



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Cultural Day

Today is our annual Cultural Day. The children came dressed to represent their cultural heritage. This is an opportunity for children to share and talk about their cultural heritage with others.

Each year group had a theme to discuss and explore based on an aspect of cultural heritage:

Nursery - FOOD from different cultures

Reception - FAMILIES from different cultures

Year 1 - STORIES from different cultures

Year 2 - CELEBRATIONS from different cultures

Year 3 - ART from different cultures

Year 4 - DANCE from different cultures

Year 5 - CLOTHING from different cultures

Year 6 - MUSIC from different cultures

As children progress through the school they will get to consider all of these different aspects of Culture each year.

Article 30 - Minority culture, language and religion: Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.



Andrea Needham

Mrs Needham will be leaving Holly Park next Friday after seven and a half years at the school. She has seen many children travel through the school from nursery to Year 6. Mrs Needham is moving on to work within an admin job at a local firm which is walking distance from her home. We will be very sad to see her go. She has made several strong staff friendships at the school so we know she will be keeping in touch!

Booking Consultation Meetings for Year 1 to Year 6

Notice of consultations for your child/ren via the 'Teachers to Parents.' system that we use for texts and e-mail has gone out this week. Apologies for any problems logging on – it is the same company we always use but a new and updated system which clearly had a few glitches beyond our control. If you are still experiencing problems logging on – please do call Miss Hounslow in the school office. Thank you.

Infant Music Festival

This year, the Infant Music Festival was based on the book Beegu. This is a story about an alien who lands on planet earth and is lost and finds friends. All of the songs were based on the theme of friendship and belonging. The children learnt six songs including songs in Welsh and Mandarin. They learnt playground chants that were fun and catchy! The Year 2 children sang beautifully along with two other schools and some of the children accompanied the singing on xylophones. Miss Halil reported that the Year 2 children were brilliant! A big thank you and well done to Miss Halil for all of her work preparing the children.



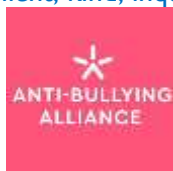
Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week will take place next week from the 11th - 15th November. The theme this year is, "Choose Respect". The message is, "Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make." Throughout the country, Anti-Bullying Week aims to empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and to remind adults to lead by example, online and offline. During the week, Holly Park children will have three assemblies about Anti-Bullying and they will also have lessons in class. On Tuesday 12th November, we will have "Odd Socks Day, where everyone will wear odd socks to celebrate our differences. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will also review the child friendly Anti-Bullying policy.

This theme works very well for us at Holly Park because '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.



Remembrance Day

On Monday next week (11th November) we will commemorate Remembrance Day at school with a silence at 11am and also an assembly. Some of our Y6 children will go to the war memorial at St James' Churchyard.

Holly Park has a particular link for Remembrance Day as one of the teachers fought and died in WWI.

Local historian John Philpott reported the death of a Holly Park teacher: 'Percy Llewellyn Evans – Sergeant, 14th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, died 12th February 1917, home service, aged 30, buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard.

Percy was born 1888, Clay Hill, Enfield, son of John Llewellyn and Mary Evans. His mother was a teacher and he followed her into that profession. He taught first at Friern Lane [St James's] School and then at Holly Park School. He was married 11th August 1914 at the Independent Chapel, Newport, Shropshire, to Evelyn Evanson, who was also a teacher at Holly Park.

They lived at 17, The Crescent, Friern Barnet. Percy enlisted 1st June 1915, having previously served part-time with 20th Battalion, London Regiment, Territorial Force. He died in Clare Hall Sanatorium, South Mimms.

The Friern Barnet parish magazine of March 1917 reported "the death of Mr Percy Evans, Assistant Master at Holly Park School, who began his work at Friern Lane. He joined the Colours, but contracted a disease that caused his death. He was a great favourite and at his funeral on February 13th practically the whole school followed him to his grave."

The painted poppy stones in the picture below at Percy's grave were done by Holly Park children just before COVID. As a school – some years ago - we bought a clear plastic cut out of a fallen soldier - which sits on a chair - to commemorate Percy at Holly Park. We put this out in the hall on Remembrance Day



Book Looks Year 1 to Year 6

These happen a week before the Pupil Progress Consultations.

They are advertised in the dates section of the newsletter a couple of weeks before.

There are 2 book looks so do be sure to get the right date

There is a KS1 Book Look – this is for Y1 and Y2

There is a KS2 Book Look – this is for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

The idea is that you can go into the classroom and sit down with your child and look at their work.

This will give you an idea about how you think your child is doing ahead of parent meetings. I attach below a series of

things that you might look for.

The classrooms are open from 3.45pm to 5.45pm. You can come along any time within that window. (At the end of the school day, the teacher will indicate when you can come in once the teacher has made sure all of the children are safely accounted for)

I would estimate that you will probably spend approximately 20-30 minutes with your child and their books.

The teacher will not be present in the room as this is for children and parents to look together.

The event is not really suitable for toddlers. However, if it is unavoidable that they have to attend due to child care, we do ask that they stay with you and do not wander round the classrooms and play with equipment.

At the end of the session, please leave your child's work in a pile on the desk.

In the summer term, books will be sent home.

This term the book looks are:

Wednesday 13 th November	KS2 Book Look (Years 3-6)	3.45 to 5.45pm
Thursday 14 th November	KS1 Book Look (Years 1-2)	3.45 to 5.45pm

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 Y4 Sycamore Class & Year 6 Beech Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Whole school attendance for the half term was 96%

Dates

Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12 th November	Y5 parents meeting about the Y6 school journey 9am
Wednesday 13 th November	KS2 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 14 th November	Individual Photographs
Thursday 14 th November	KS1 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm
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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