



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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The Potato Olympics

On Monday we had our annual 'House Challenge' This is an opportunity for children to work together in their house teams to earn points for their house. The children decorated their potatoes with faces and then entered their potato into 3 potato races! A running race, high jump and long jump. There was lots of fun and laughter. The children loved it. The results were:

Unicorn	500 points	First Place
Hydra	486 points	Second Place
Phoenix	460 points	Third Place
Griffin	458 points	Fourth Place
Dragon	450 points	Fifth Place



Children's Mental Health Week

This week Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was **-Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.**

The wellbeing champions led Monday assembly talking about how it is so important to know yourself and think about personal growth. On Wednesday it was **Dress To Express Day** where children came dressed to express their personality.



Science Workshops (Year 1 – Year 6)

We are very pleased to be having a Holly Park Science Week for the whole week beginning Monday 24th February. During our Science Week the children will be doing some science experiments in class, there will be science assemblies and there will be a science homework.

Mrs Smith (Y4 Sycamore teacher) is our Holly Park science leader. Mrs Smith has booked a very exciting workshop for all of the classes from Year 1 to Year 6 on Thursday 27th February.

Children will get to engage in a selection of experiments that may include:

- Cloud in a Bottle
- Balloon Experiments
- Mutant Ninja Germs
- Bouncing Bubbles
- Fire Tornado

The children will engage in critical thinking, observation & analysis and teamwork.

The cost for the day is very expensive and we are aware that parents already pay for the curriculum days and trips that are planned for the year group.

I am very pleased to let you know that The PTA committee have agreed to heavily subsidise these workshops with money raised from PTA events. The PTA are contributing £700 to the cost of the day.

This means that we are only asking parents for £1 per child in order to participate in these exciting science workshops. We hope that the science workshops will be enjoyable and educational and we are grateful to the PTA for their financial support to enable this event to happen.



Parking

I have had a request from our neighbours in Holly Park Road to ask parents to park considerately. Parents are using driveways on Holly Park Road as a parking spots for drop off and pick up and it is extremely frustrating as the residents have to wait for parents to return before they can get in or out of their driveways.



Resources

Mrs Kelly is looking for some resources that we thought parents may have at home that they no longer need. She is specifically looking for: wooden alphabet puzzles, wooden number puzzles, ducks and sponges for the water tray and a wooden marble run. If you have any please could you let her know. Thank you.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 92%

Well done to Year 4 Mulberry Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Monday 10th February Y6 meeting about sex and relationship education 9am
Friday 14th February Y1 car making workshop - afternoon
Friday 14th February End of Half term at 3.30pm

HALF TERM

Monday 24th February Read Together in class 8.45am to 9.15am
Monday 24th February Holly Park Science Week
Wednesday 26th February Cross-Country Competition
Thursday 27th February Science workshops
Wednesday 5th March Parent meeting on Zoom – Reading (decoding & fluency)
Thursday 6th March World Book Day
Friday 7th March The Holly Park Book Swap
Friday 7th March Y4 Pyjama Party
Monday 10th March First Aid lessons this week
Monday 10th March Times released online for parent consultations
Tuesday 11th March KS2 maths meeting (4 rules of number) at 9am
Tuesday 11th March KS1 Book Look at 3.45pm
Tuesday 11th March Barnet Dance festival



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