



Holly Park Highlights!



SUMMER TERM 2025

Treehouse

This year several of our children have engaged in our Treehouse. This is a dedicated space for identified children to attend regularly and participate in enhanced provisions. The children have enjoyed specific interventions such as Lego therapy, sensory circuits and what's in the box. They have done lots of work based on books and have enjoyed small group Maths and English work as well as many sensory and creative activities and visited our sensory room.

Highlights have been trips to the library, a park, Belmont Farm, Willows Farm, the Local Food bank and the splash park at London Colney.

Parents made a visit at the end of term to see the Treehouse. We are delighted with the progress the children have made.



The Wizard Of Oz

Year 6 performed an amazing show at the end of their time at Holly Park. The show was The Wizard of Oz. The children acted, sang and danced with great enthusiasm. We saw talents that we didn't know existed! Both casts of children did a splendid job. The scenery and costumes were fantastic.

Huge thanks go to Ms Sampson and Mr Carini for all their work and commitment to producing such a great end of year event. Ms Sampson directed the show with huge enthusiasm. The amazing scenery and props were thanks to all of our talented TAs – particularly Ms Ter Horst and Mrs Hurry. What talented people we have at Holly Park! Thanks to Miss Halil for the teaching the songs to the children and also to one of our governors – Annemarie Thomas for getting some supporting the enthusiasm for the songs. She also recorded the backing track for the performance

and played the piano live for some of the performances. Thanks also to Mr Messios and one of the pupils from East Barnet Secondary School who helped with the choreography of one of the routines. There are many photos on the website. Well done Year 6



Parental Engagement

This year there have been many different ways we have engaged with parents: coffee mornings for different year groups and different groups of parents, the parent council, questionnaires, Parentgym, meetings, curriculum sessions about what we do in school, communication, shows, book looks, SLT phone calls to a selection of parents across the school, the writing exhibition, concerts and more.



Y5 Geography Field Trip



Year 5 had a fantastic geography field trip this term, at Alexandra Palace Park. It linked to their topic on mountains and landscapes. At the park, the children sat at the top of the hill and sketched the London skyline, including the Millenium Wheel, the Shard and the Tottenham football stadium! They used binoculars to get a clearer view, and compasses to tell the direction. They went to the boating lake, where the children drew a map of the area, including a key to its main features.

They also interviewed members of the public, asking them about their use of the park. After lunch, the children described similarities and differences between the hill and a mountain they had learned about – Scafell Pike.



The Royal Albert Hall

Our choir took part in a huge Barnet event at the Royal Albert hall. The title of the event was called 'All under one sky.' It was arranged by the Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT) What a terrific event and a fabulous opportunity and experience for those who participated. Our children were beautifully behaved and took part with enthusiasm and enjoyment. Huge thanks to Miss Halil who had rehearsed the children so well in the lead up to the event.



Nursery Adventures!



Our nursery children had an unforgettable adventure on their trip to Princess Diana's Memorial Playground! They became pirates for the day, exploring a life-sized pirate ship that sparked their imaginations and inspired plenty of swashbuckling fun. The day was packed with exciting activities including climbing, swinging, balancing and sliding as well as a thrilling treasure chest hunt. The children also enjoyed lots of sand and water play, perfect for sensory exploration and creativity. Back in class the children enjoyed listening to lots of pirate themed stories. They made their own telescopes and pirate maps and used large boxes to create their own pirate ships.



Y1 ANIMALS

Year One have really enjoyed the Summer term. They have been learning all about animals. They learnt the different types of animals including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. They made their own junk model animal and they did an animal art piece in the style of Eric Carle. They learnt that animals need to live in an



environment that is right for them and looked at why we wouldn't see an elephant and polar bear living together. To top it off they had so much fun seeing all of the animals at Hertfordshire Zoo.



They couldn't believe how big the lions were, how fast the penguins could swim and they kept far away from the enormous dinosaur models!

In June, Year 3 went on a Team Building Day to Arnos Park. The weather was perfect and the children took part in a variety of different activities which included: minefield, a three-legged race, noughts and crosses, working as a team to carry lots of tennis balls only using tennis racquets and tug of war. The children then had a picnic lunch in the park before in the

Y3 Team Building



afternoon having free play. All the children had

A great day and thoroughly enjoyed the

experience. By the time we returned there were lots of very tired children and adults!



Debate Team



Our Holly Park debate team (made up of Y5 and Y6 children) led a formal KS2 debate. The motion was: This House believes that children should wear school uniform. The two teams of children presented

their arguments. There was then time for questions from the floor. The debate team had prepared excellent speeches. The result was that the majority of KS2 children believed that we should NOT have school uniform.



Y4 Tower Of London



Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful day out to The Tower of London this term as part of their Tudor topic in History. The children saw the place where Anne Boleyn was executed before visiting the famous Bloody Tower. They enjoyed fascinating talks about Henry and his wives and the history of prisoners in the tower. Other highlights included walking around the battlements and seeing the Beefeaters and world-famous ravens of the Tower!

It was a fantastic trip and brilliant for the children to see one of London's most famous landmarks.



Reception And The Beanstalk



Reception really enjoyed reading a range of traditional stories such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk. As well as acting out the stories and writing their own versions they also wanted to have a go at growing their own



beanstalks. They first read Jasper's Beanstalk. They thought about what plants need so that they can grow healthily. They then planted beans. They are waiting for them to grow: some now have roots and some small shoots Maybe they will find a giant at the top!

Y2 Continents and Oceans



Year Two have been learning about the continents and oceans of the world. They have been learning the names of the

oceans and have learnt about how people use the oceans, especially to transport food from different countries to the UK. They experienced a Virtual Reality Workshop where they wore a VR headset and were transported to life in the ocean. A robot explained lots of facts about the different ocean animals

including dolphins, sharks and jelly fish. Back in the classroom, the children have been learning about the different layers of the ocean such as the sunlight, twilight and midnight zones, the abyss and the trenches! This has covered elements of Geography, Science and PSHE - Year Two have been very busy!!



Sporting Enrichment

This term, we decided to use our Sport Grant money to offer children from Year 2 to Year 6 some extra sporting opportunities – activities that they do not usually do at school. We wanted to give them experiences that they may not have had before. We wanted to broaden their experiences and perhaps spark their interest in new sporting activities. Over the course of the term we offered Zumba Dance, Yoga, Archery and Water Sports.

Yoga



Archery



Water Sports



Zumba Dance



Y6 ON THE WATER

Year 6 had an enthralling day trip to West Reservoir Centre where they were able to experience both sailing and kayaking throughout the day. There were a number of fast-paced games led by the fantastic instructors, which required the children to use teamwork, determination and skill to navigate their way around the water. Everyone had a great day!



Y6 Careers Fair

During the last week of term we were delighted to have a selection of adults to come and speak to our Year 6 children about their careers. We had: a journalist, head of programme at the Royal Society of Literature, a dentist, a doctor, a fundraiser, a TV presenter, a TV art director, an engineer, a management accountant, an IT technician and a chef manager. It was fascinating for the children to hear about all of the wonderful jobs.

