



HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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www.hollyparkschool.co.uk

Angelman Syndrome – Leo's Birthday Fundraiser

If you didn't have time to donate £5.15 to Leo's 5th birthday fundraiser for Angelman's Syndrome - there is still time. This is our national charity and is very close to our hearts. Leo is the son of Alex who owns Non-Stop Action who have been involved with Holly Park for the past 14 years supporting the teaching of PE across the school.

<https://spreadyourwingsuk.enthuse.com/cf/leo-s-5th-birthday-26th-march-2026>

Primary Maths Challenge

This year we took part in the National Primary Maths Challenge. Several children from Years 4 to 6 took part in the first round. Franco from Year 6 got through to the second round. This is an even harder mathematical test taken by children across the country. We found out just before the holiday that Franco was awarded a Bronze certificate of Achievement. A fantastic result – Huge congratulations to Franco!



Mini First Aid – Celebration

Just before the holiday, we were thrilled to be celebrating the fact that Holly Park is one of very few schools who teach first aid from Reception through to Year 6. In fact, we are the first school who have done this with Mini First Aid.

In the 1 hour sessions, children learn to call 999, deal with bumps, burns, breaks and bleeding, carry out CPR and deal with choking. The children really enjoy the lessons thanks to Martin the trainer.

To mark the fact that our current Y6 have done 7 years of first aid, we held a celebration event for parents to attend and children were awarded certificates. There were special videos for the children from the company's founder Kate and from Sara Davies the Dragon who invested in the company 13 years ago on the BBC programme Dragon's Den.



Character Education

This summer term, our focus is on the positive character trait of resilience. Throughout the term, children will explore what it means to keep going when things feel challenging and how to bounce back from setbacks. They will take part in thoughtful discussions, role-play real-life scenarios, and listen to both fictional and real-life stories that highlight resilience in action. These activities are designed to help build confidence, perseverance, and a positive mindset that will support their learning both in and out of the classroom.

Incognito Theatre Company

Our neighbours at the Incognito Theatre have totally sold out for their show starting Sunday 19th but their next show Shakers Re-stirred by John Godber and Jane Thornton runs from Sunday 24th June until Saturday 4th July.

Booking is now open on incognitotheatre.co.uk This is a play for adults taking a look behind the scenes of a night club from the waitresses' point of view.

British Values Day

Friday 24th April is our British Values Day – children need to come to school that day wearing red, white and blue. They will be undertaking various activities about the British values in class that day.



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week was 97%

Well done to Year 1 Pine Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Monday 20th April

Zoom meeting for parents – marking and feedback 9.30am

Thursday 23rd April

Treehouse Trip to Kentish Farm

Friday 24th April

British Values Day

Monday 27th April

Read together in class 8.45am – 9.15am

Monday 27th April

KS2 Cophall trials

Tuesday 28th April

Y1 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo

Monday 4th May

May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May

Meeting for parents – the relational policy

Wednesday 6th May

Y3 Willow to Railway Fields

Thursday 7th May

Nursery colour day

Friday 8th May

Y3 Hazel to Railway Fields

Monday 11th May

Y6 National test week



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