



Holly Park Highlights!



AUTUMN TERM 2024

The Enchanted Forest

We managed to raise all of the money needed for the library which was put into place in the summer holidays. What a fabulous community project this was. It looks beautiful and the children are very excited to go in there. Organising and sorting the books was a huge job and Ms Sampson ordered lots of lovely new books. We officially opened our new library (The Enchanted Forest) in October. Miss Sampson read a poem by Josh Siegal called 'The Library' We then ceremoniously pulled the library doors open to declare it officially open. The children clapped and cheered. Ms Sampson then cut a red ribbon across the entrance to the library. All of the children then filed through the library to the sound of clapping and cheering. The library is already a wonderful addition to our school.



Year 3 performed a marvellous Nativity which was enjoyed by both the rest of the school and parents. The children acted, sang and danced with great enthusiasm. They all did a splendid job. The scenery, costumes and props were fantastic as always and

thanks go to Mr Bourne, and Mrs Mehtar for all their work and commitment to producing such a great end of term performance. Thanks to Mr Mock for organizing the costumes. The children really enjoyed the experience and rose to the challenge.

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 history and geography looking at famous walls around the world and

through history. Every class made a display in their classrooms based on the book. In assembly, each year group presented to the rest of the school about what they had been doing based on the book.



Parental Engagement

This term there have been many events for parents to engage with the school and to get involved with the children's learning and general school life:

- Nursery home visits
- Nursery stay and play
- Reception Stay & Play
- Meet the teacher for Years 1-6
- PTA AGM
- PTA Macmillan coffee morning
- Curriculum meeting for Nursery & Reception
- Reception phonics meeting
- Y6 assessment meeting
- Reception Parents Coffee Morning
- Read together in class x 2
- Playground Games meeting
- Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents
- Reception reading meeting
- KS1 and KS2 book looks
- Consultation meetings
- Cultural Day parent tea party
- Help your child to remember more meeting
- Reading fluency and decoding meeting for parents
- Parent Volunteer Readers meeting
- Parent volunteers for trips and Forest school
- Class assemblies (Y4 Mulberry & Y5 Maple)
- Y3 nativity performance



NURSERY FAMILIES



This term the nursery children read 'The Family Book by Todd Parr. This encouraged them to talk about their own homes and the special people they live with. The nursery adults helped the children to find pictures of their own homes using Google Earth and a variety of construction materials were available for the children to build their own house models using the book 'Home' by Carson Ellis as inspiration. Each child was then given the task

of completing an 'All About Me' book with their family which they later shared with their friends and teachers. They also bought in a photo of their family to talk about at carpet time and later to be put on our family display. All of the children drew beautiful family pictures and it was lovely listening to them talk about each member of their family and the special things they do with them.

Cross Country

Holly Park took part in the first race of the Barnet Schools Cross Country event this term. All of our runners did really well and put in a good effort. Special mention goes to Grace for coming 1st in her race and Bronagh for coming 2nd. The second part of the competition will be in March. Thank you to Mr Bourne and Mr Carini for preparing the children.



Year 1 Christmas Stories



Year One have been so busy this term. They have been looking at Christmas Stories, including "The Jolly Christmas Postman" and "The Christmas Story". They became time travellers and went back in time 2000 years to meet the characters

from the Christmas story. They heard how the angel visited Mary and Joseph, travelled through Bethlehem, they stroked some sheep, smelt some frankincense, ran away from King Herod and met Mary and Baby Jesus in the stable, before travelling back to 2024 in time for the end of the school day!



YEAR 5 VICTORIAN DAY

Year 5 have been learning about the Victorians. They enjoyed a Victorian Day. They dressed in Victorian clothes and wrote using a quill pen and ink. They learned to add using old English money - pounds shillings and pence. They created beautiful cards using the Victorian craft of quilling. Some children made Victorian silhouettes using black paper, while others made cup and ball toys, that Victorian children played with.



Y3 Geologists

One of Year 3's Science topics this term has been 'Rocks, Fossils and Soils'. They learned about different types of rocks, how they are formed, which rocks are the strongest and which are permeable. In November to complement this learning, they had a virtual visit from a geologist from the



University of London. The children were shown

how various rocks are made and the rock cycle.



They also got to see how fossils are formed. They got to use their 3D glasses to look at different types of fossils

Infant Music Festival



This year, the Infant Music Festival was based on the book Beegu - a story about an alien. All of the songs were based on the theme of friendship and belonging.

The children learnt songs in Welsh and Mandarin. They learnt playground chants that were fun and catchy! The Year 2 children were brilliant!



Frosty Fun in Reception



As part of their topic on the changing seasons Reception read "Jack frost" by Kazuno Kohara. The children had a wonderful surprise in the morning when they found snowflakes and a present. The children had lots of fun re telling the story using props and they developed their vocabulary using words such as frosty, icy and



shiver. They took part in a range of cross curricular activities. For example, whilst exploring the properties of ice they noticed how and why ice melts. They used their creative skills to make their own Jack frost pictures and used their phonics skills to write captions for the story.

Y4 Ancient Egyptians



This term Year 4 have been finding out all about Ancient Egypt. The children enjoyed a mummification workshop. The children dressed up as Ancient Egyptians and really looked the part, looking very regal and authentic.

Year 4 also had a trip to the British Museum where they looked at lots of Egyptian artefacts. As part of the whole school Cultural Day, they continued the Egyptian theme and had a dance workshop where they

learned some lovely Egyptian dances which they performed to each other.



Cultural Day



For our annual Cultural Day event, the children came dressed to represent their cultural heritage. Each year group had a theme to 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

Parents brought in food for a parent tea party at the end of the day.

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.



Y6 WW2

In November, Year 6 went on a trip to the Imperial War Museum. This was to support the work they have been doing in History (and now Geography) on World War Two. They visited the World War 1 and World War 2 galleries where they explored all the exhibits - including an Anderson Shelter. They also had time to explore other areas of the museum. Behaviour was excellent and it was a very enjoyable visit.



At the end of November, Year 6 were treated to a fantastic World War 2 dance workshop. The children were able to learn three dances that were popular during World War 2: The Lindy Hop, The Lambeth Walk and The Charleston. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Y2 GO DOTTY!



The Year Two children have been learning about how artists use colours in their work. They studied the work of Yayoi Kusama and discovered that she used lots of bright colours with dots everywhere. One day the children arrived at school and their classrooms were full of dots, on the floor, on the ceiling, all over the walls and even on chairs

and tables. The children then created their own pieces of 3D art by adding dots to objects from home. They used fabric, paints and different types of pen to add the dots. They also created 2D artwork in the style of Yayoi Kusama, using fruit and vegetables as inspiration and adding dots of different sizes and colours.



Noah's Ark Local Charity

This Term we supported a local charity. We supported Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet. In October Holly Park families raised a very generous **£1,217** for the charity as part of the charities national campaign where all money was doubled. In November we raised **£306** through our local charity day where children came dressed as animals off the Ark. Noah's Ark attended our Christmas fair and raised a further **£166** on their stall. At the end of term 12 KS2 children visited the Ark to see the wonderful work they do. It is a fabulous place!

