.

After this point the Reading Challenge will be tidied up and boxed up before the end of term ready to go into the new library in September.

PTA Summer Fair – 20th July

Volunteers needed

The PTA still need volunteers for the Summer Fair, even if you could run one of the stalls we have on our volunteers list for 60 minutes, whilst enjoying the Summer fair festivities planned on the day. The Summer fair would not be able to take place without the support of parents, children and teachers helping us as they have done so in the past.

Click on the volunteers list to sign up, <https://volunteersignup.org/TW8M4>

Funds raised

A reminder that all money raised will be used to support the school, with additional resources, equipment, activities and much much more. Also the PTA will be supporting the school with the Big Project Appeal: to help build a school library,

creating a place not only to store books but an area/space for all the children to open up their imagination and bring literature to life.

Raffle

Don't forget! The Summer Fair will have a Summer Fair Raffle taking place so don't forget to buy your tickets over the next few weeks and keep a look out for more information over the next coming weeks.

We have over 25 prizes to be won! We thank all of our Raffle prize sponsors/donators listed so far! With many more still to come!

Thank you

And finally, we thank all of the parents/children/grandparents and friends who have supported us all year around and continue doing so.

Please contact Bhavini @ Hollyparkpta@gmail.com if you have any questions, or are able to support the Summer Fair in anyway.

Thank you from your PTA Team.



The Library Appeal

We are delighted to announce that the fundraising for the library appeal surpassed expectation. As we come to the end of term, I can announce where the funding has come from.

For the library: Costs (Cost of furniture & carpet £19,480)

£5,000 from Friern Barnet Education Trust

£9,500 from the PTA (from ongoing fundraising activities throughout the year)

£ 5,000 from the online crowd funder

Total - £19,500

For books:

£1,000 from Friern Barnet Education Trust

£500 from the PTA (from ongoing fundraising activities throughout the year)

£1,387 from the online crowd funder

£979 from gift aid on the crowd funder

£606 from character themed dress up day

£ 3,568 from the sponsored read

£300 from the book themed cake sale

Total - £8,340

GRAND TOTAL £27,840

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to these funds.

The library is scheduled to be fitted during the summer holidays.

Once we return in September, Ms Sampson and the new Reading Champions will be choosing new books.

We hope to open the new library in October 2024.

Clubs For September 2024

I will be emailing out the details for paid lunchtime and after school clubs run by external providers. Please do sign up as quickly as possible for September as places will be limited.

A reminder to Year 2 parents that your child will be in Year 3 and will have a large range of new clubs now on offer

A reminder to Reception parents that your child will be in Year 1 and will have a selection of clubs they can now do.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 96%

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

Dates

Monday 15th July

Y6 show week

Friday 19th July

New Classes announced for September 2024

Saturday 20th July

PTA summer fair

Monday 22nd July

Reception Assembly Performance at 9.30am

Monday 22nd July

Y6 Careers Fair

Tuesday 23rd July

Children to visit new classes and teachers

Tuesday 23rd July

Junior Duke celebration event 2.30pm

Tuesday 23rd July
Wednesday 24th July
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Y6 Leavers' Party 7pm – 9pm
Y6 Leavers' ceremony at 9.30am
End of term at 1.30pm



WE HAVE
ACHIEVED



Water activity games
Football matches
Indoor and outdoor games
Arts and crafts

ITHIP SUMMER SPLASH & MULTISPORTS CAMP

FIRST THREE WEEKS

29TH JULY - 2ND AUGUST
5TH AUGUST - 9TH AUGUST
12TH AUGUST - 16TH AUGUST



Multisports camp
Riddle of the day award
Best team player award
Player of the day award
Best helper award
5 children to win ITHIP
ambassador and an ITHIP
sports t-shirt

ONE WATER FIGHT
EACH WEEK!
Please bring your
own water gun.

FINAL THREE WEEKS

Bellevue Road, London
N11 3HG
9am - 3pm

19TH AUGUST - 23RD AUGUST
26TH AUGUST - 30TH AUGUST
2ND SEPTEMBER - 6TH SEPTEMBER

Wingate, Summer Lane
N12 0PD
From 9am-3pm



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