

Headteacher's Newsletter July 2018

Dear Parents,
With the summer stretching ahead, what a great opportunity to reflect on all the fun we've had in the wonderful July sunshine...

Sixties Year 6 Show



Colour, sound and energy greeted the audience as, once again, we were treated to a truly entertaining and exciting Year 6 performance. I am in awe of the incredibly talented children who created a simply brilliant show, with performances that will stick in the memory for a while to come. A special thank you to Hilla and the Year 6 teachers for making it happen, and to everyone who played their part in this joyful production.

Sport



Making the most of our beautiful English summer, the last few weeks have been packed with sport at every turn. Four extraordinary sports days, Year 6 children versus adults

rounders matches, as well as a successful Year 5 football tournament. Congratulations to all our Run-a-Milers, who have shown great dedication, and to our Year 6 Cross Country runners, many of whom have been running hard since Year 3. Finally, an enormous thank you to Rob and John for motivating us all.

Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip



Year 3 went back thousands of years to enter a Celtic camp where they spent the day taking part in an authentic range of ancient crafts. From making flint arrowheads to scavenging for wild foods, it was an action packed day. Creating shelters out of branches and leaves certainly rounded off their Stone Age experience.

Year 2 Seaside Trip



Year 2 spent a magical day at Westcliff-on-Sea, enjoying the sunshine, glittering sea and delicious ice-cream. They travelled in style - in a double decker, red London bus - and sang 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' on route. Year Two's 'Sun, Sea and Sand' topic proved to be their most popular of all.

Sustainability Week



Sustainability Week 2018 once again highlighted the importance of being a green school, with children encouraged to walk and cycle to school. We received lots of fantastic entries to the 'No Planet B' competition and the winners worked with Johanna to

produce some great art work for display. A big thank you to Andrew Grieve who enlightened us with his brilliant air pollution talk.

Year 4



To enhance their 'Active Planet' topic, Year 4 visited the Natural History Museum. They loved the 'Emergency! Earthquakes and Volcanoes Show', learning about how powers within shape our world.

Family Centre



What a wonderfully busy term at the Family Centre, rounded off with a fantastic beach day and toddler Sports Day. We are hugely grateful for all your fundraising support over the Summer Term. Thanks to the Cake Sale, the fabulous Fun Run and a donation from the Ensix Charitable Trust, we have raised £2,820 to maintain and resource our centre. To all our Family Centre children who are moving over to Nursery in September, we wish you the best possible start to school – we will miss you.

Dan

After eight years, Dan Norman has taken the decision to move on from Highgate Primary School, to develop his career at a school closer to home. Those of you who know Dan will be aware of the infectious energy and commitment he brings to everything he does. Over the years, he has made a significant impression on so many of our children, both in the classroom and beyond. He is responsible for introducing cross country to Highgate Primary – now one of our biggest and most successful

clubs - and has been passionate at promoting science. We are grateful for his tireless contributions to the school and all of us – colleagues, pupils and parents - will miss him.

Exam Results

We're really pleased with our excellent pupil outcomes right the way through the school. Although unconfirmed at this stage, it seems likely that 76% of our pupils achieved the national combined benchmark in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Year 6, compared to the nation figure of 66%. Congratulations to all the children who have worked so hard throughout the year.

PSA News



A wholehearted thank you from the PSA to everyone who volunteered and attended our events. This year we made an incredible £42,500, profit, which will primarily help with the redevelopment of the upper playground. We are hugely proud of our PSA, but none of it happens without a big effort from our community; so thank you all, for continuing to support and volunteer as much as you do.

New Supper Club for Parents

Join us on Friday 28th September at 7pm in the Dining Centre for a North African culinary experience, prepared by our very own chef, Michael Batoux. Bring a bottle and your friends, and enjoy fine food and great company for just £25 a head. To book, please email clubs@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk

Open Evening for Prospective Parents

Our Open Evening for Prospective Parents will be held on Tuesday 25th September at 6pm. Please spread the word to friends and family with pre-school children. The evening will be a chance for prospective parents to meet me, the Early Years Teachers, have a tour of the school and sample the homemade school food.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th September. In the meantime, Happy Holiday!

With best wishes

William

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Headteacher

