



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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## VE Day – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

On Thursday we celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. We had an assembly where we discussed what it was and why we were celebrating it. Some Year 6 children told us all about what life had been like in WW2 – they were very impressive with the knowledge they had retained from this topic in the Autumn term.

We talked about Winston Churchill and his speech. We talked about the Royal family on the balcony at Buckingham Palace. We talked about the celebrations on VE Day and why they were so special. I was able to share a photograph of a friend (who was best man at my wedding and is now 88 years old) who remembers VE Day celebrations well and celebrated in Trafalgar Square. The photo below is him up a lamppost on the day 80 years ago. Ethan in Y6 shared a letter, photograph and WW2 medal from a relative involved in liberating France. We also talked about why peace is so important. Children had further lessons or discussions in class.



The children and staff came dressed in red, white and blue. Everyone had a special street party lunch outside under union flag bunting. It was most enjoyable and very exciting. The children really enjoyed the experience.





## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## **Attendance**

Whole school attendance for last week was 95%

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

## **Dates**

Monday 12th May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

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Y6 National test week

Coffee morning for our Turkish families

Y6 to the Mosque

Y6 sailing to West Reservoir

Yoga workshops for Y3,4 and 5

## **HALF TERM**

Monday 2nd June

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 9th June

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June

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Tuesday 17th June

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 18th June

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 20th June

Monday 23rd June

Tuesday 24th 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

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Coffee morning for our Farsi speaking families  
Cophall Athletics  
TA Summer festival



**WE HAVE ACHIEVED**

