



HIGHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Newsletter

September 2020

Dear parents,

A warm welcome to the first newsletter of the year. I'll start with a special thank you to everyone for all your support. The routines at school may be different but I'm delighted to report that the learning is continuing with great enthusiasm.

Nursery



The new Nursery class have been busy exploring their new environment and are settling in brilliantly. They have been enjoying making new friends, getting to know their teachers and treating poorly patients in the hospital role-play area.

Reception

The children in Reception have settled in incredibly quickly and have had a wonderful time exploring the Early Years garden and classroom and making friends. Outside they have been very busy playing with diggers in the sandpit and making herb soup in the nature kitchen, whilst inside they have loved role-playing in the home corners, constructing with Duplo and Magformers and enjoying the sensation of pouring linseed through funnels. School lunches in 'the Highgate Primary Restaurant' have been a big hit, especially the fajitas, the tortilla, the carrot and coriander soup and the homemade bread and yogurt. Well done Reception!

Year 1



Children in Year 1 have settled beautifully into their new setting and have loved exploring their new topic 'The World through our Senses'. During our immersive science 'in-day' this week, children tasted sweet, sour, salty and bitter ingredients; explored the power of sound waves; investigated feely bags, made shadow puppets and created fragrant potions and perfumes.

Year 3



Year 3 kick-started their learning by discovering the world of fossils. The children drew some beautiful ammonites after learning about the famous palaeontologist and collector, Mary Anning. The children of 3LG were outraged that she was not recognised by her male counterparts as a major contributor to the field of palaeontology, despite discovering the fossilised remains of an ichthyosaur, a plesiosaur and a flying reptile called a Dimorphodon.

Year 4



Year 4s topic 'Masks and Minotaurs' has seen the children investigating life in Ancient Greece. They made marble run labyrinths, created their own mythological creatures and designed their own amphoras (Greek pots and vases). This is Parnia's design (4IO) which shows Theseus' terrible battle with the Minotaur in the labyrinth, surrounded by bats, rats, spiders and snakes!

Year 5



Since returning to school, children in Year 5 have begun their topic 'A Victorian Education', learning all about education in the Victorian era. The classes very much enjoyed creating paper-cut silhouettes of themselves in true Victorian style.

Year 6

Year 6 have settled in to the new year beautifully. They have been inspired by the thrilling story of Hillary and Tenzing's conquest of Everest and meanwhile in science, are exploring how water, heat and other variables can create the perfect conditions for growing mould on a slice of bread. The classrooms have become veritable laboratories! A great start to what promises to be an action-packed and enjoyable final year at Highgate Primary.

New Chef Julia



We are delighted to welcome our new head chef, Julia Nonu, who joins us from Yotam Ottolenghi's restaurant ROVI. Julia is looking forward to developing our food culture even further, ensuring each dish is tasty, colourful and nutritious. Please look out for the separate communication on school meals.

School Gardens



Thanks to the generosity of Sunshine Garden Centre and all the receipts our school community have collected, our gardener Flo was able to buy a wonderful collection of plants including herbs, a fig tree, a grape vine and a rhubarb plant. Please follow the link to learn about how you can help our gardens and allotment - and look out for the plastic envelopes on the gates to add your garden centre receipts.

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/support-us/local-garden-centres-support>

Greeting Card Design Project

Our greeting card fundraiser is going ahead once again. Last year we raised over £500 for the school and hopefully this year will be even better. Your child will be bringing home their designs by Monday 12th October and all completed order forms should be handed back to their teacher, and payments made on Scopay, by Friday 16th October. Thank you for your support.

Take Two Pictures



In the first week of the year, children across the school were engaged in a project inspired by two pieces of art, 'Mrs and Mrs Andrews' by Thomas Gainsborough and a portrait of Barak Obama by Kehinde Wiley. It was a fantastic opportunity for the whole school to take an in-depth look at two important paintings and use them as inspiration for learning across the curriculum.

Pupil Medication

If your child requires medication to be administered at school such as an asthma pump or Epipen, please ensure the school has been informed and you bring updated, labelled medication. Please remember it is your responsibility to verify expiry dates regularly. Please could all members of the school community respect that we are a nut-free school.

Lunches

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and has a school meal, lunch money must be paid online and in advance. This term's lunch prices are as follows:

Weekly @ £2.75 per day	£13.75
First half of term	£99.00
Second half of term	£96.25
Full Term	£195.25

PSA News

Thank you everyone who took part in our first ever, virtual balloon race in which we raised £600 for the school. The winner of our Amazon voucher was Joseph David Bermano. Congratulations David!

Please look out for our Horace Tea Towel coming soon...

Important Dates

Please add these dates to the family calendar...

Individual Photos	Tuesday 20 th October
Half Term	w/c Monday 26 th October
Flu Immunisation	Tuesday 3 rd November
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 18 th December 1.30 pm

With best wishes

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