

St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

June 2016

As we begin our final half term, we have lots of activities and events to enjoy before beginning our Summer holidays.

Our fantastic arts week

The children showed their collective artistic skills at our Gallery Exhibition just before the half term break. They had studied a fascinating range of artists and produced some truly inspirational pieces of art. Here is a smalls election. It was wonderful to have so many parents come along to enjoy the exhibition too!



Phonics assessments

Although our Year 2 and Year 6 children have finished their SATs tests, our KS1 children are soon to start their phonics assessment tasks. Miss Leeb and Miss Eden have sent home a range of letters and sounds that some children need a little extra practice on at home and we would be very grateful if you can work on these with your children. If you want any further information or advice about the phonics tasks please do come and talk with us.



Computing and coding

Some of our classes have been receiving support from the Islington IT team to help our children keep up to speed with the latest computing skills. They have focused very much on coding and programming this year and next year would like to also look at creating our own school radio station—keep your eyes (and ears!) open next term when we hope to launch.

We would also love to start a coding club after school for children who really enjoy programming.

We need one or more parent volunteers to help with this so if you have good computing or programming skills and would be able to help us with a weekly coding club, please do let us know. We can help to train you so that you are up to speed before the sessions start.

Health and wellbeing week—20th-24th June

The children and staff will be focusing on healthy bodies and healthy minds through a range of events including sports, healthy cooking and eating, managing anxiety and worries and staying safe. It will culminate with **Sports day on Friday 24th June from 9-12:30am at Whittington Park** and we would love to see as many parents there as possible.

If any parents have experience or skills in sports, yoga, massage, cookery or any other area covered as part of our week, we would be delighted if you could come in and help – just speak with your child's teacher or with Riyana in the school office.



Glorious music

Many of our children who have been having lessons for keyboard, violin and piano, recently performed in a music assembly for pupils and parents. For most, it was the first time they have performed in public but you would never know, as they were absolutely fantastic!



School Council update

School Council have invited in an organisation called **London Young Ambassadors** to deliver a school assembly on 13th June, about the volunteer work they do. Afterwards they will be meeting with school council members to consider ways in which they can extend the amount of volunteering we do in school and through the local community.

The school council has also planned the **Macmillan "Dress up and dance"** event in school on **Friday 17th June** —more details to follow.

Upcoming dates and events...

Tuesday 7th June—Year 6 are out on a London Bridge river Trip

Wednesday 8th June— Year 1 are at Clissold Park for a spot of orienteering

Friday 10th June— Year 3 are off to Kew Gardens to look at art in nature

Monday 13th June— class photos (best school uniform please!)

Monday 13th June—Nursery and Reception open evening for parents

Tuesday 14th June— Year 5 will be investigating at the science Museum while Year 4 will be finding out about the Tudor Reformation at Westminster Abbey

Thursday 16th June—Year 6 are being treated to a tour of the arsenal Stadium

Monday 20th June— Year 3 will be finding out all about bones and movement at the London Zoo while Year 4 will be at the National Portrait Gallery to support their Tudors topic.

Wednesday 22nd June— Year 6 are visiting the Museum of London to find out more about life in Victorian times.

Thursday 23rd June— school closed for EU referendum

Tuesday 28th June—Years 5 and 6 are out at the Islington Junior Citizens event looking at staying safe as part of preparation for secondary school

Wednesday 29th June— community police officer, PC Brian, will be visiting classes across the school to explore topics around keeping safe.

Attendance and punctuality update

	Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	92%	94.3%	95.8%	95.2%	94.4%	97.2%	95.1%	96.3%

Our school target for attendance is 96% . Well done to Years 4 and 6 who remain above this. I hope some of the other classes can reach the target during Summer term.

Please don't hesitate to speak with myself or any member of staff if you have something you would like to discuss.

Best wishes

Mr Welsh