Lower Park News 14th June 2024



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The winning house this week is Yellow House who may wear their own clothes on Monday.

Commendation Awards

Korby A	
Ruby M	
Seb L	
Ronnie K	
Sophia B	
Alex W	
Max Mc	
Elodi-Grace	S
Wiktoria	
Toby L	

Reception

Welcome back to our second half of the summer term. We have really enjoyed reading 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett and looking at all the postcards from your days out or holidays, both in the UK and abroad. Thank you for sending us a postcard. We then enjoyed programming the Bee-Bots to hot and cold places on the map of the world. In Maths, we have explored how shapes can be composed and decomposed and recognised that a shape can have other shapes within it, just as a number can.









KS1

It has been lovely to see the children back after their well deserved half term break. They have started their new topic in DT looking at healthy foods, in particular healthy dips. They looked at healthy dips from different countries, particularly salsa, guacamole and soft cheese. They even got to sample the dips and they used lots of adjectives to describe how the dips tasted! They will continue to look at healthy foods and create their own healthy dip in the coming weeks. The Year 2 children had a fantastic time on their trip to Crown Farm Nature Reserve. The year 1 children have heard about all the exciting activities and are really looking forward to experiencing it for themselves next week!





LKS2

LKS2 have come back full of beans for the final half term after a great break. The children have been learning about the Celt's revolt against the Roman army for our final lesson of the History topic. We studied what lead up to the fighting and the part that Boudicca, and her Iceni tribe, played when they were defeated at the battle of Watling Street.

In PE we have been looking at the different aspects of fitness: speed, strength, stamina, balance, and agility. This week, the children have all completed a range of challenges to measure how they perform in each one of these characteristics. We will be working on improving our skills over the next few weeks before we retest ourselves to see if our fitness levels have improved.

In Computing we have started our new unit and over the next few weeks we will be looking at a new app called Adobe Spark Video to create our own multimedia.



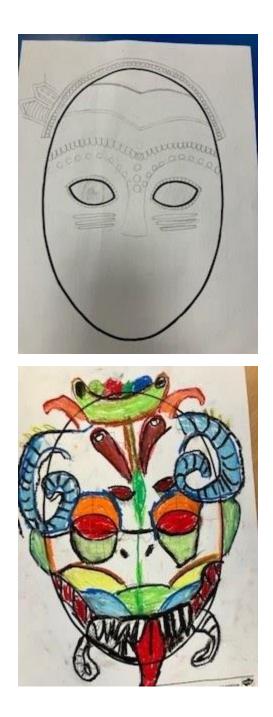
We've had a testing week in Year Five, and the children have worked especially hard. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and effort during this time.

In Art, the children have enjoyed creating their own Mayan facemasks as part of our geography and history lessons about The Mayan Civilisation. These creative projects have not only enriched their understanding of this ancient culture but also allowed them to express their artistic talents.

It has been quieter in school with the year 6 out enjoying their residential visit to Menai, hopefully we will be able to share more about the visit next week.







Advertising Opportunity

One of the main focal points on entry to the school is our lovely fish tank and library. The children get lots of pleasure from looking at the fish and most have a favourite fish and stories to tell about them. The upkeep of the fish tank is surprisingly expensive but an essential part of keeping the fish healthy and cared for. Would your business be interested in sponsoring the fish in return for a visible acknowledgement on the tank? If this is something you think you would be interested in, please contact the headteacher. Thank you for your support.



Communication from the PTA

Summer fair

We are finalising plans for the summer fair on Saturday 29th June and hope you'll be able to join us for some fun from 12 - 3 on the school field. As ever we'll need help from you on the day on the stalls, stands and to clear up so if you can spare an hour, please scan the QR code below or on one of the posters to sign up. Additionally, if you have a gazebo we could use please let us know via the office or email <u>lowerparkpta@gmail.com</u>

The next (and final) collection is Friday, 21st June when we are asking for a bottle of alcohol in return for the children wearing their own clothes.

Once again , thank you for your continued support.

Questionnaire

Thank you parents and children for your responses to the recent questionnaire about PTA events. We're reviewing the results to inform our planning meeting in school next Thursday, 20th June at 6pm; everyone is welcome to come along and give your input for the 2024/25 academic year.



Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Summer 2024

18th June - Year 1 visit to Crown Farm Quarry

24th - 26th June - Year 4 residential visit to Trafford Hall, Chester

25th June - Year 3 One Adventure Day - Remember to give permission on School Spider

8th July - Year 6 Induction Day at Poynton High School

17th July - Open Evening 4.00 - 6.00pm

22nd & 23rd July - Year 6 Bikeability - Details will be sent out 28th June

24th July - Year 6 Prom

25th July - Year 4 Bikeability - Details will be sent out 28th June

26th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Community noticeboard







Are you aware of teenage brain development and how it impacts on behaviour?



Understanding the Teenage Brain

"Every parent and teacher should hear this...." Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster School, Dorset



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FREE - Supporting Healthy Sleep FREE - Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	27 JUN 30 JUL	
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	16 MAY, 11 JUL, 8 AUG	
Understanding the Teenage Brain	20 MAY, 15 JUL	
Raising Self-Esteem	21 MAY, 16 JUL	
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 MAY, 20 JUN, 18 JUL, 15 AUG	
Anxiety Explained	30 MAY, 25 JUL, 22 AUG	
Understanding Anger	3 JUN, 29 JUL, 26 AUG	
Introduction to OCD	11 JUN, 6 AUG	
Improving Family Communication	17 JUN, 12 AUG	
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG	
What is ACT?	9 JUL	
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL	
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG	
Todays Teens & Drugs	27 AUG	
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Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

 Enter slowly and carefully Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?

 Stay within reach Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.

 Always be supervised Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.



Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that wormer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

• Call 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

 If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float

on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.





DOORS OPEN AT 7.30PM, QUIZ STARTS AT 8PM TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM HUNNYBUNS AND THE HOLLIES CONTACT DEBBIE ON: debbie@thehollies.org



Breakfast and afterschool club assistant The Hollies Pre-school, Poynton

Approx. 16 hours per week (shifts will cover breakfast club and some afterschool) 52-or 38-week contract

The Hollies is an OFSTED **Outstanding** pre-school, located in Poynton in the grounds of Lower Park School. We have an excellent team of pre-school practitioners, breakfast and afterschool carers, providing full pre-school, breakfast, and afterschool club services. In addition to this, we provide a holiday club for children from 2 – 11 years of age.

The vacancy

We are looking for a part-time breakfast club and afterschool club assistant to join our team.

You must be motivated and able to engage with children between the ages of 2 - 10 and have a minimum of Grade C (or equivalent) GCSE English.

Your responsibilities will <u>include</u>; ensuring a safe environment for children attending breakfast and afterschool club, serving breakfast and providing stimulating activities for children aged 2 - 10.

Salary details: dependant on qualifications

How to apply Contact The Hollies' Manager, Debbie, via email (debbie@thehollies.org) or call Debbie on 01628 580176 to request an application form and job description or if we can help with any queries you have about the role.

If you would like to apply, please ensure we receive your completed application form by Friday $5^{\rm th}$ July.

Interviews are likely to take place during the following couple of weeks.

Please note: We are committed to safer recruitment. Satisfactory references, evidence of the correct permission to work in the UK and an enhanced DBS Disclosure will be required before the successful applicants could take up the posts.