

HOLLAND HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Headmistress:

The first week of school seems to have rushed by and it has been wonderful to hear all the news from the children about their exploits over the summer break. It can be hard for some of them to get back into the routine of school, but their smiles and enthusiasm are plain to see.

With the launch of the new menus from our refurbished kitchen this week, many of the children are trying new foods. It has been very pleasing to hear the positive comments from the children about this new experience and we are all very grateful to Mrs Kamoun and her team in the Kitchen for working so hard to make this successful for the school.

Using the recent Muslim Pilgrimage to the Hajj as an example, our assembly on Tuesday focussed on

the many individual journeys we embark on and how they were all on a new journey this academic year. We discussed the different ways we could approach this journey and how we could make it a positive experience, even when it gets tough. We spoke in Assembly today about trying new things in all areas of our lives and how we can overcome difficulties when they arise and perseverance, one of the School's 6 P's, was clearly expressed by the children as a positive approach to the new experiences that we find challenging. Please do revise the 6P's with your child(ren) as these will be referred to in school and are a positive, child friendly approach to help them improve their effort.

Please remember that as we move into next week all our clubs will begin.

Mrs Stanton-Tonner

General Notices:

- 17.9.19 - Pre-Prep (YR, Y1, Y2 & Y4) Curriculum Evening
- 18.9.19 - Prep School (Y3, Y5 & Y6) Curriculum Evening
- 19.9.19 - Harvest festival (Y6 & YR Parents invited)
- 20.9.19 - Jeans for Genes day
Children and Staff can wear their jeans for a donation of £2 towards this charity event.

Parking:

As we move into the new academic year please continue to be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not stop or park in front of driveways or in the middle of the road to let your children out. Thank you.

PE and Games

The summer break has been amazing, but it is also good to be back.

The Sports Department continued throughout the summer break in preparation of our upcoming swimming galas and triathlon. The swim squad continued with their training on Friday evenings and on Saturday morning it was triathlon training. A record number of parents also participated in the triathlon training improving their fitness and motivating the children along the way.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for their commitment over the summer, and not losing sight of the fact that once we have entered these events our pupils need to be fully fit and mentally prepared to take on these challenges. We can only achieve this through continuous training. Thank you very much.



I have listed below our events this term, you are able to spectate at all of these events, so you may wish to put them in your diaries.

I will email to you my team selections for the relevant events as soon as they are finalised.

Within our games lessons this term for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the emphasis will be on cross country, therefore, appropriate running trainers will be required, together with a boot bag, no plastic bags please. It goes without saying that full PE kit is to be worn.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING TRIALS

An email has been sent out to all Year 3 parents inviting you to attend the swimming trials on Thursday 19th September at St Hilda's School, Bushey. We have had a super response to this, if you have yet to register please email me.

YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 SWIMMING TRAINING

I have emailed you with all the swimming dates for this term and look forward to seeing you all for our first session on Sunday 15th September.

Year 4 – 6.15pm to 7pm

Years 5 and 6 – 7pm to 7.45pm

TRIATHLON TRAINING and CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

We will continue triathlon training and cross country training on the following dates:

14th, 21st and 28th September 2pm at Edwarebury Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 4th October – Triathlon – Woodlands School, Essex – Invitation only

Thursday 17th October – Swimming Gala – Queenswood School – Invitation only

Thursday 21st November – Netball and Football – Aldenham School – Years 3 and 4

Friday 22nd November – Netball and Football – Aldenham School – Years 5 and 6

Friday 6th December – Swimming Gala – Bushey Grove – Invitation only

Should you wish to contact me at any time regarding sporting issues my email address is sueking@hollandhouse.org.uk

Art in Action:

A reminder to all pupils in Year 3 to Year 6:

The deadline for the North London Grammar School Art competition was extended. The school will notify us soon when the exhibition and judging will take place. Thank you to pupils who have already submitted their entries last term and this week. This means pupils who did not enter will only have a few weeks to complete their artwork if they wish. Don't forget to fill in the form and ensure your name, age and school is on the back of your work.

Good luck!

The theme of the competition is '**LIVING TOGETHER IN LONDON**' and the criteria are as follows:

- The work should be A3 size
- It can be a drawing or a painting
- The piece should be accompanied by 150 words which explain the idea behind the work



There will be an exhibition held at North London Grammar School this term. This will be open to the students and their parents. The work will then be judged by a small panel and prizes awarded accordingly on the same day.