



**HIGHGATE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Newsletter February 2018

Dear parents

I hope you all enjoyed a fun and restful half term and are ready for a full and exciting few weeks ahead in the run up to Easter.

### Pendarren



The Year 6 week in Pendarren was a great success and a fantastic experience for our children. The range of activities included canoeing through icy water, visiting a working coal mine, testing their courage on high ropes and exploring dark, damp caves. In the evenings they enjoyed great food, magical storytelling, a fun quiz and the last night dance. It might have been a touch colder than in previous years, but waking up to snow-covered hills on the final day was an added treat.

### Chinese New Year Celebrations



The school celebrated Chinese New Year with a special day of events taking in every aspect of Chinese culture. Children took part in a traditional tea ceremony, discovering a taste for green and jasmine tea, whilst others learned how to use a traditional calligraphy brush and ink. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful exhibition of Chinese paintings by Reception children, members

of the Calligraphy Club and our teacher, Yuxi Jin, along with a stunning performance by visiting musicians, martial arts experts and Chinese dancers.

### Cavatina Concert



Thanks to the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust, our Year 3 and 5 children enjoyed an inspiring concert from the Camarilla Ensemble. Engaging and interactive, the children learnt about a range of wind instruments, and a lucky few were even given the opportunity to turn their hand to conducting.

### Year 1 at the Museum of Childhood



Our visit to the Museum of Childhood for Year 1 was a huge success. Black and white TV shows and toys from another era left the children a little mystified. Exploring the museum, the children were excited when they tracked down 'Bunting', a character from 'Lost in the Museum'.

### Rainbow Day



Once again Rainbow Day was a huge success. Don't forget, children have until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to seek sponsorship - this year all the funds raised will go to The Green Walkway in the upper playground. Thank you to our committed PSA and enthusiastic parents and children.

## Sport



Before half term, our athletics team qualified for the Haringey Schools Athletics finals. Despite the tough competition from 36 schools, we finished in third place, winning a Bronze Medal. We are incredibly proud of all our athletes.

## Family Centre



Inspired by Rainbow Day, our young children learned all about colours with the help of this tasty array of rainbow-coloured fruit.

The Family centre will be running a Paediatric First Aid Course on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 1pm to 3pm. The cost will be £30 which includes a certificate. For more information please pop in or call Katherine in the Family Centre on 020 3213 0004

## Green Council



Don't forget to shop at Waitrose in Crouch End this month, as The Green Council is featured in the Community Matters Scheme until the end of February. Thanks for your support.

## Headteacher's Quiz Night

Thank you to all the staff and parents who joined me for the annual Headteacher's Quiz, which raised just under £1000 for the school. Congratulations to this year's winners, 'The Famous Five', and thank you to the PSA for another great success.

## Flowers for Mother's Day



Thinking of ordering flowers for someone special this Mother's Day? Don't forget our school florist makes beautiful arrangements - and for every bunch you purchase, 10% goes to the school. Contact Tracey on: [traceyj.heron@gmail.com](mailto:traceyj.heron@gmail.com) or 07786 534 377 for details of workshops and parties too.

## Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2LG Assembly 9.30 am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	1LP Inspire Event
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	1CW Inspire Event
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	2BJD Assembly 9.30 am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	4JS Assembly 9.30 am
	One World Evening
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	4JS Guitar concert 3.00 pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	4DN Assembly 9.30 am
	Parent School Tour 10.00 am
	Reception Cake Sale 3.30 pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 4.00 - 6.00 pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	RKI Inspire 9.30 am
	Parent Consultations 6.00 - 8.00 pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	RDC Inspire 9.30 am
	Easter Raffle 3.30 pm
	Last day of Spring Term

With best wishes

*William*

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