



**HIGHGATE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Newsletter October 2018

Dear parents,

What a brilliant first half of term which, as ever, has flown by. Our Nursery and Reception children have settled in so quickly, grown in confidence and have already appeared on stage singing 'Dingle Scarecrow' at their very own Harvest! The October newsletter keeps you up to speed with this and everything else that has been going on within a very busy seven weeks

### Harvest Festival



Once again our Harvest Festivals delighted children, staff and audience alike. Our choirs, bigger than ever before, performed so well and the whole school gave everything to their singing, in English, Mandarin and BSL. A big thank you to everyone who helped – Hilla and Mike with the music, and the PSA who delivered the amazing collection of produce to local residents and the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen. A heart-warming event, demonstrating the warmth within our school community.

### Big Soup Share



Two hundred bowls of delicious soup were served in homemade, edible bowls at the Green Council's first ever Big Soup Share. Under a beautiful, blue sky, the school community came together for this special event. A huge thank you to all

who helped, notably Flo, Ai-Khanh, Claire, Michelle and chef Michael. You can find the delicious recipes on our website.

### Fireworks Night 2018



Thank you to all the children, parents, family, friends and staff who attended our fabulous Fireworks Evening and to all those who helped to make it such a success. A lovely, warm evening welcomed us and with delicious food, great music from DJ Nick and astounding fireworks, it was impossible not to have a truly memorable evening. Once again, thank you to the PSA for making this happen.

### School Film



The school film premiered to a very excited audience a few weeks ago and has received the most incredible five star reviews. I'm sure you'd like to join me in thanking Dave Reeve and Luciane Pisani for the brilliant production. If you missed the premiere, you can watch the film on the home page of our website. Thank you to everyone who played their part, behind, or in front of, the camera.

### Year 5 trip to the Ragged Museum



Year 5 enjoyed a trip back in time at The Ragged School Museum in Mile End as part of their topic, 'A Victorian

Education.' The classroom was totally unchanged from 1888 and was ruled over by the terrifying Miss Perkins. Some particularly disobedient and impertinent children had to be punished in typically Victorian ways. Strangely, they seemed to quite enjoy it!

### Year 4 at Hampton Court Palace



Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Hampton Court Palace, immersing themselves in their Tudor topic. Children visited the royal kitchens, explored Henry VIII's royal apartments and loved the Great Hall. Afterwards children took part in a 'Young Henry' drama workshop, re-enacting his early life.

### All About Gravity



Professor Robert Winston dazzled the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 with his lecture about gravity last week. It was an honour to once again welcome such a highly respected professor to our school.

### Early Birds

Please remember that the school's breakfast club, 'Early Birds' is available to all children from reception upwards. The morning's activities start at 8.00am, with breakfast served between 8.00am and 8.30am.

### Sports News



Highgate Primary entered both a girls and boys football team into the recent Haringey competition. The boys' team narrowly missed out on the knockout stages finishing 3rd in their group but the girl's team remained undefeated in their group games and qualified for the quarter finals. Despite brilliant play, they narrowly missed out on a place in the semis. Congratulations to all who participated.



We are really proud that our sport for girls is growing from strength to strength. Our girls only sports club on Wednesdays at 12.30 is hugely popular and is always alive with energy, enthusiasm and talent.



Year 3 & 4 took part in the Highgate football festival, where local schools played against each other. Highgate managed to enter 4 teams in the 2 tournaments, which required children

(and parents) being up and ready to play for 8.30am on a Saturday. Well done everyone!



### Year 1 Allotment Farmers Market



As part of their topic 'Our Senses', Year 1 has been enjoying some autumn sun in the allotment this week, harvesting for their annual Farmers Market.

### Evening Class in our Art Studio



We think our Art Studio is rather special and we know how lucky we are to have such a light and beautiful space to inspire our young artists. Last week our Year 6 children enjoyed exploring Lichtenstein-style art as part of their Super Hero topic.

We want to share our art studios with our wider school community too and are hoping to start a weekly evening class for adults. If you are interested in exploring your artistic talents, or indeed would consider leading an evening art class, please email Katie at [katie.swindell@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:katie.swindell@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk)

### Supper Club



We saw the launch of Michael Batoux's Supper Club on September 28<sup>th</sup> with 'A Taste of North Africa'. Once again Michael's culinary expertise proved a big hit, as he served up numerous sharing dishes and tagines from North Africa for fifty guests.

The Dining Centre was transformed with fairy lights, decorations and Moroccan style music to create a warm, relaxed atmosphere for friends to enjoy great food and good company. Thank you to everyone who came along and made the evening so special. I look out for our next Supper Club, coming soon, where, rumour has it, Italian food may well be on the menu

### Fundraising



In these tricky times of school funding, we are doing everything we can to continue to provide as exciting and enriching an education possible.

For an easy way to help, we are signed up to Easyfundraising who have over 2,700 well known retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Next and Tesco - all of which donate a percentage of what you spend to Highgate Primary. You don't pay any extra, but the retailers donate a percentage of what you spend. If you would like to donate for nothing, do sign up as soon as possible by going to our 'How to Help' page in the 'Support Us' area of the school website:

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/support-us/how-to-help>

### Lost Property

Please do label your child's clothing clearly. Our lost property collection is on the rise and it is much easier for us to help you locate missing items if there is a legible label – thank you.

## Autumn at the Family Centre



Celebrating autumn in the Family Centre, the children made sun catchers from autumn leaves, baked leaf shaped biscuits and produced beautiful leaf printing pictures. They adored their trip to the school allotment and didn't want to leave.

## Important dates for the diary

Half Term	w/c Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Start of Autumn 2	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 6 Pendarren Assembly	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Year 5 Cake Sale	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 3.30pm
Individual School Photos	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
2PR Assembly	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30 am
Reception Eye Test	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
2BJD Assembly	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Novmeber 9.30 am
Reception – Year 5 Flu Immunisation	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Family Centre Cake Sale	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Novmeber 3.30pm
Silent Disco Years 2 - 6	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 4.00-6.00 pm
Parent Consultations	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00-8.00 pm
INSET Day School closed to children	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Craft Fair	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 12.30 – 4.00 pm
Christmas Show	Wednesday 12th December 2.00 pm
Christmas Show	Thursday 13th December 2.00 pm
Blanche Nevile Cake Sale	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm
Nursery & Reception Nativity Play	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 1.45 pm pick-up

## Year 6 in Pendarren



And finally, our Year 6 children have enjoyed a brilliant week at Pendarren House in the Brecon Beacons, where they have taken part in all manner of outward bound and adventurous activities. Highlights have included, caving, climbing, and spending time with welsh miners in a real working pit. On top of that, they've visited a Raglan Castle, canoed on the canal and got up to all sorts of mischief in their dormitories. It's been a brilliant week that will live long in the memory.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

With best wishes

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