



HIGHGATE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Newsletter February 2020

Dear parents,
It's certainly been an action-packed and entertaining few weeks...

Pendarren



Blessed with a surprising amount of sunshine, plenty of adventurous spirits and super dedicated staff, the Year 6 trip to Pendarren in Wales was a huge success. Mountains, rivers, castles, caves and capers; everyone challenged themselves, tested their resilience and had an enormous amount of fun!

Children's Mental Health Week



As part of Children's Mental Health Week, pupils and staff enthusiastically took part in Inside Out Day, wearing items of clothing 'inside out' to raise awareness of the fact that how we present ourselves to the outside world can sometimes be

different to how we are feeling inside. The day reminded us to be kind; although someone may look fine on the outside, on the inside they may be feeling sad or worried.



During the week children also took part in yoga sessions and a singing competition. Year 3 enjoyed a professional singer's warm up when Tom's dad showed us how to prepare the body, face and mind for some powerful morning singing to get the endorphins flowing – and it did!

Concert for Mental Health

All our children from Year 1-6 will take part in a Singing Concert on Wednesday 25th March at 9.30 am in the hall to raise funds and awareness for Children's Mental Health. More details to follow but you are invited so please save the date.

Year 2 at the Transport Museum



Year 2 explored the Transport Museum and enjoyed the 'World's First Underground' workshop where they saw models of the tunnels being dug, sat on an original carriage and drew their own plans of eco-friendly, futuristic tube carriages.

Year 1 go to the Zoo



Year 1 loved seeing an array of animals in their enclosures, learning about the different climatic regions in which they live. The 'Hands On' workshop, investigating real animal hair, scales and feathers, was the top favourite!

4EJ Assembly



Our Class Assemblies continue to delight our audiences with brilliant performances celebrating the learning that has been taking place within our topics. Recently it was Year 4's turn to entertain us with tales from Ancient Greece.

Sport



Huge congratulations to Ben, Elkie and Louie who were selected to run for Haringey in the Middlesex Cross Country Championship, finishing 4th, 26th and 29th respectively. And well done to our Year 5 & 6 Athletics team who finished 4th out of 36 schools in the Haringey finals – what a result!

STARS Gold



The Year 5 Green Councillors were VIP guests at a special STARS Celebration event last week. They joined other Haringey schools for an afternoon of sustainable travel activities and training. The highlight of the day was receiving a coveted Gold Award for all the work our school has done raising awareness and promoting sustainable travel.

PSA News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Headmaster's Quiz Night and the KS2 Headphone Disco this half term. Next half term we have Rainbow Day and One World Evening to look forward to!

Family Centre

Volunteers are most welcome at the Family Centre particularly on a Wednesday or Thursday morning. If this is of interest, please do pop in to the Family Centre and speak to Katherine or call on 0203 213 0004. Courses coming up include a five week Baby Massage course starting on Thursday 27th February 1.30pm and a Paediatric First Aid Course on Tuesday 25th February from 1pm to 3pm.

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/family-centre/latest-events>

Michael Batoux's Bengali Supper Club

Our next Supper Club is Friday 6th March. Bring your friends, even if they aren't Highgate Primary parents, bring a bottle and enjoy Michael's homemade Bengali dishes. Book soon on Scopay to secure your supper. For further info and to view the menu please

visit: <https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/supper-club>

Clubs News

French Club is offering a free trial. If you would like your child to try a free La Jolie Ronde French club session on Tuesday or Wednesday lunchtime after half term, please contact Rachael rachaelsalmon2@gmail.com

Contemporary Dance - there are still spaces available for children in Years 3-6 on Wednesday after school. Please email clubs@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk

Name their Clothes!

We are incredibly fortunate that a parent has offered to sort through the lost property every Tuesday and return items to classrooms. Please, please name your child's clothes to help reduce the lost property mountain – thank you.

Important Dates for your Diary

w/c 17 th February	Half Term
Thursday 27 th February	Rainbow Day
Friday 6 th March	Bengali Supper Club 7pm
Friday 20 th March	One World Evening 6pm
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Raffle 3.30 pm Last Day of Spring Term

Have a wonderful half term holiday.

With best wishes

William

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