



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Cultural Day

Last Friday we had a lovely Cultural Day. The children in each year group looked at a different aspect to do with cultural heritage.

Nursery

The nursery children explored a variety of food from around the world and talked about the food they eat at home. They enjoyed learning to use chopsticks to pick up noodles, played with spaghetti, drew pictures of their favourite food, made shape pizzas with real pizza dough and used real fruit, vegetables and pasta as part of their role play in the home corner. The most exciting part of the day was making and eating chapatis.



Reception

During Cultural Day, the Reception Children took part in a range of activities based around their cultural heritages. They found out about different families from across the world. They read the Family Book by Todd Parr and practised singing the Family Song. The children talked about how families are all different and all special. They also created posters of their family and cultural heritages which are displayed in the classroom.



Year 1

On Cultural Day in Year 1 they were looking at stories from other cultures. They read two stories that were from Texas and Ukraine. They felt very familiar and the children realised they were a bit like the story of the Gingerbread Man that they had been reading, but there were some differences because they were set in different countries. For example, the food that ran away was different and the animals which chased the food were different too. The children were very pleased to have some of their grown-ups come in and share some of the stories they had in their home languages.



Year 2

Year Two focused on festivals around the world around the year. They looked at the Summer and Winter Solstice and the kinds of festivals that take place in the different seasons. The children completed a Festivals Wheel of celebrations around the year. They made a triangle for bunting to be hung around the room and wrote a firework shape poem for a display.



Year 3

Year 3 looked at art related to different cultures. Their main focus was on Mendhi art and Aboriginal art. The children had a go at both and looked carefully at patterns and designs.



Year 4

In Year 4 they looked at dances from different cultures. Their Topic this term is Ancient Egypt, therefore they began the day learning Egyptian Dance in a fun filled Workshop. In the afternoon they learnt the traditional Greek Wedding Dance called the Kalamatiano and a traditional Indian dance called Garba. In Class they shared their cultural heritage with each other as well as a few more dances from individual countries.



Year 5

In Year 5, the children learned about the traditional clothes of different cultures around the world. They talked about the clothes they were wearing and how they represent their culture. Then, they researched the traditional clothing of a chosen culture and created a presentation with pictures and facts. Finally, they created an outfit, based on what they had researched and learned.



Year 6

On cultural day, Year 6 had the theme of 'music'. Mr Carini & Ms Sampson created a playlist based on the children's favourite songs and artists that represent their backgrounds and culture. This was listened to and discussed in class and will no doubt be used again. They also listened to and learnt about different musical genres from around the world. At the end of the day, they all gathered together to do some 'Cultural Karaoke' which included hits by Gloria Estefan, Bob Marley and Adele.



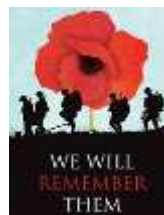
Parent Cultural Tea Party

It was lovely to see some of our Holly Park parents attend the cultural tea, A big thank you to those who brought along food from their cultures. Boris our kitchen manager also made some Bulgarian treats. There was a great spread for everyone to taste.



Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th, we observed a silence in school and also had an assembly where we listened to a poem about what the poppy symbolises. We also talked about Percy Llewellyn Evans who was a teacher at Holly park who died in WWI. Some of our Year 6 children went to the local war memorial with members of the community. They also saw the grave of Percy Llewellyn Evans.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week was Anti-Bullying Week. The theme was, "Choose Respect". During the week, Holly Park children had three assemblies about Anti-Bullying and also lessons in class. On Tuesday 12th November, we had "Odd Socks Day, where everyone wore odd socks to celebrate our differences. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors also reviewed the child friendly Anti-Bullying policy.

'respect' is a word we use often with the children and we discuss its meaning often.

The word 'respect' is in our behaviour rules: Ready, respectful safe.

The word 'respect' is in our vision: Respectful, resilient, kind, inquisitive.



Speaking to Children

A reminder to parents and carers that if there is a problem between your child and another child – that you should not approach other children to speak to them about what has happened or tell them off. Please take any concerns to the class teacher. Thank you.

Local Charity Day – 20th November

On Wednesday 20th November we will be holding our termly charity day. This term we are supporting a local charity – Noah's Ark children's Hospice. On that day the charity will be coming in to school to do an assembly about their work and what they do.

We would like **all of the children to come to school that day dressed as an animal** – perhaps an animal that may have been on the Ark! Children can come completely dressed as an animal, wearing animal face paints, wearing an animal mask etc. We ask that parents pay **£1 per child on school money which will be donated to the charity.**



Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 95%
Well done to Y3 Hazel Class with the best attendance at 100%.

Dates

Tuesday 19 th November	Maple Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 20 th November	Local Charity day – Noah's Ark
Wednesday 20 th November	Parent Consultations
Thursday 21 st November	Y6 to the Imperial War Museum
Thursday 21 st November	Parent Consultations
Friday 22 nd November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 26 th November	Mulberry Class assembly at 9am
Wednesday 27 th November	Meeting for parents Y1-Y3: Reading
Monday 2 nd December	Meeting for all parents: Learning
Monday 2 nd December	Decorations Day
Wednesday 4 th December	Reading meeting for Reception parents
Friday 6 th December	Jazzy Jumper Day
Saturday 7 th December	PTA Christmas fair
Tuesday 10 th December	Y1 Church Visit
Tuesday 10 th December	Nursery stay and play
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Monday 16 th December	Y3 Nativity at 2.15pm
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS parties
Tuesday 17 th December	Y3 Nativity at 2.15pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Y3 & Y5 parties
Thursday 19 th December	Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y6 parties
Friday 20 th December	Term ends at 1.30pm

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