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# Holly Park Highlights!



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SUMMER TERM 2024

## Library Appeal

We are delighted that we have now raised ALL of the money for the new library. A magnificent £28,000 was raised!

Not only do we have the crowd funder money, but we also have a generous donation from the Friern Barnet Education Trust and also a significant contribution from the PTA. The book themed cake sale raised an amazing £300. The sponsored read raised over £3,000.

Not only do we have the money for the library transformation but also quite a large sum of money to buy new books. This has been an amazing community project that has involved parents, PTA, governors, staff and children all coming together and getting involved and working together towards a common goal. The new library will be created over the summer holidays.

THE   
**Big**  
  
HOLLY PARK  
APPEAL



## MATILDA

Year 6 performed an amazing show at the end of their time at Holly Park. The show was Matilda. The children acted, sang and moved with great enthusiasm. We saw talents that we didn't know existed! Both casts of children did a splendid job. The scenery and costumes were fantastic. Huge thanks go to Ms Sampson, Mr Carini and Mr Delooze for all their work and commitment to producing such a great end of year event. The amazing scenery and props were thanks to all of our talented TAs – particularly Ms Ter Hirst and Mrs Hurry. What talented people we have at Holly Park! Thanks also go to one of our governors – Annemarie Thomas for her support with the

songs and for playing magnificently for the performances. It was lovely to see the children performing with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. What a great end to their time at Holly Park. Well done Year 6.



## Results 2024

We were delighted with our 2024 test results throughout the school for this academic year.

The % of children attaining a **Good Level of Development in Reception** was above the national average

The % of children who passed the **Y1 phonics** check was above the national average

The % of children who gained full marks in the **Y4 Multiplication Check** was significantly above the national average. Our average score was also significantly above the national average,

The % of children who achieved the expected level in **Y6 Reading** was above the national average. This was also true for Greater Depth.

The % of children who achieved the expected level in **Y6 Writing** was in line with the national average. This was also true for Greater Depth.

The % of children who achieved the expected level in **Y6 Maths** was in line with the national average. Results were significantly above national for Greater Depth.

Results in **Y6 Grammar and Science** were also significantly above the national average.

# Y5 Textiles Unit



This term in Art and DT, Year 5 learnt how to sew calico tote bags. They practiced various stitches, such as: running stitches, back stitches, and overcast stitches, which helped make their bags look fantastic. In addition to learning about stitching, they also learnt about applique and used this to decorate the tote bags.

lot of work into sewing their tote bags and designing their appliqué.



The children have put a

# Holly Park Clubs

This term we have had a whole term of very successful clubs run by outside providers. The clubs have run across KS1 and KS2. Clubs have included: dance, computing, tag rugby, chess, art, Karate and gymnastics. These clubs provide a wonderful opportunity for Personal Development and a

Chance for children to try new activities and develop their interests and skills. In addition, children have taken part in dance shows, rugby tournaments and chess tournaments.



## Nursery Pirates!



The nursery children had a fantastic time at Princess Diana's Memorial Playground in Kensington Gardens. At school they had been doing a lot of pirate related activities and they were more than ready to become pirates themselves at the park. They explored the enormous pirate ship, searched for treasure chests and made their own music in the sensory garden. The children were able to climb, slide and balance and use their imaginations to create and act out their own stories with their friends. They hid in tipis, crawled through tunnels and waded through sand and water. All of the children had the best time and many enjoyed a good nap on the coach ride home.

## Y1 Plants

This term Year One have enjoyed learning all about plants in their science work. As part of this they went on a plant hunt in the school. They also took a plant apart and learnt the names of all of the different parts. They also had a wonderful time at forest school each week. They used the plants in the forest for lots of different tasks. For example, they made dens in the trees, traps in the ground for



the Big Bad Wolf with different plants covering it. They also collected flowers and made book marks with them. Finally, they ended with a campfire in our allotment!





In June, Year 3 went on a Team Building Day to Arnos Park. The weather was perfect and the children took part in a variety of different activities.

These included: minefield, a three legged race, noughts and crosses, working as a team to carry lots of tennis balls only using tennis racquets and tug of war.

The children then had a picnic lunch in the park

## Y3 Team Building



before in the afternoon having free play.

All of the children had a great day and

thoroughly enjoyed the experience. By the time they returned to school there were lots of very tired children and adults!



## Junior Duke



The Junior Duke helps junior aged children to learn and practice a large variety of important life skills. It gives them the opportunity to learn new skills.

The challenges are about Personal Development. This week we celebrated the achievements of 60 of our KS2 children who completed their awards. Well done to all of the children and parents for completing the challenges and for persevering through the year.

## Y4 - Tower Of London



Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful day out to The Tower of London this term as part of their Tudor topic in History. The children saw the place were Anne Boleyn was executed before visiting the famous White Tower where they saw some of King Henry VIII's suits of Armour. They enjoyed fascinating talks about Henry and his wives and the history of prisoners in the tower. Other highlights included walking around the battlements and seeing

the Beefeaters and the World-famous ravens of the Tower! It was a fantastic trip and brilliant for the children to see one of London's most famous landmarks.



## Reception At Tate Britain



At the start of the year Reception looked at the work of the artist Lubaina Himid. The children noticed how she used bright vibrant colours. They thought about the people represented in her artworks. They noticed that many of her pictures show people travelling on boats.



The children then spent time creating their own artworks inspired by Lubaina Himid's work. At the end of the Summer term Reception went on a trip to Tate Britain to look at a wide range of artworks. They were delighted to see one of Lubaina Himid's pictures: 'H.M.S Calcutta 2021'



# Y2 Cafe



Year Two have been entrepreneurs and made money to spend on resources for their new Year Three classes. They started off by doing a survey of favourite

sandwiches of Junior children. They then created a tally chart of the most popular choices. In small groups, the children chose the food on their menu for their cafe. They chose the ingredients based on their price and quality and decided on the price of each item, making sure that they would make a profit. The children then

made hats, signs and tablecloths. They made sandwiches and biscuits and had two sessions where the cafes were open. The first cafe was for the Y1 children, who came to buy a drink and a biscuit. The second cafe was for parents who came to buy drinks, popcorn and sandwiches. Each child in the group had a job to do... greet

the customers, take the money and serve the food. Each cafe made a profit and the children will now choose what to buy with the money to take with them to their new classes for September.



## Sport at Holly Park

This term has been another busy term of sport. We have continued with our swimming lessons – catch up classes for Year 5. We have had lessons in school each week run by Non-Stop Action.



Infant Sports Day

The inter school Barnet athletics competition was a great event. Our Y3 children had a team building day, Y4 did team games and orienteering at their pyjama party and both Y5 and Y6 took part in outdoor adventurous activities on their residential trips. The year ended with two lovely sports days that were very well organised and which had a great atmosphere with parents enjoying the events.



Cross Country



Athletics Competition



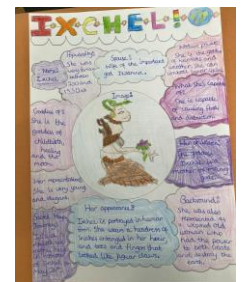
Y4 Orienteering



Junior Sports Day

## Y6 ANCIENT MAYA

Year 6 explored the Maya civilization: uncovering a complex society. The children deciphered Mayan hieroglyphs and created their own glyphs. They were active participants in historical discovery as they embarked on research projects for specific aspect of Mayan culture that interested them.



## Outdoor Adventurous Activity

This term Year 5 and 6 enjoyed fabulous residential trips to Cuffley Camp and Norfolk Lakes. The children had a great time doing lots of outdoor adventurous activities that they couldn't possibly do at school such as: kayaking, canoeing, stand up paddle board, fencing, climbing, low ropes, archery, camp fire building etc. These are wonderful experiences.

