



# HOLLY PARK NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

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## Sport Curriculum Day – Nerf

This term, we decided to use our Sport Grant money to offer children from Year 1 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. The Nerf experience was one of these sports curriculum days. The children and staff absolutely loved it!



## Year 6 Water Activities

Another sports curriculum day that was offered to the children from the Sports Grant was a water activity day for Year 6. They went to West Reservoir and had a really fun day sailing and kayaking.



## Treehouse Swimming Session

Greenwich Leisure Limited at Cophthall Pool kindly offered some free inclusive sessions at their pool for pupils who would benefit from their new sensory lights and play equipment. Schools have been invited to bring along a group of pupils for a 40-minute session. Holly Park was one of the first schools to take up this offer. Mr Reid drove the minibus and a group of children from the morning Treehouse were accompanied by Mrs Kelly, Mrs Puzey, Mrs Pearce and Miss Giles. They had a fabulous time in the coloured water with lots of floats. Great fun!



## **Plastic-Free Packed Lunches**

As part of our commitment to reducing plastic waste, we are encouraging all families who send their child in with a packed lunch to consider swapping single-use plastics for more eco-friendly alternatives. Simple swaps can make a big difference — try using a reusable lunchbox instead of plastic bags, beeswax wraps or reusable silicone bags in place of clingfilm, and a refillable water bottle rather than a disposable plastic one. Snacks like fruit, vegetables, and sandwiches can be packed loose in a compartmentalised lunchbox, removing the need for individual wrappers altogether. Thank you for helping us take small but meaningful steps towards a greener future for our children and our planet!



## **Spread Your Wings Day (12<sup>th</sup> June)**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June we will be continuing to support our national charity 'Spread Your Wings.' On this day we are asking children to come to school dressed in a costume with wings for a donation of £1 on School Money. We will also allow capes as an extension of wings! Children can come dressed as fairies, pixies, butterflies, bees, birds, dragonflies, ladybirds, super heroes with capes, Peter Pan, Tinker bell, Mythical creatures with wings e.g Phoenix

## **School Games Mark – Gold**

We are delighted to announce that we, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award again for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to: all of the staff who support swimming lessons, Mr Bourne, Miss Yiannaki, Mr Carini, Mr Reid and Mr Llewellyn. We look forward to applying once again in 2027!



## **PTA Rainbow Raffle**

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, the PTA will be holding a Colour Raffle Collection Competition between the year groups.

Each year group will be assigned a colour.

Children are invited to bring in donations of food, treats, toys, or other items in their year group colour. These donations will be used to create colour themed raffle boxes for our summer fair raffle.

Please note:

\* Items must match your year group colour

\* No fruit, vegetables, or other perishable items, as these cannot be included

Donations should be brought into your child's classroom during the first week after half term. The year group that donates the most items will win a special prize!

Half term is a fabulous time to have a look to see what you could contribute to the year group box!

**Nursery: RED**

**Reception: ORANGE**

**Year 1: YELLOW**

**Year 2: GREEN**

**Year 3: BLUE**

**Year 4: PURPLE**

**Year 5: WHITE**

**Year 6: BLACK**



### **Parent Gym - Six Weeks Of Free Parenting Workshops At Holly Park – with Mrs Puzey & Early Help**

Mrs Puzey will be running parent Gym sessions from **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – and every Thursday for 6 weeks.**

These are excellent sessions and a GREAT opportunity to talk to other parents and share ideas about parenting.

Somebody from early Help will also come along to each session.

At Holly Park we are fortunate that our Learning Mentor Mrs Puzey is a trained Parent Gym Coach.

Every year she runs free parenting sessions for parents. It's a great opportunity to come together in an informal social group to come along and join the sessions.

The sessions are a mixture of information sharing with lots of time to chat with other parents and to share ideas.

Parent Gym is a series of 6 sessions based on the following parenting themes:

**Chat** – How to communicate – You and your child talking positively every day

**Love** – How to show you care in lots of ways – how to balance warmth and discipline

**Behave** – How to be consistent in setting boundaries – bring order with rules & routines that work

**Care** – How to raise healthy children – keep yourself & your family happy and healthy

**Discover** – How to encourage learning – help your child to learn & grow and achieve

**Together** – How to build a support network – keep your family rock solid and help your child make friends

Mrs Puzey has run parent Gym classes for Holly Park parents in the past with great success. Now we would like to invite you to participate.

**Come along on 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

Do come along and meet Mrs Puzey and find out more. It's a great way to bond with other parents and make friendships now that your child is on their school journey.

If you decide to join the six-week programme, the sessions will run on Thursday mornings from 9am to 11am.

We are delighted that Early help will also be attending each week and will be supporting the sessions.



### **Diversity Day: Be Yourself Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> June)**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June we are having 'Be Yourself Day' It's a day for the children to celebrate and acknowledge the beauty of being themselves and their unique capabilities. It's also a day to celebrate everyone's differences. It's a day to be yourself - the focus is about believing in their dreams, embracing their uniqueness, and inspiring them to use joy and laughter. We are asking the children to come to school that day wearing clothes that celebrate who they are – be it party clothes, a particular colour of clothes, pyjamas, dressing up clothes, sports clothes etc

## Author Visit – Hollie Hughes

We are very excited to have author Hollie Hughes coming in to school for the day next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Throughout the day she will be working with children from Nursery -Year 5 through assemblies, Q&A sessions, book readings and picture-book making workshops. She will also be in the main hall after school signing copies of her books, which will be sold through the Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop. We hope to see you there!



## **Great News from The Crown Dance Club!**

As we mentioned, about two weeks ago we held three days of auditions for the Crown House Dance Club, and it was an absolute success. Every pupil who took the time, showed courage, and gave their best during the audition process. The level of enthusiasm, commitment, listening skills, and positive attitude displayed by all participants was truly inspiring.

Following the auditions, we are delighted to announce that the final performance team has now been selected.

As a result, registration for this academic year is now closed. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any new members at this stage. However, we look forward to welcoming new applicants during next year's audition period.

Over the next seven weeks, the dancers will be working hard as they prepare for an end-of-summer performance. We are incredibly excited about what lies ahead and cannot wait to share their progress with the wider school community. We hope to be able to invite parents, to watch the final performance to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the young dancers.

✉ To join the Crown House newsletter, where we share updates, opportunities and resources every Wednesday, please contact: [hello.thecrownhouse@gmail.com](mailto:hello.thecrownhouse@gmail.com)

## Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week was 96%

Well done to Year 2 Rowan Class with the best attendance at 98%.

## Dates

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 to The Tower Of London
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Barnet Music Festival
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Author Visit – Hollie Hughes



**WE HAVE ACHIEVED**

