HOLLY PARK
NEWSLETTER

'We support our children to be their best.'

Inclusion is everybody's responsibility – essential for some and good for all

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www.hollyparkschool.co.uk

NEW AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

This is the link: crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hollypark-2026

Jazzy Jumper Day

Jazzy Jumper day will be **Wednesday 9th December**. In return for wearing a Jazzy Jumper we would like the children to pay £1 on School Money. This will go towards the Big Holly Park Appeal and our new audio-visual equipment. It is also Christmas lunch day so will bring a festive feel to the day.





Christmas raffle

We are going to be having a Christmas raffle at the end of term with all money raised going towards our new audio-visual equipment. If there are any parents in our community who run businesses and can donate a voucher for something as a raffle prize please speak to Mrs Pelham.

Our Autumn Term Charity

The charity we are supporting this term is the NSPCC. Last month, the children took part in their "Speak Out, Stay Safe" programme. All the children had an assembly about it and Y2, Y5 & Y6 had workshops led by the NSPCC. We would like the children will **come to school wearing green** (the colour for the NSPCC) and donate **£1 on Thursday 26th November.**

As a key message for the NSPCC is kindness and since it is also a target on our School Improvement Plan, "*Foster positive friendships with an emphasis on kindness*", all classes will have a Talk Time on this day discussing how we can show kindness to others.

Christmas Trees

A local street are organising for trees to be delivered straight to them without the middle man adding their cut - making our prices very competitive.

Any profit made will be donated to Holly Park School (we've added on a small amount to the cost price of each tree)

Trees will be delivered on: **Friday 4th December** to the allotments office on Crescent Road (opposite the rear entrance to Friern Barnet Secondary School) You can also collect on Saturday - please see collection times on the

order forms.
Here's the link to the order form: https://forms.gle/yRNaiDUCawsuJwdE9.
And this is the link to the payment form (please don't forget this part!). Like last year this pool on PayPal.
https://www.paypal.com/pool/9udojInzSn.
Any questions please contact Angela: 07976 814516 if you would like a tree.

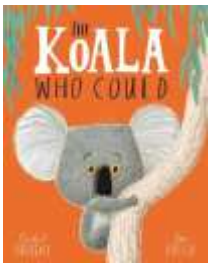






Infant Music Festival

This year, the Infant Music Festival was based on the book 'The Koala who could' It is a book about bravery and is set in Australia. The children sang a sea shanty sung by sailors many years ago from Cape Horn to South Australia. They also sang a first-generation song in native language and learnt about Australian animals. The children made their own Koala's and they sang their own song called 'The Kindness Song'. The Year 2 children sang beautifully along with the other schools who attended and some of the children accompanied the singing on xylophones. Miss Halil reported that the Year 2 children were brilliant! A big thank you and well done to Miss Halil for all of her work preparing the children.



Y6 Winter Stalls

On Friday 11th December, Y6 children will be hosting stalls in the playground at home time 3.30pm. There will be a chocolate tombola and lots of other stalls with items to buy and games to play. The Y6 children are raining money for their end of year test breakfast and their leaving disco in July. Please do come along and support them.








Street TAG Congratulations!

Congratulations to everyone in the Holly Park Street Tag team for achieving second place in the Barnet Primary Schools Street Tag competition for the Autumn Term. We have won a cash prize for the school of £100.
Holly Park finished with 7,180,060 points, collected by our 79 players.
This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the enthusiasm, commitment, time and energy the team put into collecting virtual tags, getting active and making more sustainable travel choices.
There will be another challenge in the Spring Term. Look out for details nearer the time. More players are always welcome, so it you would be fantastic if you'd like to join in.
Well done to everyone involved and Mrs Thomas for encouraging everyone.







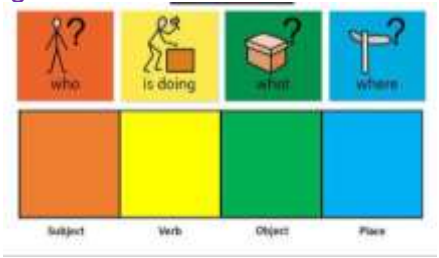
A New PTA Committee Needed

If you are interested in being part of a new PTA committee, please come and speak to Mrs Pelham.
The PTA consists of three voluntary officers: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. The PTA usually meets once a term, with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when they are planning larger events.
The PTA forms an important part of school life, and over the years we have been fortunate to have had a PTA that has been an integral part of our school community.
Over time the PTA has raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school facilities.

Like most PTA's, the majority of our funds are raised through the PTA events that are run; this includes fairs, cake sales, children's discos and more!
A PTA is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school and is an excellent way to bring staff, parents, carers and friends together socially in support of the school. Events are an opportunity for families to get to know each other better and create a happy school community feel.
All parents and families are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available.
The old PTA committee have stepped down after several years of commitment to the role and we are very grateful for everything they did. It is time for a new committee and a new look PTA who may have new ideas going forward.
We are looking for people who are committed and reliable, respect the school's priorities and the boundaries of the roles, have good communication skills and teamwork skills and have honesty and integrity.
A chair needs to form a good relationship with the Headteacher and other school leaders, be fair, diplomatic, have good leadership and communication skills and be highly organised.
A Treasurer needs to have good mathematical skills and an eye for detail, honesty, transparency an awareness of rules on fundraising, insurance, gift aid and licences for raffles, lotteries.
A secretary needs to have good communication skills, be able to take notes of meetings and write them up into minutes and be very organised.
If you are interested in being part of a new committee and contributing to the life of the school, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Pelham.

Parent meeting – Colourful Semantics (grammar and sentence structure)

On Friday 11th December Miss Mountford will be running a parent session about Colourful semantics. Colourful semantics is a teaching tool that we introduced last year at Holly Park to support all children from nursery to Year 6 with grammar and sentence structure. Do come along and find out more about it.





Free Cycling Training in Barnet

Whether you're a first-time rider or a regular cyclist looking to improve your skills, Barnet are providing free tailored courses to suit your individual abilities and goals. You will work with a fully qualified instructor who will help you to; build skills and gain confidence to navigate around your local area, improve your cycling skills and confidence, perfect your cycling techniques, practice in a safe off-road environment to refresh your cycling technique and improve your performance when dealing with complex junctions, heavy traffic or cycling at night. See the link for more information.
https://www.cyclinginstructor.com/barnet

Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 96%
Well done to Year 2 Rowan Class with the best attendance at 99%.

Dates

Friday 20th November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24th November	Year 4 Mulberry Class assembly 9am
Monday 30th November	Decorations Day
Friday 4th December	Reading meeting for Reception parents at 9am
Monday 7th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 8th December	Y3 Nativity at 2.15pm
Tuesday 8th December	Nursery stay and play for new children 4-5pm
Wednesday 9th December	Jazzy Jumper Day (£1 to support the Big Appeal)
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10th December	Y3 Nativity at 9.30am
Friday 11th December	Y6 Winter Stalls 3.30pm
Friday 11th December	Meeting for KS1 and Y3 parents: Colourful Semantics
Monday 14th December	Y3 and Y4 parties
Tuesday 15th December	EYFS parties
Tuesday 15th December	Y1 and Y2 parties
Wednesday 16th December	Y5 and Y6 parties
Thursday 17th December	Choir sing a long 2pm
Friday 18th December	Term ends at 1.30pm


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