



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Y5 Cuffley Camp

Most of our Year 5 children have had a marvellous action packed residential three days at Cuffley Camp. The weather was rather mixed but this did not stop them from having fun and being resilient. They did many fun activities including: camp fires, climbing wall, laser tag, cameo concealment, low ropes, problem solving activities, zip wire, fire building and more. The children will have made life long memories. Many thanks to Mrs Kelly who led the trip and to all of the staff: Miss Mornington, Ms Owen and Mr Llewellyn for accompanying the children. There will be lots of photos on the website in due course.



Parent Meeting – Support your child with playground games

Please join us for the **Playground Games** parent workshop on Friday 4th October. We will explore some fun games that the children are going to be learning about this year. This includes clapping games, French skipping and simple activities with beanbags and hoops. We will also talk about the role of children as playleaders in the playground and how to encourage your child to play with their peers at playtimes. Be prepared to join in and learn some fun games!

The Wall In The Middle Of The Book – Whole School Book

For the first two weeks back at school, we used a whole school book called 'The Wall in the Middle of the Book' The book provided lots of opportunities for work on art, PHSE, history and geography. Each class made a display in their classroom based on the book. Here are some of the classroom displays:



Be Bright Be Seen Day

Our annual "Be Bright Be Seen Day", to raise awareness of the importance of being safe on the streets especially as the nights draw in earlier in Autumn will be at the start of Walk to School Week on Monday 14th October. We ask all of the children to come to school dressed in bright clothes – not just colourful – but as bright as they can find.

Year 2 to The Barnet Museum

This week Year 2 went on a trip to the Barnet Museum. Following the trip, I received a lovely email from the museum saying how wonderful the children had been on the visit and complementing their behaviour. The email said:

'Two Year 2 Classes from your school visited Barnet Museum on Tuesday 24th September. I am writing to express our appreciation for their polite behaviour and eagerness. They were engaged and engaging throughout a long morning of history and heritage. They and their adult escorts are a credit to, and great ambassadors for, your school.'

It was lovely to receive such positive feedback.

HARVEST

Holly Park will be celebrating Harvest on **Wednesday 16th October**. To mark this event, we will be collecting items for Foodbank Aid North London. It would be fantastic if everyone could donate something to support this very worthwhile cause. Please bring in all your donations on Wednesday 16th, and bring them directly to the hall where we will be ready to receive them to make an instant display for our assembly.

Every harvest festival Finchley Foodbank has relied on donations to help provide food to support people in our local community who are experiencing food poverty. Without your generosity they would struggle to continue, especially as demand has continued to increase this year. Last week they supported around 500 people with three days emergency food, essential toiletries, baby and household items. A third of the people they support weekly are children.

Traditionally they have always experienced an increase in demand at this time of year but this year with the added burden of rises in the cost of living and increases to electricity & gas bills as we start to enter the autumn, they really do need your support this Harvest.

Harvest is a time which marks the change in the seasons, when the farmers collect the food from the fields grown in the summer months and is stored in preparation for the long winter. It gives us the opportunity to reflect and be grateful for the variety and ample food that many are very fortunate to have. This festival also gives us the chance to remember our neighbours who don't have the same choices.

We are asking different year groups to provide different items for the foodbank so that we get a spread of goods:

EYFS - biscuits or crackers

Year 1 - tea and coffee

Year 2 - oil and toilet rolls

Year 3 - jams, marmalade and honey

Year 4 - tins of fish, meat, vegetables, beans, tomatoes, fruit etc

Year 5 - Cereal & UHT milk

Year 6 - any toiletries



Just One Tree

On Friday 18th October we will be joining Barnet schools in celebrating and raising money for 'Just One Tree Day' Just £1 plants one tree. The charity help to Combat Climate Change through reforestation. JUST ONE Tree, make it simple to plant trees! They are a non-profit initiative making an impact in the fight against climate change through global reforestation. They plant their trees in areas severely affected by mass deforestation, maximising the effect.

As part of a borough wide project on the environment, Barnet are asking all Barnet schools to participate in this initiative.

Children need to wear green and/or brown clothes on 18th October and donate £1 on School Money. If every Barnet child brings in £1 for the non-uniform day, that is a lot of trees being planted by the charity in the Kenyan rainforest.

You can find out more about the initiative at <https://www.justonetree.life/schools-sustainability.html>



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.



Dates

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
Monday 14 th October	Be Bright Be Seen
Wednesday 16 th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 18 th October	Just One Tree
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

There is facility to translate this newsletter and the whole school website at the bottom of the website home page.

