



HIGHGATE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Newsletter July 2017

Dear Parents,
As the summer holidays stretch ahead of us, we have a chance to reflect on the hugely successful, entertaining and productive year at Highgate Primary.

Joseph



Once again, the Year 6 show was truly spectacular. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, produced and directed by Hilla, demonstrated just how talented and confident our Year 6 children have become. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved – the teachers, the band, the parents and, the stars of the show, the children.

Test Results

We're particularly pleased with our excellent pupil outcomes right the way through the school. 88% of our Reception pupils achieved a 'Good Level of Development', whilst at the other end of the school, our years 6 pupils achieved 87% above the expected level for Reading, 81% for Writing and 81% for maths. Congratulations to all the children who have worked so hard throughout the year.

Choir



Congratulations to our choir for performing with so much energy and confidence at a recent Haringey Singing Festival. Not only did our choir close the concert with the final song, but during the songs sung in unison, Highgate Primary led not only the singing, but the dance too.

Sports



All our Sports Days this year were enormous fun, with a healthy dose of competition. Our sports days are a fantastic way to see the children in action, congratulate their achievements and round off an incredibly successful year of sport at Highgate Primary. The school has enjoyed outstanding sporting moments right up to the last minute this term, with our Year 4 Cricket Team finishing a very respectable 5th place in a recent Haringey Tournament. Cross Country Club continues to thrive; we will certainly miss our Year 6 runners. Thank you to John and Rob for all their sporting inspiration this year for children, parents and staff.

Mandarin & Chinese Culture



Our Chinese Martial Arts Club participated in the Annual Confucius Cup Competition held by the Confucius Institute recently. All our children performed remarkably well with Ollie and Leo coming first in their group.

Our Youth China Test 1 & 2 results were also extraordinary this year. The pass rate for YCT1 was 92% and YCT2 was 76%, with the average marks for both being incredibly high. Congratulations to all the children who worked so hard.

Open Evening for Prospective Parents

Our Open Evening for Prospective Parents will be held on Tuesday 26th September at 6pm. Please spread the word to your friends and family with pre-school children. This is a chance to meet myself, the Early Years Teachers, have a tour of the school and even sample our wonderful homemade school lunches.



Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip



Year 3 travelled thousands of years back in time to enter a truly authentic Celtic settlement. The children spent the day taking part in a range of ancient crafts before going on to scavenge for wild foods and hunting down a woolly mammoth. To protect against the sudden downpour, the children spent the afternoon creating shelters out of branches and leaves. A hands on and action packed day for their Stone Age experience!

Year 2 Sleep Over & Seaside Trip



Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Westcliff-on-Sea taking in sandcastles, picnics, beach balls, paddling and a world famous Rossi ice-cream. The following week, armed with sleeping bags, soft toys and pajamas, the children slept overnight at school and were treated to toasted marshmallows around a camp fire and a late night film. Memories made and adventures enjoyed.

Sustainability Week



Enthusiasm was high for our Sustainability Week 2017 with the whole school encouraged to abandon cars and cycle or walk to school. Our Year 5s appreciated cycle training and everyone enjoyed an enlightening talk from Elizabeth James, a business and climate change journalist. The sustainability art project, led by Johanna, recreated our five school values from recycled materials. Many thanks to Ollie for leading the week and for inspiring our school to be even greener.

Family Centre



What a fantastic term at the Family Centre, rounded off with a wonderful treasure hunt and picnic at the school allotment. Our Cake Sale raised an impressive £235.59 - thank you for all your fundraising support over the whole year, which surpassed all expectations. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Summer Fair



Slime jars and dream jars, teacups and a bouncy castle, soggy sponges soaking sporting teachers – it certainly was a fun-filled, Roald Dahl themed, Summer Fair. Relaxing on the new outside stage with a tasty BBQ, Pimms and plenty of sunshine were the ingredients for a thoroughly and profitable day. Enormous thanks to our phenomenal PSA who raised £4700 for the school.

Website Revamp

The website has recently had a make over, so please do have a look over the holidays. Hopefully you will find it easier to navigate and a more exciting platform to share our news. If you have any feedback, please email Claire at communications@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk.

I hope you all have a relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th September.

With best wishes

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