

Headteacher's Newsletter March 2018

Dear parents,

Spring Term has whizzed by, filled with fun and learning - and a fair bit of snow. What a lot you have all achieved...

One World Evening



One World Evening was once again a huge success. Memorable performances from all our musicians, exceptional food and best of all, you, our community, coming together to celebrate our diversity. Thank you to everyone who cooked, sang, danced and performed - and special thanks to the PSA team who created a special evening for us all to enjoy.

World Book Day



This year we celebrated World Book Day by exploring stories set in woodlands and forests. The children brought in leaves decorated with quotes from their favourite woodland literature, turning the stage into a forest. World Book Day extended over several weeks and included two book events – a fascinating talk

by local author Sita Brahmachari and a celebration of Johnny Zucker's modern classic. 'Striker Boy'.

Music Concerts



Year 4 and the Year 5 and 6 continuers showed everyone how hard they have been working at mastering their guitars and violins in an incredible concert. The high level they have achieved since they started in September is remarkable.

DT Project



A number of children have really enjoyed and benefited from taking part in an after school Design Technology club, run by Highgate School. Their latest project involved designing and making working clocks with a mosaic theme, produced results of which the children were deservedly proud. Many thanks to members of staff from Highgate School who have supported a number of after school clubs at our school this term.

Year 2 Sleepover



Last Friday, children in Year 2 had the best evening at the annual Year 2 sleepover. The children took part in a treasure hunt, enjoyed Mags' legendary spaghetti Bolognese and sang songs around the campfire, before settling down to hot chocolate and a film before bedtime. Many thanks to all the staff who gave up a night's sleep to give our children an experience that they'll remember forever.

Sport



It's been another busy month for sport at Highgate Primary. In the Highgate Schools Cross Country tournament our talented team finished in 2nd place overall, as well as winning two gold medals, one silver and one bronze. Additionally, in the Haringey Cross Country tournament, a select group of four runners for both boys and girls, finished in second place across the whole of the borough. What a talented group of runners we have!



Hockey is also proving popular with our fiercely competitive mixed team taking the bronze medal in the Haringey Schools Hockey Tournament after a nail-biting penalty shoot-out against St Michael's. It certainly was a dramatic match which demonstrated the determination of our team.



In the Haringey Gymnastics Tournament, our Year 5 & 6 team finished in 5th place and our Year 4 team 4th place, achieving two gold and two silver medals. And thank you to everyone who took part in our Sport Relief Run a Mile, which raised £160 for such a worthy cause.

Fun Run for the Family Centre

Following last year's hugely successful Fun Run, we are repeating things on Saturday 19th May 2018. This year, we are combining the event with Parkrun at Alexandra Palace, after which there will be children's races at the Albert Park Road. All funds raised will go to support core resources for our incredible Family Centre. More information will follow soon.

Green Council



Our Green Council has been learning more about renewable energy thanks to a presentation on solar and wind energy by one of our parents, Mario. The children learnt about the positive impact it has on our future needs and climate change.

You Are The Key



Following today's incredible piano concert at which the children enjoyed pieces played by four of our most talented pianists, you now have the opportunity to sponsor one of the 88 keys of our new piano. This can be done through a donation of £20.00 made via Scopay. In thanks, your child's name will be written on a piano key on a special new piece of artwork designed by parent Andrea Rodriguez Lagartos. The artwork will be permanently exhibited in the School Hall.

Auction of Promises

Our biggest fundraiser, The Auction of Promises, is set for Friday 11 May. We are delighted to welcome back former pupil, Robert Peston, as our celebrity auctioneer for the evening, and dinner will be prepared by the extraordinary team from ChrisKitch in Muswell Hill. Add to that the opportunity to bid for some wonderful lots and it promises to be a night to remember. Limited tickets are now on sale via ScoPay for £25. All funds raised will go towards the redevelopment of the Upper Playground.

Important Dates

Tuesday 17 th April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
w/c Tuesday 8 th May	Science Week
Wednesday 9 th May	Science Show for Parents
Friday 11 th May	Auction of Promises
w/c Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wed 23 rd – Friday 25 th May	Year 4 at Tolmers
w/c Monday 28 th May	Summer Half Term
Saturday 30 th June	Summer Fair
Friday 20 th July	Summer Term Ends

Have a super Easter Holiday.

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