



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Y6 National Tests

This week we had the national test week for Y6. The tests are very challenging with the average expectation being more in line with what an average 13year old used to be expected to do.

I would like to acknowledge ALL of the staff who have worked with the children over the years but particularly to Miss Sampson, Mr Carini, Mr Gordon, Mrs Hurry and Ms Ter Horst for the fantastic work they have done with the children this year to prepare them for the tests and to all the other staff who have supported Y6 and taught them across the years.

Thanks go to the PTA for buying the start of day breakfasts and also to all of the school staff who set up the hall and volunteered to run the special Y6 breakfasts and those who also invigilated the tests across the week.

A very big well done to our Y6 children who have kept calm over the week and really tried their best. Thank you to governors who came in as independent observers to ensure the tests were carried out fairly.



Chess Competition – National Semi-Finals – Top State School!

Our U11 chess team went on to play their English Primary Schools' Chess Association semi-final matches last weekend against 60 other schools. They played against some very well-established teams and also some very reputable private schools. Our teams both did amazingly well. Our U11 team were fantastic, finishing in fourth place and just missing out on the bronze position by half a point and the top two qualifiers by one and a half points. An incredible achievement especially as our team are very newly established and they were a team of Y5 and Y4 children whereas the other teams were Y6 children. The teams in the top 3 places were all private schools with well-established chess teams. Huge congratulations to the Holly Park U11 team who did themselves, the school, their parents and their coach very proud. If you think that your child might be interested in playing chess, remember they can sign up to chess club. Holly Park is now the top state school for chess at U11. A remarkable feat!



ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CHESS ASSOCIATION



New Holly Park Cap

The weather is so lovely. Children should wear a sun hat for school playtimes in the sunshine. Here are some new HPS hats available from Braggs. They look very smart.



School Games Mark – Gold

We are delighted to announce that we, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award again for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to: Mr Bourne, Miss Yiannaki, Mr Carini, Mr Reid and Mr Llewellyn. We look forward to applying once again in 2026!



Turkish Coffee Morning

Türk kahvesi sabahı buluşması 21 Mayıs Çarşamba 2025 saat 9:00'da.

Tüm Türkçe konuşan ailelerimizi 21 Mayıs 2025 Çarşamba günü saat 09:00'da okul salonunda yapılacak olan buluşmaya davet etmek isteriz.

Bu buluşma sırasında çocuğunuz, bu dönem ki müzik derslerinde öğrenmiş olduğu Türkçe bir şarkıyı seslendirecektir. Bu etkinlik sayesinde, diğer Türk ailelerle tanışma, okulumuz hakkında daha fazla bilgi edinme ve aklınızdaki soruları sorma fırsatı bulacaksınız. Etkinliğimizin, aileler arasında güçlü bir topluluk bilincinin oluşmasına katkı sağlamasını temenni ediyoruz..

Ayrıca etkinliğimizde, okuldan gelen bildigi ve belgelerin çevirisinde ya da her türlü iletişimi anlamada sizlere destek olabilecek Türk veli temsilcilerimizi de sizlerle tanıştıracacağız. Bu temsilcilerimiz, özellikle Holly Park'a yeni katılan ailelerin diğer ailelerle tanışmasını da yardımcı olmak için de orada olacaklardır.

İlk Türk kahvesi sabahı buluşmamıza ev sahipliği yapacak olmaktan büyük mutluluk duyuyoruz, siz değerli velilerimizin katılımını bekliyoruz.



Parent Gym: Taster Session (Come along and find out about it)

At Holly Park we are fortunate that our Learning Mentor Mrs Puzey is a trained Parent Gym Coach.

Every year she runs free parenting sessions for parents. It's a great opportunity to come together in an informal social group to come along and join the sessions.

The sessions are a mixture of information sharing with lots of time to chat with other parents and to share ideas.

Parent Gym is a series of 6 sessions based on the following parenting themes:

Chat – How to communicate – You and your child talking positively every day

Love – How to show you care in lots of ways – how to balance warmth and discipline

Behave – How to be consistent in setting boundaries – bring order with rules & routines that work

Care – How to raise healthy children – keep yourself & your family happy and healthy

Discover – How to encourage learning – help your child to learn & grow and achieve

Together – How to build a support network – keep your family rock solid and help your child make friends

Mrs Puzey has run parent Gym classes for Holly Park parents in the past with great success. Now we would like to invite you to participate.

There will be a taster session on: Thursday 22nd May.

Do come along and meet Mrs Puzey and find out more. It's a great way to bond with other parents and make friendships now that your child is on their school journey.



Y6 Careers Fair

Following the success of last year's Y6 careers fair, we are looking to repeat this again. As part of the work that we are doing across the school about the world of work we would really like to use our parent base to create a kind of careers fair towards the end of the school year. **The date will be Monday 22nd July (afternoon)** We are looking for approximately 10 parents who would be willing to come in to talk to a small group of children about their job and answer any questions. The session is a round robin of Y6 children in groups of about six, rotating round each parent. Each parent would need to talk to approximately 10 different groups of children for about 10-15 minutes at a time. If you think that you would be able to come and help us with this and talk about your job please contact me on head@hollypark.barnetmail.net



Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 96%

Well done to Y4 Mulberry Class with the best attendance at 100%.

Dates

Thursday 22nd May
Friday 23rd May
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Y6 to the Mosque
Y6 sailing to West Reservoir
Yoga workshops for Y3,4 and 5

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June
Tuesday 3rd June
Wednesday 4th June
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Friday 6th June
Monday 9th June
Monday 9th June
Tuesday 10th June
Thursday 12th June
Friday 13th June
Monday 16th June
Monday 16th June
Tuesday 17th June
Tuesday 17th June
Wednesday 18th June
Wednesday 18th June
Thursday 19th June
Friday 20th June
Monday 23rd June
Tuesday 24th June
Wednesday 25th June
Friday 27th June
Saturday 28th June

INSET Day
Y4 Multiplication checks begin for 2 weeks
Y6 Barnet Citizenship workshops
New Reception parent meet and greet 4-5pm
Nursery trip to Princess Diana memorial Playground
Year 1 Phonics Check week
Y5 to the Science Museum
Barnet Music Festival
Archery sessions for Y2,3,4,5
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Secondary transfer meeting Y5 parents at 9.00am
New Reception parent meet and greet 4-5pm
Y4 trip to the Tower of London
Nursery Open session for new parents 4-5pm
Coffee morning for Y1 and 2 parents
Class Photos
Diversity day – Be yourself Thursday
Y3 Team Building day
The Debate challenge workshop (Y5/6 children)
Nursery Open session for new parents 4-5pm
Coffee morning for our Farsi speaking families
Cophall Athletics
PTA Summer festival



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