



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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## Food Bank Aid's 'Healthy Smile Campaign'

This half term, our school will be taking part in Food Bank Aid's 'Healthy Smile Campaign', helping to support families who are unable to afford basic dental care. **How you can help:** We are inviting families to **donate toothpaste and toothbrushes** to help fill the dental care gap for children and adults using local food banks. There will be a basket in the foyer between **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** for any donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes. Every donation helps families take care of healthy smiles - thank you so much for your support.



EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HEALTHY SMILE

## World Book Day

This year, Our Holly Park theme was... *Magical Creatures and mythical Beasts!* Children were invited to dress up as their favourite book character from a book of their choice. Ms Sampson led a whole school assembly. During the day, children drew their own magical creature or mythical beast. Each class will collate these to create a 'Bestiary'. These will then be made available in the library. Even Maisy the school dog dressed up as Paddington!

Huge thanks to Miss Sampson for organising all of the World Book Day activities.



## World Book day Museum – Mythical Creatures

The Holly Park World Book Day Pop-Up Museum was back! This year we asked pupils to make their own model creation of a mythical beast or creature. We had a selection of creatures made from card, paper, clay, material, cake. These were collated in to an exhibition that every class visited.



## Holly Park Book Swap

For the Holly Park book swap children brought in a couple of books from home to swap for another book that they would like to read. The book swap is a great way to re-use and recycle children's books.



## Assistant Head – Inclusion

I am delighted to tell you that at the full governors meeting in December that governors approved my proposal to rename Mrs Kelly's job title to **Assistant Head (Inclusion)**. This is particularly appropriate especially in the changing world of schools and Ofsted where Inclusion is forefront. Mrs Kelly already does the extra duties that the role of Assistant Head: morning gate duty, Tuesday assemblies, a lunch duty, attends SLT meetings, leads the Y5 residential, is a DSL and has a safeguarding day. Governors agreed that a change of title raises Mrs Kelly's profile and also recognises her vast experience as a SENCO, the external work she now does for IAT in Barnet, the significant rise in SEND numbers, the complexity of SEND within schools and the tremendous job she has done with our Treehouse. This change has already taken place. I believe that this change of title is very well deserved and appropriate and recognises the work that Mrs Kelly is already doing.



## Community Links

Groups of Year 6 children have been visiting Asda in Southgate to help customers with their shopping. Thanks to Mrs Mehtar for organising and to Mrs Hurry and Mr Reid for taking them and supervising. It has been a very positive experience.

We welcomed another group of enthusiastic Year 6 students from Holly Park Primary School to bag pack and engage with our customers and colleagues.

These children were helping lots of customers pack, scan and organise their shopping, lifting the bags into trolleys and engaging in interesting conversations. All the children worked incredibly hard and really enjoyed being in store. Many children who were initially shy, very quickly overcame this and became confident and had a positive experience.

We talked about upcoming events like World Book Day and who their favourite characters and books were. We also shared ideas for Mother's Day. It was so wonderful to see the children engage in conversations with our customers and colleagues. After the session we rewarded the children with some sweet treats and Mother's Day cards and Activity sheets and colouring pages. They were thrilled with their reward and can't wait to come back in store!

Lovely to work with these children from Holly Park Primary School.



## Parent Maths Session KS2

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9am, Mrs Mir will be running a session for KS2 parents to demonstrate how we teach the formal methods of addition and subtraction at school. It will be helpful for parents to attend this in order to support children at home.

## Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week was 95%

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

## Dates

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| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March     | First Aid lessons this week |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | KS2 maths meeting at 9am    |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | KS1 Book Look at 3.45pm     |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | Barnet Dance festival       |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March | KS2 Book Look at 3.45pm     |



WE HAVE ACHIEVED

