



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

ISSUE 7

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www.hollyparkschool.co.uk

Remembrance Day

After half term we will still be selling Poppy merchandise at the start of each school day. The suggested pricing is £1 for the merchandise (slap bands, keyrings, bracelets) and 50p for the poppies and stickers. These have been given to us by the Royal British Legion and all sales money goes back to them.

PTA – KS2 Pencil Case Replenishment Sale

All of the KS2 children will be taking their pencil cases home over half term so that you can check the condition of the equipment and replace anything required.

Although we stipulated 2 pens/pencils – it is fine to have 3.

The PTA have some spare equipment and will be doing a table top sale after school on Tuesday 4th November where you can buy extra pencil case items. A price list is at the end of the newsletter.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated cereal for Harvest. It was taken to Food bank Aid in Finchley who were very grateful for it. KS2 children had an assembly led by Mrs Kelly and Mrs Mehtar. They were supported by children from our Treehouse who had visited the Food bank last year. The children also sang a Harvest song. KS1 came to look at the Harvest table and talk about where the food was going. KS1 have also learned a song called 'Cauliflowers fluffy'. Early Years also got a chance to come and look at the Harvest table. Children from the morning Treehouse used the boxes to create an art installation that will be going into a photo competition run by Food bank Aid.



Absence

We have created a new email address to report your child's absence from school. If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please email to: absence@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk

Thank you

Read Together In Class

On **Monday 3rd November**, parents are invited to come into school with the children to read. The session is from 8.45am to approx. 9.15am. Parents are welcome to read to children or listen to children read a book to you. Children love to read and share books with adults. You will be reading with a small group of children. If you have more than one child you will need to decide which class to go to as there will only be time for one class. The event will be repeated in the Spring and the Summer term so there is a chance to read with your other children too. We hope that many of you will be able to visit. The event is not really suitable for toddlers to join you in the classroom.



Be Bright Be Seen Day

Today was "Be Bright Be Seen Day", to raise awareness of the importance of being safe on the streets especially as the nights draw in earlier in Autumn. Children came to school dressed in bright clothes - as bright as they could find.



Is your child a young carer?

A young person who supports or lives with someone with a disability, illness, addiction or any issue that affects their day to day living, whether it be a parent, sibling, family member or friend, that young person automatically qualifies as a young carer. At Barnet Young carers, we support and acknowledge their caring roles.

All children, once registered, will receive a Leisure pass for **FREE** swimming and discounted sessions within Better Gyms in the Barnet and surrounding areas.

YC Parental Referral Form <https://barnetyoungcarers.org.uk/parental-referral/>

YC Professional Referral: <https://barnetyoungcarers.org.uk/professional-referral/>

A 1:2:1 mentoring programme which gives them the opportunity to meet with a qualified mentor (most of who have themselves been young carers) to boost confidence and offer emotional and moral support.

YC Parental referral form <https://barnetyoungcarers.org.uk/internal-forms/mentoring-parental-agreement/>

Mentoring Professional Referral <https://barnetyoungcarers.org.uk/mentoring-service/>

Activities in school holidays eg theme park trips, theatre trips, arts and crafts courses, kayaking courses and much more. (once registered, you will automatically receive notifications of events).

Please complete the above referral form to register your child/ren. For any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me at any time on;

Sandra.Langham@barnetcarers.org **07955 286087**

<https://barnetyoungcarers.org.uk>



Spread Your Wings

Later this year Holly Park will be supporting Spread Your Wings. Spread Your Wings UK was set up in 2023 by a local family attached to our school community after their 9 month son Leo was diagnosed with a rare neurogenetic condition called Angelman syndrome. We have adopted this charity as our National Charity of the Year and they will be visiting the school later in the year.

However, they have contacted us with an early opportunity to get involved.

From Spread Your Wings:

Parents and carers can nominate their children to become one of Leo's Extraordinary Angelman Friends (L.E.A.F) and join our Tree of Awareness.

The child's name and message will feature on The Tree of Awareness in our professionally printed colour programme.

distributed to all guests at our Fundraising Gala in Central London on 13th December.
 To become one of Leo's Extraordinary Angelman Friends all we ask is a donation of £10 and a promise to make your child aware of what life is like for those with Angelman syndrome and other disabilities.
 Please visit our website, Facebook account or Instagram pages for more information.
[Spread Your Wings: Tree Of Awareness Glitter Gala Programme 2025](#)
[Life With Angelman Syndrome \(@spreadyourwingsuk\)](#) • Instagram photos and videos
[\(3\) Facebook](#)
 Thank you so much for your support. We are looking forward to visiting the school in the Spring term.



Cultural Day

As part of our work on Personal Development we will be having a Cultural Heritage Day on **Friday 7th November**. On this day we would encourage children to **come to school dressed in clothes that represent their cultural heritage**, wearing flags from their cultural heritage or colours of the flags.

The point of our day is to value the backgrounds of all of our children, to value and celebrate the diversity of our community and for children to get to know more about their class mates and their backgrounds. Knowing their cultural heritage can build children's confidence and give them a sense of belonging.

Cultural heritage is about a person's unique, inherited sense of family identity: the values, traditions, culture, and artefacts handed down by previous generations. We absorb a sense of our heritage throughout our lives as we observe and experience the things that make our family unique. Cultural heritage includes: cultures, customs, beliefs, rites, rituals, ceremonies, social customs and traditions, arts, crafts and music. A cultural heritage is anything that was passed down from one generation to another. The heritage passed down can be tangible, like an heirloom, location, or object. It can also be intangible, like a tradition, belief, or skill.

Article 8: Every child has the right to an identity and at Holly Park we want to celebrate individual identity.



Parents Cultural Day Coffee Afternoon – Food Event on Friday 7th November 3.00pm

Let's celebrate the different cultures and cuisines of our Holly Park families

We are inviting our parents/carers to come into school on Friday 7th November for a Cultural Day Coffee Afternoon. We would like parents to come with a plate of cakes, biscuits, sweet treats or savouries from their own cultural heritage to share with other parents. It will be an informal gathering to share food from around the world with other Holly Park parents. Come and sit in the hall and enjoy tasting some cuisine from around the globe. It can be homemade or shop bought. Come and tell us about what you have made. Bring along some of your favourites to share with others. Come and try foods from other cultures that you haven't tried before. Our only request is that there are no nuts in the food.

Please do try to come along and to bring some food to share and enjoy a lovely event.

We are asking parents to come along with a plate of food (not hot food like curry etc) but cakes, sweets, pastries and savouries from their own cultures (homemade or bought) that can be put on a table and shared with other parents
Could you bring along: welsh cakes, spring rolls, sushi, baklava, spanakopita, Victoria sponge, lamingtons, Bundt cake, macrons, Babka, Panetonne, Meskouta, Trilece cake, Maamoul or Barazek cookies, Halwas, Drozdowka, Gevulde Koek, Porter cake, Pasteis de Nata, scones or something else?



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week was 97%

Well done to Year 3 Hazel Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November

Parents in Class to Read Together 8.45-9.15am

Monday 3rd November

Notice for consultations Years 1-6

Tuesday 4th November

Meeting for all parents: Maths

Friday 7th November

Cultural Day

Monday 10th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 12th November

KS2 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 13th November

Individual Photograph Day

Thursday 13th November

KS1 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm



**WE HAVE
ACHIEVED**



Complete pencil case and equipment	£3.50
Mix and match any 2 blue pens, purple pens or pencils	50p
Ruler	50p
Large glue stick	£1.00
Empty pencil case	£1.00