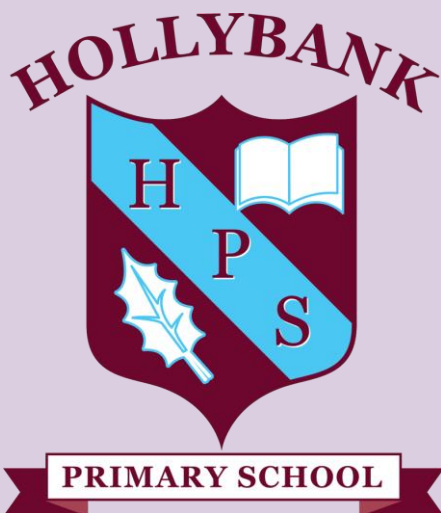


# Hollybank Primary School



## Families First NI Education Awards



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# Welcome to the Hollybank Family...

**We were delighted to be finalists at the 2020 Northern Ireland Education Awards, below are a sample of the comments we received. Thank you to everyone who supported us.**



- 🌟 Wonderful school. Very happy it has been nominated!
- 🌟 Great to see this school nominated. It deserves to win for the amount of work with the pupils and community.
- 🌟 This Primary School should win the award for all the work it has done over the last 50 years for the pupils and community. Thank you.
- 🌟 I am very pleased that Hollybank Primary School has been nominated for this award.
- 🌟 A very caring school within the community that provides support for both pupils and parents. It would be great to see this school recognised for all its good work.
- 🌟 Fantastic school and teachers! Hope Hollybank Primary School wins this award.
- 🌟 My daughter has been going to this school from when she was in preschool and is now in primary 3, I am happy with her progress from primary 1, how all the areas of learning are covered, and she is always happy going to school. As a volunteer helper in the school I see

how efficiently the school is run, how routine and structure is important, bullying is not tolerated, any issues are addressed quickly, multi discipline teams are brought in when needed, S.E.N. is covered, support for children and parents when needed an opportunity for parents to meet up weekly for coffee/tea and a chat, breakfast club and after school clubs to help working parents or parents that need extra time during the day and also thrive working alongside the school. I cannot recommend this school highly enough for children and their family in  
in the community.



- 📍 **This school is fantastic for kids they have so much help and support for the children always there to sort a need or to help have so much for the kids to do I've four at the school and they love it**
- 📍 This is my sons 3rd school he's had to move to as the rest couldn't cope with him and he hated them. This school by far has done wonders for him! He is like a different child; his attendance has gone from 0 to almost 90% and for a child with pda autism this is amazing! Would recommend this school to anyone they are the best!!
- 📍 **There is a great benefit in learning, because the teachers always find a way to make learning fun, all the way from p1-p7.**
- 📍 Excellent school growing steadily and securely from strength to strength with excellent pastoral care ethics and strong community bond, making them more able to support its pupils and family
- 📍 **What a school! Hollybank provide an endless list of extracurricular activities for the children every day. The school are involved in the 'thrive' project promoting a 'We Can' approach! The children love being involved and feel empowered working together to make something better of their community and themselves!**
- 📍 Hollybank is a brilliant wee school all the teachers are great, and they have done a lot to help me and my son. They have loads of activities for the children to take part in.
- 📍 **Hollybank is a fantastic school with a warm welcoming environment and a fabulous new Principal!!**  
**It definitely deserves to win this competition!!**
- 📍 I went to Hollybank, my children now go to Hollybank and my grandchildren will go too, it's the best wee school in the whole of Northern Ireland.  
The teachers and Principal are all so nurturing and caring, it's a great place to send your kids and know they are getting a great education and are cared for as people too!  
**GO HOLLYBANK!!!**

☺ Hollybank School is a fantastic place to send your children. The school is so lovely and welcoming with very enthusiastic staff and a truly dedicated Principal – hard to believe after almost 50 years it's still providing such a high quality of service to the area.

☺ Well Done Hollybank & Good Luck!!

☺ It was a truly great experience for me as a parent to have my children attend Hollybank School. The children really enjoyed their time here and were well taken care of at all times. One of my children has additional needs and the school could not have been more supportive to both my child and the family. Pastoral care was second to none. I would recommend Hollybank Primary School to everyone, a very positive experience for children in their early years of learning.

☺ GOOD LUCK HOLLYBANK - YOU DESERVE TO WIN! :-)

☺ Hollybank is a great wee school, very friendly and welcoming.

We are lucky to have such a great school in our area and should all show our support by voting for them to win this award, no school deserves it more!

Good Luck Hollybank :-)



☺ GREAT NEWS TO HEAR HOLLYBANK PRIMARY NOMINATED FOR AWARD!! I went to Hollybank school and my son is there now. It has had such a positive effect on his confidence. He has joined many of the after-school clubs offered and even went to the Principal's Tea Party! The staff do everything to support the children and care about every one of them! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK HOLLYBANK & GOOD LUCK!

☺ Our granddaughter is in P3 at Hollybank and really loves going to school and the friends she has made. The teachers are all very caring and supportive. There are lots of after school clubs available and a breakfast club if I need to drop her off earlier.



The Principal Miss Brett has made the school so warm and welcoming and always greets the children with a warm smile. Congratulations Hollybank & Good Luck!

☺ Hollybank Primary is a super wee school. The staff are great, and the building is lovely. The children are all well-mannered and friendly and always so happy, to me that shows what a great choice it is!

Well done Hollybank, you deserve to win!

☺ My children both go to Hollybank Primary and love it! The staff are very friendly and approachable. Miss Brett is so welcoming, and all the children love her, she has made a good school a great school!

Good luck Hollybank :-)

☺ Good Luck Hollybank! HOLLYBANK is a great wee school and an important part of the community.

They come to sing for us at church over Christmas and the children are fabulous, so well-mannered and thoughtful.



🕒 I go to this school and I love it. I want the school to win this award as it is a great school and I have enjoyed my time at it very much.

🕒 I attended this school myself from 1977-1984, along with my brothers, then my niece's. Now my daughter attends and is doing brilliantly achieving at higher levels than her age. This school has so many great qualities and really deserves to win this award on this their 50th anniversary. I absolutely love this school and it was always the only ever choice for my daughter. It mixes in with the local businesses and churches and has the most friendly and welcoming staff.

🕒 **GOOD LUCK HOLLYBANK - My kids go to this school and it deserves to win this award. The school is very warm and friendly as soon as you enter the secretary greets you and is always willing to help.**



**The staff are so good with the children and Miss Brett is a very good Principal and always greets the visitors with a welcome smile.**

🕒 Brilliant primary school! All my children have gone here and its fab! Excellent teachers and brilliant atmosphere. Really deserve this win!

🕒 **Go Hollybank!**

🕒 The teachers and staff at Hollybank go over and beyond for each pupil who attends the school to make each day as educational and as fun as possible. The staff have a very caring attitude towards all the children which is what every parent hopes for. My children have excelled more than my expectations and that is all down to the teachers who take their time to get to know each child and know the limits they can push them to. Well done Hollybank, keep up the fantastic work!

🕒 **Good luck to Hollybank Primary School! The school and all involved with the school has worked hard in the last few years to give the best opportunities to its pupils. My kids attend the school and love it. All schools have their challenges but Hollybank is working hard and always aim to get the pupils where they need to be. Fingers crossed for our school.**

🕒 Hollybank is a great wee school, staff are so friendly and caring and it's great to know the kids are happy being there.

🕒 **The staff are really super at Hollybank, very approachable and go out of their way to help their children. Well done Hollybank! Fingers crossed, you deserve to win!**

🕒 My kids love going to Hollybank, as I did. It is the heart of our community and holds lots of events to include parents and the local people. Good luck Hollybank!

🕒 **If you haven't been to visit Hollybank, try to book a tour. You will be impressed by the atmosphere as you walk in the main door, and it only gets better with the staff and Principal**

**Brett! I moved my daughter to Hollybank and it was the best decision I could have made, great school!**

- 👤 **My kids love Hollybank Primary. The school has lots of the children's work around to admire and the classrooms are all very inviting. Brilliant school and deserves to win this award.**
- 👤 **50 years of Hollybank! Hard to believe I went and now my kids go, and I hope it will still be open when my grandkids are ready. Super wee local school.**
- 👤 **Great school and teachers, both my kids attend.**
- 👤 **Hollybank school is the best in the area. They have gone above and beyond for my daughter and son. I can't thank them enough for all their hard work. All the staff treat the kids like their own. Love this school.**
- 👤 **Fabulous primary school, I've had two boys through the school and my last boy is in P3 now, they've all done fabulous all thanks to the great staff and headmistress.**
- 👤 **Great wee school my son is in P6 and never no bother. It's a small school but it's like a wee family run school.**
- 👤 **Amazing school, both my boys have attended this school with one still there. The efforts all the teachers go to for their pupils is beyond, my youngest has come a long way in his education and it's all down to Hollybank.**
- 👤 **Very good school**
- 👤 **Hollybank Primary school is an amazing primary school. The teaching staff are so welcoming and encourage your child to learn in a safe and friendly environment. Every child's wellbeing is treated with the utmost importance. I hope the school goes from strength to strength. This school would be a worthy winner of County Antrim School of the year 2020.**
- 👤 **Hollybank is a brilliant primary school.**
- 👤 **An all-round fantastic school with great teachers.**
- 👤 **This was my primary school and also my two children. I hope they get the recognition they deserve.**
- 👤 **Both sons attend this school, one with additional needs and he has thrived whilst at Hollybank. Lovely staff and caring environment.**
- 👤 **Fantastic primary school. My family have been attending Hollybank for many years.**
- 👤 **Brilliant local school, very worthy of this award.**
- 👤 **Brilliant school well worthy of this award my kids and now my grandkids have all went to Hollybank.**
- 👤 **Hollybank has a wonderful team which supports both the school family and wider community. Everyone works extremely hard to meet the individual needs of the children.**

With the support of parents, carers and other local service providers Hollybank looks to encourage the children's all round development whilst at the school.

- 📍 Brilliant Primary from a past pupil.
- 📍 Great school that helps kids with different needs and had great before and after activities for all.
- 📍 Good luck Hollybank primary School.
- 📍 Along with a dedicated staff, that provide a first class educational opportunity for children in Monkstown. Hollybank PS also avails of a number of individual and other local community/voluntary services. This extra provision enables Hollybank to deliver additional support, both educationally and through life-skills mentoring, from which the children and their families derive significant benefit.
- 📍 My nephew goes to Hollybank and he loves it. He has told me of many great days and all the friends he has made.
- 📍 My old primary school right in the heart of the community serving it for the last 50 years.
- 📍 Happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Hollybank Primary School. We hope you win this award.
- 📍 I would like to vote for this school as staff go out of their way to make sure your child enjoys school and wants to come every day. The staff are lovely and approachable, if there's a problem they're quick to resolve it with a solution.
- 📍 Very friendly school with caring staff. My children and grandchildren were being educated here and all of them enjoyed their time at this school.
- 📍 Fabulous wee school.
- 📍 Great school. My son has learned so much and really enjoys school.
- 📍 Fantastic school in the area. I went through Hollybank, my daughter too and now my nieces and nephews.
- 📍 All my children and grandchildren have been to this school and also myself and cousins too. I definitely would recommend this school as they understand that every child is an individual and gives them the best support to succeed in life.
- 📍 Best primary school about. Former pupil and proud!
- 📍 Good luck to all the teachers and headmistress, Hollybank is a great school.
- 📍 Very good school and every pupil special.
- 📍 Fantastic school...went there myself...well run school.
- 📍 Brilliant school! Both my girls go as did their father and myself. The staff are amazing and the support given to parents is second to none! We even have a crochet club! It's awesome.
- 📍 Hollybank is an all-round family school who put the child's needs first. It is also a beautiful colored school.

- 🌀 Hollybank Primary school has lovely welcoming atmosphere. The reception area and all the classrooms are bright and cheerful. All staff are totally committed to the education of every child. After school clubs provide a wide variety of subjects which encourage the children to learn new skills, encouraging team building and new interests. My two girls attended Hollybank Primary School and received excellent tuition which enabled them to continue their education and achieve their goals. I would encourage parents to consider sending their children to Hollybank in order that they may benefit from the nurture and education provided by a dedicated teaching team.
- 🌀 Happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Hollybank Primary School. We hope you win this award!
- 🌀 My grandson attends Hollybank Primary Scholl and has come on leaps and bounds since he started there. I really hope this school wins this award as it deserves to be recognized for all the effort put in over 50 years by the children, teachers and community alike.
- 🌀 Brilliant school
- 🌀 Very friendly and helpful school. My children quickly settled down. I couldn't choose a better school.
- 🌀 A really great school, my children have really enjoyed their time here.
- 🌀 Great school. Ids feel like they are in a second home, warm and friendly atmosphere. Couldn't pick a better school for our kids.
- 🌀 From the welcome of the secretary in the office and all of the staff and pupils it is evident that Hollybank PS is a pupil friendly school. The staff display a very caring attitude for each child entrusted in their care. In this environment is evident that each child not only can strive to reach their full potential academically but are actively encourage by all staff to do so.
- 🌀 Lovely memories of being a pupil at this school, and I get to make even more now my daughter attends.
- 🌀 Super school doing great things for our community.
- 🌀 All three generations of our family have attended Hollybank Primary School and I have loved being involved as either pupil, mummy or Nanny.
- 🌀 My daughter attends the school and loves every second of her primary school experience. I have witnessed first-hand the transformative effect the new head teacher and all the staff have had upon what was previously a school with shall we say not the greatest reputation. Not only does the school offer a top notch education in a safe and nurturing environment, but they reach out into the community bringing the parents and residents of Monkstown and surrounding areas together in ways which would not be possible without this great institution.
- 🌀 I was right there at the beginning. Happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Hollybank!



- © Hollybank PS has come on leaps and bounds in the last few years which my kids have attended. All teachers and staff deserve this award as I have found they are 100% focused on their pupils.
- © I have been around Hollybank for the last three years and have seen a continued effort to support all the pupils through many forms. The school has been very welcoming and supportive to me and my staff and they are continually striving to improve the environment to which the children are in on a daily basis. We are very pleased to have been involved with the school and I feel they deserve recognition for all their efforts to return the school to the place it deserves in the community. All of their plans both past and future are aimed at the improvement of the children across the ability spectrum. All children are encouraged to seek their own success

