



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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www.hollyparkschool.co.uk

Pupil Voice

Pupil Voice is very important to us at Holly Park. Through pupil voice we can find out more about what pupils think about school and the ideas they have for improving things. Having such a large number of groups that the children can be involved in means that they can contribute to their school community and get involved. They can also help other pupils to enjoy their time at school. Here are some of our pupil voice groups:



Healthy Living Council



Wellbeing Champions



Mini Mentors



Play Leaders



Junior Travel Ambassadors



School Council



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Rights Respecting Champions



Learning Council



Reading Champions



ECO Council

Individual Photograph Day

Individual Photograph Day is Thursday **13th November**. The school photographer will be here that day to take individual and sibling photographs. If you have ticked no school photographs on the form, then your child/children will not have their school photograph taken. If you are not sure, please check with the school office today.

***IF your child normally has PE on a Thursday – please do NOT come to school on Thursday 13th November in PE Kit for the school photographs – please come to school that day in school uniform (for the photographs) and bring the PE kit in a drawstring PE bag. Children will change for PE in school that day and take their PE kit and uniform home on the same day

House Captains

Below are our House Captains for this academic year.



GRIFFIN



PHOENIX



UNICORN



HYDRA



DRAGON

Letting Our School Hall

Over the past couple of years we have been letting out our school hall at weekends for all kinds of events including parties. We also hire the hall out after 6pm on weekdays for clubs and groups e.g Karate. All lettings are booked through a company called 'Sharesy'

If you would be interested in having a birthday party in the school hall you can book this through the Sharesy website. Booking can include the main hall, the dining hall, the Astro ball area or the playgrounds.

If you would be interested in hiring a part of the school for an event you can go to:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holly-park-primary-school>

Consultation Meetings for Year 1 to Year 6

This week bookings have gone live to make an appointment to meet the class teacher. You will have received a text telling you that you can now book. You just need to follow the link to book your slot with your teacher.

It is a first come first served system and parents can only book on available slots.

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.



Community Links

We are working this year to strengthen our links with the community and have a plan set out for our pupils in KS2.

Year 3 – Older adults - Links with a care home and a grandparent tea

Year 4 - Young children – Links with our nursery, our playgroup and Puddleducks nursery

Year 5 – A special school – Links with Oakleigh Special School

Year 6 – Supporting the community – bag packing at a supermarket.

This week a group of our Year 6 children went to Asda in Southgate and helped shoppers to pack their bags. The visit was a huge success and other Year 6 groups will attend across the school year. We featured on their social media post this week.



The Incognito Theatre in Holly Park Road

Did you know that the school is neighbour to a 64 seat fully equipped theatre that has been operating since 1948?

Not only that but it was the brainchild of a teacher from this school in those post secondworld war years.

Incognitos put on 5 or 6 shows a year each for a whole week. They have just completed a sold out run of an Agatha Christie play and are already in rehearsal for their next production as well as auditioning for their February show!

Their next show starting on Sunday 30th November at 6pm is Collected Grimm Tales

adapted by the poet Carol Ann Duffy and runs to Saturday 6th with a 2.30pm matinee. Weekday shows are at 7.30 pm We advise that the show is suitable for anyone of 8 years to at least 88!

Book through ticketsource.co.uk/incognito

More information on incognitotheatre.co.uk

Enquiries on 07783 418638

Antibullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is next week **10th to the 14th November**. The theme this year is **Power for Good**. We will start the week with **Odd Sock Day on Monday 10th** and there will be assemblies on the theme that week.

All classes will have a lesson on this during the week. At the end of the lesson, each class will make a **Kindness Pledge**. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will have a look at these to see the different Kindness Pledges that have been made across the school.

Local Charity – Live Unlimited

At Holly Park we support 3 different charities each term. This term we are going to be supporting a local charity. The charity is Live Unlimited. Live Unlimited is a charity that provides opportunities and support to Barnet's looked-after children and young care leavers, empowering them to live their best lives. On Wednesday 19th November we will be supporting this charity and asking children to come to school dressed in a mix of purple, green, blue and orange in return for a £1 donation to the charity on School Money. Thank you.



Cultural Day

Today is our annual Cultural Day. The children came dressed to represent their cultural heritage. This is an opportunity for children to share and talk about their cultural heritage with others.

Each year group had a theme to discuss and explore based on an aspect of cultural heritage:

Nursery - FOOD from different cultures

Reception - FAMILIES from different cultures

Year 1 - STORIES from different cultures

Year 2 - CELEBRATIONS from different cultures

Year 3 - ART from different cultures

Year 4 - DANCE from different cultures

Year 5 - CLOTHING from different cultures

Year 6 - MUSIC from different cultures

As children progress through the school they will get to consider all of these different aspects of Culture each year.

Article 30 - Minority culture, language and religion: Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week was 95 %

Well done to Year 2 Rowan Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Thursday 6th November

Friday 7th November

Monday 10th November

Monday 10th November

Year 4 to the British Museum

Cultural Day

Anti-Bullying Week

Y5 & Y6 Cycle training this week

Wednesday 12 th November	KS2 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 13 th November	Individual Photograph Day
Thursday 13 th November	KS1 Book Look 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 14 th November	Meeting for all parents: Character Education
Tuesday 18 th November	Y5 Juniper Class assembly 9am
Tuesday 18 th November	Meeting for Y5 parents - Y6 residential in 2026 9.30
Wednesday 19 th November	Local Charity day – Live Unlimited
Wednesday 19 th November	Consultations for KS1 & KS2 4-6.30pm
Thursday 20 th November	Consultations for KS1 and KS2 4-6.30pm
Friday 21 st November	INSET DAY



**WE HAVE
ACHIEVED**

