



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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## Welcome Back to School

Welcome back to everybody for a new school year. We have been delighted to see the children last week and look forward to a positive year ahead.

## The Holly Park Vision

I wanted to take the opportunity at the start of the year to remind you of our Holly Park vision. The vision captures what we are about as a school. A vision is a destination, something that helps everyone know what they are working towards. Last Our vision captures the things embedded within the culture and ethos of our school. A vision creates a sense of belonging and community and unites us with a common purpose. A vision outlines the core values of our school to create a positive school culture shared by all. A clear vision contributes to a clear school identity. It sets a tone for behaviour, attitudes and interactions.

## **At Holly Park we want our children to be:**



**Respectful**



**Resilient**



**Kind**



**Inquisitive**

## **and to achieve their full potential**

Last year we spent time really embedding this vision with the children. We assigned visuals and actions to each value to help the children to remember them. The vision is displayed in every classroom and around the school.

## 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.

## Clubs For September 2024

Information about paid lunchtime and after school clubs run by external providers has been emailed out. Sign up began before the holidays but there may still be a few spaces if you want your child to be part of a club this term.

Our new Year 3 now have access to a large range of new clubs now on offer

New Year 1 children have a selection of clubs they can now do.

There is a Directory of clubs at the end of this newsletter with details of sign up contacts.

## School Shoes

Please can you ensure that children are wearing all black school shoes. Trainers are not school shoes. Black shoes with a white stripe or flash or a thick white sole are not appropriate school shoes. School shoes should be completely black. Thank you

## PTA Summer Fair

The PTA summer fair at the end of last term was a huge success and a marvellous event. The fair had such a lovely atmosphere and it was so well attended by our Holly Park community. There was lots of fun had by all. The fair raised an amazing £2,307.66. The fair was a fantastic combination of raising much needed extra funds for the school and also bringing the school community together for a social community occasion. Thank you to everyone who supported it by attending, spending money, running stalls and preparing for the event. A big thank you to the PTA team and huge thanks to Bhavini Waghela who was the driving force and organiser behind the fair.

## The Wall in the Middle of the Book by Jon Agee – Whole School Start Of Year Project

For the first two weeks back at school, we will be using a whole school book called 'The Wall in the Middle of the Book' The book provides lots of opportunities for work on history and geography looking at famous walls around the world and through history. There will be work on PHSE looking at an exploration of walls and the division/separation that they create. How they can divide and separate. Is this good? Bad? The book also lends itself to writing, art, DT, RE and computing. After our Inset day next week, you will receive the usual curriculum letter for what each year group will be learning for the rest of the term.



## Junior Duke Celebration Event July 2024

The Junior Duke scheme is aimed at helping junior aged children to learn and practice a large variety of important life skills. It gives them the opportunity to learn new skills. All of the challenges are about Personal Development. Personal Development is something that at Holly Park we believe is equally as important as academic development. In the final week of term, we celebrated the achievements of over 60 of our KS2 children who completed their awards. This represents about a quarter of our KS2 children. Well done to all of the children and parents for completing the challenges and for persevering through the year.



**Bronze**



**Silver**



**Gold**



**Platinum**

## Changes to Fixed Penalty Notice Fines For Absence

The DFE have made new rules about penalty fines for school absence. These come into force from August 2024. It is the responsibility of the local authority to decide when to issue fines to parents.

### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 day. Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

### **Second Offence (within 3 years)**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution in a Magistrates Court will be considered.

### **Third offence and any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2,500 per parent per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on a parents future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

### **10 Sessions (5 days) Of Unauthorised Absence In A 10 Week Period**

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. Money raised via fines goes to the local authority and not to the school.



## **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: Friday 13th September.**

You can find out more by watching this video at home: <https://youtu.be/eY81tVS2uj8>



## **Attendance**

Below are our attendance figures for the past two academic years:

HPS Attendance from September 2023 to June 2024 was 95%      National was 94%

HPS Attendance from September 2022 to June 2023 was 94%      National was 93%

Our attendance was better than national for the last 2 years which is good. We hope that overall attendance will be even higher this academic year.

## **New Kitchen Chef**

On Tuesday I introduced Kelly our new school cook to the children in assembly. Over the summer Adam left Olive Dining and has moved to a new school. Kelly is now our new school cook from Olive Dining and the children will get to know her over the coming weeks.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Term dates for the Autumn Term have already been emailed home. This contains important events that will be happening across this term. Dates can also be found on the calendar on the school website. Every week there are upcoming dates at the end of the newsletter.

## **A Journalist In Our Midst!**

One of our Holly Park pupils (Daisy in Year 5) had her work featured in an August edition of First News. First News is a national newspaper for children. Daisy was sent to watch the show 'Terrible Tudors' and was asked to write a review of the show. Daisy was delighted to see her work published.

Having your writing published is always a pleasure – no matter in what form it is published. It gives the writer more purpose for their writing. Over this year at school we will be looking to give all of our children more opportunities to publish their work – whether in a class book, writing a letter to me, something for younger children to read etc.

Well done Daisy on having your work professionally published.

# SUMMER OF SHOWS

THIS week, we hear from young people who have been out and about exploring all the theatre on offer this summer, plus one who's performing in a show! On these pages you'll find reviews from some brilliant shows and screenings. Don't forget to find out more about Kids Week on FYI by scanning the QR code on the opposite page.

## TERRIBLY GOOD TUDORS!



Daisy ready for the show!

WE sent *First News* reader Daisy to the West End's Apollo Theatre. She went to watch *Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors* after learning about them in school last term. Read her review of the show here!

by Daisy Morgan-Meadows, aged nine



On Tuesday 30 July, I went to the Apollo Theatre in London to watch the new *Horrible Histories* show about the *Terrible Tudors*!

*Terrible Tudors* is all about how the Tudor sovereignty (that's kings and queens in power) started, and the events that took place throughout the entire Tudor period. It begins with Richard III and the Wars of the Roses, followed by Henry VIII becoming king and his six wives, and finally Queen Elizabeth I winning a battle against the Spanish Armada!

I loved the performance because it was incredibly funny and unique. The actors were hilarious and really got the audience involved. You probably won't see any other show like the *Terrible Tudors*!

In my opinion, I thought the best bit was the part about Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII. It was hilarious and everyone in the crowd was laughing their heads off!

Overall, I think it is one of the most comedic shows you can get. The actors were amazing and if I could rate it, I would give it 10/10!

### New School Library

We managed to raise all of the money needed and the library was put into place in the summer holidays. It looks beautiful and the children are very excited to go in there. We will be officially opening it at the end of September once we have all of the books in there and arranged properly. Organising and sorting books is a huge job. The library will be a wonderful addition to our school. The children will have a visit with their class in the coming week – just to have a look. The contribution from Holly Park families, extended families, The PTA and the Friern Barnet Education Trust has really helped to make this happen. I just wanted to pass on huge thanks on behalf of myself and the staff for all of the contributions made to our new library.



### Halal Meat on Wednesdays

As it is a new academic year, we are making a new list about which children would like Halal meat on a Wednesday. If you would like your child to have Halal meat on Wednesday please call the school office. We will be making a new list for this year and we will pass this on to the kitchen.

## Dates

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery new children begin
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 Meet the Teacher at 9.30am via Zoom
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 Meet the Teacher at 9.30am via Zoom
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 Meet the Teacher at 9.30am via Zoom
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Meet the Teacher at 9.30am via Zoom
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Meet the Teacher at 9.30am via Zoom
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1 Meet the Teacher at 9.30am via Zoom
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Meeting for Nursery & Reception parents – the curriculum 9am and 1pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 to Barnet Museum
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 to Cuffley Camp
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception phonics meeting for parents 9am
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y1 phonics meeting for parents at 9am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Meeting for all parents: Supporting your child with playground games 9am in the hall
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 to Norfolk Lakes
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Bikeability Week
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Walk to school week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Be Bright Be Seen Day
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Y6 National Assessment meeting for parents at 9am
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y1 Little City workshop
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Gym taster session



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

<b>Football</b>	Monday 3.30pm	<a href="https://nonstopaction.co.uk/">https://nonstopaction.co.uk/</a> 02084460006
<b>Street Dance</b>	Monday lunch (Y2)	<a href="mailto:info@dancewright.co.uk">info@dancewright.co.uk</a> 07482693890
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Thursday lunch	07725818655 <a href="mailto:info@vickrygacademy.co.uk">info@vickrygacademy.co.uk</a>
<b>Art</b>	Friday 3.30pm	Vera Moore 07741126151
<b>Karate</b>	Friday 3.30pm	<a href="mailto:panthakarate@yahoo.co.uk">panthakarate@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>Chess Y2</b>	Tuesday lunch (Y2)	<a href="mailto:johnfleetwoodj@aol.com">johnfleetwoodj@aol.com</a>

## KS2 (Year 3-6)

<b>Street Dance</b>	Monday lunch (Y3) Monday 3.30pm (Y4/5/6)	<a href="mailto:info@dancewright.co.uk">info@dancewright.co.uk</a> 07482693890
<b>Chess</b>	Tuesday lunch	<a href="mailto:johnfleetwoodj@aol.com">johnfleetwoodj@aol.com</a>
<b>Tag Rugby</b>	Tuesday 3.30pm	<a href="mailto:deanna@accelerate-sports.co.uk">deanna@accelerate-sports.co.uk</a> 07507798271
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Wednesday lunchtime	07725818655 <a href="mailto:info@vickyracademy.co.uk">info@vickyracademy.co.uk</a>
<b>Computer Game Design</b>	Monday Lunchtime	<a href="http://www.eAssistant.co.uk">www.eAssistant.co.uk</a> 077 4849 3383
<b>Computer Coding</b>	Thursday lunchtime	<a href="http://www.eAssistant.co.uk">www.eAssistant.co.uk</a> 077 4849 3383
<b>Robotics</b>	Wednesday 3.30pm	<a href="http://www.eAssistant.co.uk">www.eAssistant.co.uk</a> 077 4849 3383
<b>3D Modelling &amp; animation</b>	Thursday lunchtime	<a href="http://www.eAssistant.co.uk">www.eAssistant.co.uk</a> 077 4849 3383
<b>Karate</b>	Friday 3.30pm	<a href="mailto:panthakarate@yahoo.co.uk">panthakarate@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>Football</b>	Friday 3.30pm	<a href="https://nonstopaction.co.uk/">https://nonstopaction.co.uk/</a> 02084460006
<b>Art (Y3/4/5)</b>	Friday 3.30pm	Vera Moore 07741126151