



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Resilience

Resilience is the ability to keep going when things don't go as we expect. Having resilience means we can look after ourselves and prepare ourselves for whatever might happen. A resilient person knows that it is ok to fail and that we learn from our mistakes.



Miss Michael has recorded a video talking about how you can help your child to be resilient and also explains what we do at Holly Park so that the children are resilient. The link is below:

<https://youtu.be/Kmqb-B3MF18>

Junior Duke Award – KS2 for the next Academic Year

Many of you will have heard of an award scheme for secondary aged pupils called the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Many of you may have done this yourself when you were at school. It is a fantastic opportunity to help develop pupils in many ways other than the academic.

There is now a version available for primary school aged pupils. This award is very good for personal development. To encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation, Holly Park will be running this award scheme called the Junior Duke Award. It is aimed at helping junior aged children to learn and practice a large variety of important life skills.

There is a level designed for each year group in KS2:

Year 3 Bronze Year 4 Silver Year 5 Gold Year 6 Platinum

Each of these levels has a selection of challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish a pre-determined number of these successfully. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Eco awareness, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair.

The children may be given some of the necessary skills in school, however – just like at secondary school, the majority of the challenges will require a good deal of time and effort out of school with friends and family.

On completion of a level, a well-earned certificate and badge will be awarded. Children should aim to finish their challenges by the end of the school year. However, if your child's booklet remains incomplete by the end of the school year, he or she may carry it on into the next year.

Children can start with the level of the year group they will be in in September. The award will begin in September.

There is a cost to participating in the award. The cost to do the award is £10 per child for each level to cover the cost of the booklet, badge and certificate.

If your child would like to take part, please go on to school money and make a payment of £10.

Sign up is at the start of the school year. It cannot be joined part way through the school year.

The closing date to pay online is: TOMORROW.

You can find out more by watching this video at home: <https://youtu.be/eY81tVS2uJ8>



A reminder about NO Nuts in School

I would just like to remind all families that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any food that may contain nuts. Several of our children are extremely allergic not just from the taste of a nut but also from the smell. Nuts can be very dangerous for these children. We appreciate your support.



Parent gym: Six Weeks Of Free Parenting Workshops At Holly Park

At Holly Park we are fortunate that our Learning Mentor Mrs Puzey is a trained Parent Gym Coach.

Every year she runs free parenting sessions for parents. It's a great opportunity to come together in an informal social group to come along and join the sessions.

The sessions are a mixture of information sharing with lots of time to chat with other parents and to share ideas.

Parent Gym is a series of 6 sessions based on the following parenting themes:

Chat – How to communicate – You and your child talking positively every day

Love – How to show you care in lots of ways – how to balance warmth and discipline

Behave – How to be consistent in setting boundaries – bring order with rules & routines that work

Care – How to raise healthy children – keep yourself & your family happy and healthy

Discover – How to encourage learning – help your child to learn & grow and achieve

Together – How to build a support network – keep your family rock solid and help your child make friends

Mrs Puzey has run parent Gym classes for Holly Park parents in the past with great success. Now we would like to invite you to participate.

There will be a taster session on: Friday 18th October.

Do come along and meet Mrs Puzey and find out more. It's a great way to bond with other parents and make friendships now that your child is on their school journey.

If you decide to join the six-week programme, the sessions will run on Friday mornings from 9am to 11am.

Sessions will be: 25th October, 8th November, 15th November, 22nd November, 29th November and 6th December.



Uniform

We need your support in helping us to maintain our high standards. Can we ask that our uniform policy is followed when sending your child to school and that all uniform is labelled. Please ensure that you adhere to the following:

- No nail polish
- Red, green, white or black hair accessories ONLY
- Black school shoes
- The correct PE kit with white trainers and the school green tracksuit
- Only plain gold/silver studs – no hoops, no other jewellery (except religious)
- A small inexpensive watch can be worn but no smart watches

Meet The Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending the meetings over the last week, it was lovely to see so many of you on screen. We hope that many of you were able to attend from work etc. The Meet the Teacher packs of information were emailed out after each meeting. We hope that the information at the meeting and in the pack were useful. If you have any further questions, please see your child's class teacher.

New Reception Intake

A big welcome to our new Holly Park families in Reception. The children are settling in well and have been engaged in many activities and are making new friends. For information please keep a watchful eye on the school website where curriculum letters, updated messages, information and photos will be updated throughout the school year.

Meeting The Chief Scout

Christos attends squirrels, which is designed for 4/6 years olds which is part of scouts. He was asked to participate in a special occasion and join a select few with honouring the new UK chief scout Dwayne Fields, whose predecessor was Bear Grylls and is the first man of colour to reach the north pole. Christos was fortunate to meet Dwayne and be featured on the children's BBC Newsround episode on Friday the 6th September including both major news channels ITV and the BBC on the lunch time episode and also at 6pm, again on Friday the 6th of September.



Due Care and Consideration For Our neighbours When Parking

I am writing yet again about parent behaviour with regard to parking at the start and end of the school day. We have sent numerous texts, emails and newsletter reminders last year about not parking on the yellow lines, not parking over resident drive ways etc

This term, we have already received telephone calls and emails from local residents who are unhappy about parent parking.

As a school we value our standing in the local community and parent parking is bringing the school into disrepute. It is not the remit of the school to get involved with parking. However, the thoughtless and selfish parking behaviour of a handful of parents is not showing the school in a good light with our neighbours.

Only this week- the first week back - I have been informed of:

- Parents parking in disabled bays without badges
- Parents parking and pulling up on double yellow lines

I would really urge parents to **THINK** before parking and to have due care and consideration for others.

Lunchtimes

In order to support our new cook, we are tightening up on the identification of children who need specific diets.

All of the children who have allergies have their photo discreetly behind the kitchen counter. However, it is difficult for a new cook to identify these children amongst 400 others. In addition, the children whose parents have asked for Halal are not always sure and these children will also therefore be vegetarian on the other days.

I have consulted with other Headteachers to find out the systems they use.

From next Monday, Bogumila will give the allergy children and the Halal children a lanyard when they line up for their lunch. As soon as they finish their lunch, they will hang their lanyard on a designated hook. The time wearing the lanyard is only limited to the time in the dining hall, but will mean that any potential errors with food should be greatly reduced.



Dates

Friday 13th September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 18th September	Meeting for Nursery & Reception parents – the curriculum 9am and 1pm
Tuesday 24 th September	Y2 to Barnet Museum
Wednesday 25 th September	Y5 to Cuffley Camp
Friday 27 th September	Reception phonics meeting for parents 9am
Wednesday 2 nd October	Y1 phonics meeting for parents at 9am
Friday 4 th October	Meeting for all parents: Supporting your child with playground games 9am in the hall
Monday 7 th October	Y6 to Norfolk Lakes
Monday 7 th October	Y5 Bikeability Week
Friday 11 th October	Nasal Flu
Monday 14 th October	Walk to school week
Wednesday 16 th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 18 th October	Be Bright Be Seen Day
Monday 21 st October	Y6 National Assessment meeting for parents at 9am
Tuesday 22 nd October	Y1 Little City workshop
Friday 25 th October	Parent Gym taster session



External Clubs Quick Sign Up Directory KSI (Year 1-2)

Football	Monday 3.30pm	https://nonstopaction.co.uk/ 02084460006
Street Dance	Monday lunch (Y2)	info@dancewright.co.uk 07482693890
Gymnastics	Thursday lunch	07725818655 info@vickyracademy.co.uk
Art	Friday 3.30pm	Vera Moore 07741126151
Karate	Friday 3.30pm	panthakarate@yahoo.co.uk
Chess Y2	Tuesday lunch (Y2)	johnfleetwoodj@aol.com

KS2 (Year 3-6)

Street Dance	Monday lunch (Y3) Monday 3.30pm (Y4/5/6)	info@dancewright.co.uk 07482693890
Chess	Tuesday lunch	johnfleetwoodj@aol.com
Tag Rugby	Tuesday 3.30pm	deanna@accelerate-sports.co.uk 07507798271
Gymnastics	Wednesday lunchtime	07725818655 info@vickyracademy.co.uk
Computer Game Design	Monday Lunchtime	www.eAssistant.co.uk 077 4849 3383
Computer Coding	Thursday lunchtime	www.eAssistant.co.uk 077 4849 3383
Robotics	Wednesday 3.30pm	www.eAssistant.co.uk 077 4849 3383
3D Modelling &	Thursday lunchtime	www.eAssistant.co.uk 077 4849 3383

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Blessing of Bags

Join us for our All-Age Blessing of Bags service. Bring your school bag along to be blessed for the new school year!



Sunday 15th September | 10:00am
St John the Evangelist, N11 3EQ