



**HIGHGATE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Newsletter June 2018

Dear parents,  
June has been a particularly busy month at Highgate Primary, with something happening every day. We've made full use of the fantastic weather and hope it continues – a good summer makes such a difference!

### Tolmers



Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful two days of adventure at Tolmers Activity Centre in Cuffley. Problem solving, orienteering, obstacle courses and archery were some of the activities the children embraced with enthusiasm and energy - even the washing up proved to be fun. The trip away was a fitting end to their fascinating topic, 'Away from Home'. A huge thank you to the staff who made this experience possible and to the children for their resilience and super attitudes.

### Royal Albert Hall



The Highgate Primary senior choir was proud to take part in an uplifting and inspiring 'Haringey Goes Wild' concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Our choir were given prominent seats above the stage and trusted with the difficult harmonies. Congratulations to all the children for performing with such energy and professionalism

### Sport



The last few weeks have been packed with sporting fun and achievement. Both the girls and boys cricket teams played exceptionally well in a recent Haringey tournament, with the boys finishing in second place out of 18 schools, having scored a phenomenal 260 runs in the semi-finals!



The girls' morning netball club put forward a team for a recent tournament, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place, only narrowly missing out on a medal. The girls have made so much improvement with their netball skills and should be very proud of themselves. And for a little sporting inspiration, some of our older children were very excited to welcome Azania Stewart, captain of the GB women's basketball team, to Highgate Primary for a talk and coaching session.

### Parliament



Our Debating Club enjoyed a fantastic tour of Parliament last week, visiting the House of Lords and observing a debate in the House of Commons. Afterwards the children participated in a debate of their own about lowering the voting age. As an extra treat, Catherine West MP joined us for an insightful Question & Answer session. A huge thank you to Ollie for organising the trip. What a day!

## Year 2 visit London Zoo



To conclude their topic 'Day and Night', Year 2 hunted down nocturnal animals at London Zoo, including owls and fruit bats. The children enjoyed seeing many other animals too - although, like the owls, some were sleeping thanks to the warm seasonal weather.

## 500 Words Finalist



Congratulations to Jackson in 2LG for reaching the finals of BBC Radio 2's 500 Words writing competition. His marvelous story, The Oak Tree, won a place in the top 50 stories out of a staggering 135,000 entries. Chris Evans said he's hoping for more entries from Highgate Primary School in 2019. You can read Jackson's story on the 500 Words website.

## New After School Clubs



We have two exciting new clubs starting in the Autumn Term: Cookery Club, for Years 4, 5 and 6, run by our talented Head Chef Michael Batoux. Please email [clubs@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:clubs@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk) to reserve your place. Chess Club, for which trial sessions will start this term on Thursday mornings before the club starts officially in September. To book, please email [kamleshkaria@sky.com](mailto:kamleshkaria@sky.com) no

later than Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. For more information please see the website: <https://www.highgateprimarschool.co.uk/extended-school-day/after-school-clubs>

## Family Centre



Inspired by their newly planted garden at the entrance to the Family Centre, children at the Family Centre have been enjoying learning all about 'What's Growing' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Many thanks to parents Florence and Ai-Khanh who have transformed this space.

Our next Paediatric First Aid Course is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm to 3pm. This costs £30 includes a certificate. Please contact the Centre on 020 3213 0004 to book your place.

## Summer Fair



We're looking forward to seeing you all at our Totally Tropical Summer Fair on Saturday 30 June from 12.30 to 4.00pm. Each class has been allocated a stall, so please do sign up with your Class Rep to help out if you can. We are also collecting donations of new toys, gifts bottles etc. for the tombola and will need tea, cakes and salads on the day. And if you can help with face painting, please let your Class Reps know.

## Important Dates for the Diary

Summer Fair	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 12.30-4pm
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 6.00 pm
Reports Home	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
School Open Evening	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 4.00-6.30pm
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

With best wishes

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