



**HIGHGATE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Newsletter May 2018

Dear Parents,  
I can't quite believe the first half of the summer term has come and gone. I hope you enjoy reading all about what's been happening in May – it's been a busy month!

### Auction of Promises



The décor was stunning, the food from Chris Kitch and Shiri and Roberta was delicious and the staff band delighted. Our auctioneers, former pupil and ITV News Political Editor, Robert Peston, and parent Sam Evans, were highly entertaining and extremely persuasive; all perfect ingredients for an incredible evening. Over 100 lots were donated and, alongside the Online Auction, over £20,000 has been raised for our playground. A huge and heartfelt thank you to the extraordinary PSA team who created this unforgettable event, everyone who supported and donated and to Simon Lim for his amazing photography.

### Fun Run for the Family Centre



The Fun Run for the Family Centre proved to be another great success with nearly 100 children taking part. Perfect weather helped create a wonderful family atmosphere and the runners showcased the talent at Highgate Primary. Many thanks to all the volunteers and to the Fun Run team for organising a special event to raise funds for our wonderful and unique Family Centre. A fantastic £1500 has been raised so far, but you can still donate or raise sponsorship until 16<sup>th</sup> June.  
<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/familycentrefunrun>

### Science Fair



The Highgate Primary Science Fair got everyone fizzing with excitement. The standard and imagination of the experiments demonstrated by the children was incredible and everyone learnt a great deal - showing what a fascinating subject this is. Thank you to Dan for making it happen and to the children for inspiring us all.

### Tennis



Highgate Primary recently entered the Haringey schools Year 5 & 6 tennis tournament. Finishing first in their group, they qualified for the semi-finals and won a well-deserved bronze medal. Impressively, Arthur was the only player in the whole tournament not to lose a match. Congratulations everyone!

### Taekwond-Do Champion



Huge congratulation to Naveh in Year 4, who attends our after-school Taekwon-Do club, on his recent success at the 2018 English Open Taekwon-Do Championship. With over 460 competitors taking part from across the UK, it's an incredible achievement that Naveh won a Gold medal in his pattern category, Silver in Special Technique and Bronze for Sparring.

## Year 2 at Forest School



Our Year 2 children are thriving at Forest School and learning a huge amount of useful survival skills, particularly how to make hot chocolate in the wild. Sticks were collected and dried, a fire flint ignited the fire and the children, using fire safety gloves, enjoyed feeding the fire to heat the storm kettle. The children learnt how to extinguish the fire by sprinkling water on the embers. What an achievement.

## Year 4 Away from Home



As part of their topic 'Away from Home', our Year 4s have been learning about the experiences of evacuees during World War Two. One of our parents, Vicky West, who works as a book conservator at the British Museum, helped the children create their very own magnificent leather-bound journals to take to Tolmers. A perfect place to keep special memories of their trip away. Thank you Vicky for your amazing generosity, patience and knowledge.

## Venue Hire at Highgate Primary

As you all know, we are fortunate with our beautiful school and we like to share it too. If you are looking for a venue for a party for children, adults, families or a community, we hire the Hall, the Gym, the Family Centre, the Art Room and the playgrounds. To enquire or book, please contact Katie Swindles via the office or by email [venue@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:venue@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk)

## Pond in the Peace Garden



A dedicated team of active and inspired parents has transformed the pond in the Peace Garden. With a great group effort, litter and weeds were removed and the pond was scooped empty and refilled. The staging was built, a new pump was purchased, some water plants were added and now we are waiting for some wildlife to arrive! The parents from year 1 classes will maintain the pond with the support of the Year 1 teaching team.

## Important dates for your diary

Once again, it's an action-packed term ahead:

Summer 2 begins	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Class Photos	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Inspire	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Infant Sports Day	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Junior Sports Day	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Summer Fair	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Nursery Sports Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Reception Sports Day	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers' Performance	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July Evening
School Open Evening	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 4.00-6.30
Term ends	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

Have a great half term. I look forward to seeing you all in June.

With best wishes

*William*

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Headteacher

