



Holly Park Highlights!



SUMMER TERM 2026

Treehouse

This year our Treehouse has flourished. The Treehouse is a dedicated space for identified children to attend regularly and participate in enhanced provisions. The children have enjoyed specific interventions such as Lego Therapy, sensory circuits and what's in the box. As well as small group Maths and English work they have done work on emotions, body parts, consent, Colourful Semantics and have enjoyed many lovely books to join in with. They have also visited our sensory room.

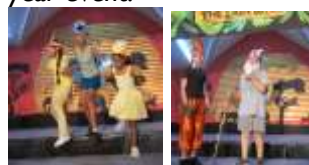
Highlights have been trips to Pizza Express, The Arts Depot, a sensory swimming pool and the splash park at London Colney.

Treehouse children got to meet the Mayor of Barnet when he visited the school. We are delighted with the progress the children have made and very proud that we had two visits from the Department for Education to see the work being done in our Treehouse SEND Base.



The Lion King

Year 6 performed an amazing show at the end of their time at Holly Park. The show was The Lion King. The performance was worthy of the West End! The children acted, sang and danced with great enthusiasm. We saw talents that we didn't know existed! The cast of children did a splendid job. The scenery and costumes were fantastic. Huge thanks go to Ms Sampson, Mr Carini and Miss Biggs for all their work and commitment to producing such a great end of year event.

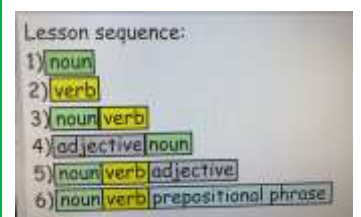


Ms Sampson directed the show with huge enthusiasm. The amazing scenery and props were thanks to all of our talented TAs – particularly Ms Ter Horst and Mrs Hurry. What talented people we have at Holly Park! Thanks to Miss Halil for teaching the songs to the children and also to one of our parents – Annemarie Thomas for support with the songs. An unforgettable performance! Well done Year 6



Improving Writing

We have worked hard this year on improving writing standards across the school as part of our School Improvement Plan. We have improved work on grammar, introduced colourful semantics and fluent in 5, moderated writing carefully with other local schools and an external moderator and made sure that there are non-negotiables in each year group. We are delighted that writing achievement data has improved across every cohort in the school.



Y5 Space Visit



This term Year 5 visited the Science Museum to learn about Space. They watched an incredible 3D film at the IMAX cinema about how astronauts travel to, and live in, space. The children represented the school in the best way and were respectful and curious throughout the whole day. After lunch, they explored the Space Gallery before making their way home on the tube. Such a fun day!



Y1 ANIMALS

Year One have really enjoyed the Summer term. They have been learning all about animals. They learnt the different types of animals including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. They made their own junk model animal and they did an animal art piece in the style of Eric Carle. They learnt that animals need to live in an



environment that is right for them and looked at why we wouldn't see an elephant and polar bear living together. To top it off they had so much fun seeing all of the animals at Hertfordshire Zoo.



They couldn't believe how big the lions were, how fast the penguins could swim and they kept far away from the enormous dinosaur models!

Musical Treats

The end of term finished with some lovely musical treats. The summer music concert was a delight. Lots of talented children singing and playing a variety of instruments. The choir sang beautifully. Miss Halil had done a wonderful job. Music is a fabulous enrichment activity. The children were also treated to a quartet performance in an assembly.



Nursery Adventures!

Our Nursery children had a wonderful day on their trip to Holland Park. They had great fun exploring the adventure playgrounds, where they climbed, balanced, swung and slid with enthusiasm. One of the playgrounds was covered in sand, and the children loved digging holes with diggers and playing a variety of imaginative sand games. The children also enjoyed a walk through the beautiful gardens, taking time to admire the colourful flowers, the fountain and the stunning artwork on the walls. In the Kyoto Gardens, they were excited to discover even more beautiful plants, a waterfall and some huge fish.

One of the highlights of the day was meeting the park's very brave squirrels, who were keen to share the children's lunches and even tried to climb onto them!

It was a fantastic day full of adventure, exploration and fun, and after such an exciting outing, many of the children enjoyed a well-earned nap on the coach journey home.



In June, Year 3 went on a Team Building Day to Arnos Park. The weather was perfect and the children took part in a variety of different activities which included: minefield, a three-legged race, noughts and crosses, working as a team to carry lots of tennis balls only using tennis racquets and tug of war. The children then had a picnic lunch in the park before in the

Y3 Team Building



afternoon having free play. All the children had



A great day and thoroughly enjoyed the

experience. By the time we returned there were lots of very tired children and adults!



Debate Team



Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in an inter school debate challenge with lots of other Barnet primary schools. The debate took place at

Middlesex University. The motion was 'Should city centres be pedestrianised?' Holly Park had to argue 'FOR' the motion. The children did amazingly well and represented themselves and the school really well. Oscar in Y5 was voted 'Star Speaker' – one of only 4 children in the whole event. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children.

Y4 Tower Of London



Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful day out to The Tower of London this term as part of their Tudor topic in History. The children saw the place where Anne Boleyn was executed before visiting the famous Bloody Tower. They enjoyed fascinating talks about Henry and his wives and the history of prisoners in the tower. Other highlights included walking around the battlements and seeing the Beefeaters and world-famous ravens of the Tower!

It was a fantastic trip and brilliant for the children to see one of London's most famous landmarks.



Reception And The Beanstalk



Reception really enjoyed reading a range of traditional stories. As well as acting out the stories and writing their own versions they also wanted to have a go at growing their own beanstalks. They first read Jasper's Beanstalk and talked about what happened when Jasper planted a bean. They thought about what plants need so that they can grow healthily. They used words such as 'roots', 'sunlight' and 'rain' They



then planted beans in plastic bags which was stuck on the window. Some of them now have roots and some small shoots and leaves are growing up towards the sun. Maybe they will find a giant at the top of their beanstalks!



Fashion Through The Ages



Year 2 have had a fantastic summer term exploring Fashion Through the Ages. They learnt about influential designers, including Coco Chanel and

Mary Quant, and discovered how their ideas changed the world of fashion. Inspired by their learning, the children designed and created their own unique T-shirts by tie-dyeing fabric, producing digital artwork for transfer printing, and using their sewing skills to add pockets, buttons and

decorative patterns. We are incredibly proud of their creativity, enthusiasm and hard work!



Sporting Enrichment

This year, we again 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. Over the course of the term we offered World Cup Dance, Yoga, Nerf and Water Sports.

Yoga



Nerf



Water Sports



Y6 DANCE WORKSHOP

In preparation for their production, Year 6 joined an online Lion King workshop in June that was facilitated by the V&A museum. Firstly, a member of the museum showed their amazing collection of costumes from the West End Production and explained the design that went in to them. They then had a movement and singing workshop with members of the cast. Finally, there was a Q&A with the actors and the children had the opportunity to ask about being an actor and performing in a show in general.



Chess Champions

What a year! Holly Park is officially the number one state school in the country for chess having been the only state primary school to qualify for the National Finals. We were up against some very well-known schools; Westminster, City of London, St. Paul's, Kings College to name a few in the final. John our chess teacher and his under 11 team should be hugely congratulated on such a fabulous achievement!



World Cup Dance

