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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Newsletter

November 2020

Dear parents,

As you will see from the newsletter, November has been a month full of celebration. And with the festive season just around the corner, the theme of celebrations looks set to continue...

Nursery

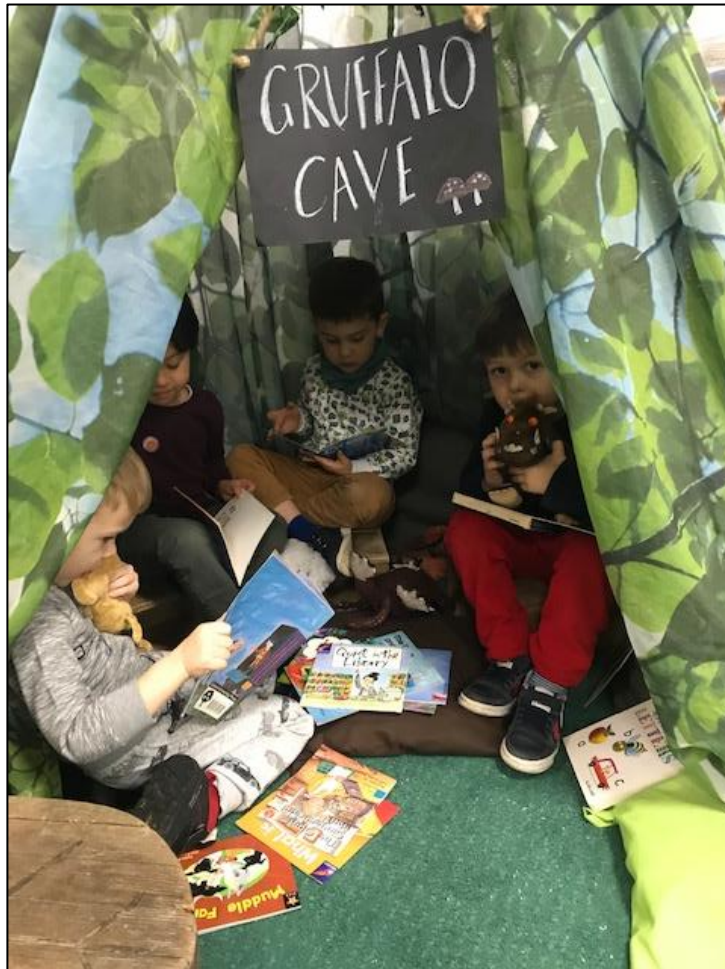


In the Nursery, the celebration topic is in full swing with children busy making both sparkly firework pictures for Bonfire Night and Diva lamps for Diwali.

Reception



In Reception, learning takes place everywhere, especially in our wonderful outdoor spaces which has seen children playing, digging, pouring and building. Even our guided reading lessons are sometimes outside under the trees.



There has been great excitement as a gruffalo cave mysteriously appeared overnight. This year has seen a record number of sightings, with gruffalos spotted playing in the sandpit and going down the slide. All sightings have been officially confirmed through the identification of purple prickles, orange eyes, black tongues and poisonous warts.

Year 1



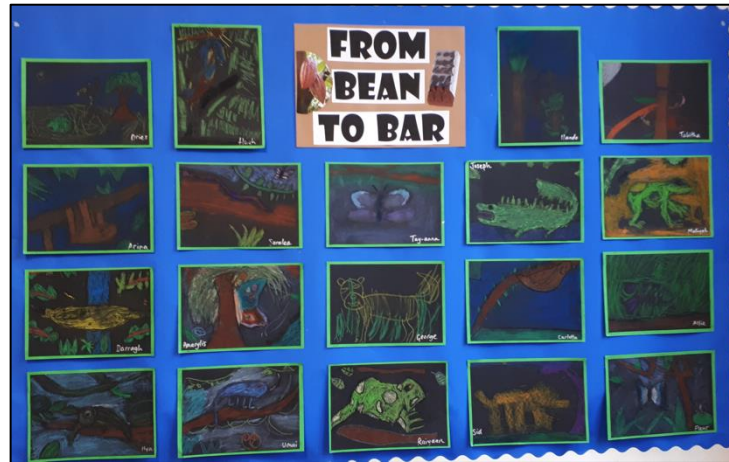
The Year 1 children have loved exploring different types of celebrations. They've found out about the historical origins of Bonfire night, the stories behind religious festivals of light and shared their own experiences of Diwali and Hanukkah and other family celebrations, such as weddings and birthdays. Perhaps best of all, they've all provided excellent excuses for a party.

Year 2



Earlier in November, Year 2 visited Hampstead Heath to survey the scale of The Great Fire of London. How lucky we are to have such fantastic places on our doorstep. They also donned their aprons and baked delicious bread rolls in the cookery studio. Fortunately, Chrissie and David remembered to turn off the oven, avoiding a potential disaster.

Year 3



Year 3 have been totally immersed in their topic, 'From Bean to Bar'. The classrooms have been transformed into rainforests, with wonderfully lush foliage, exotic flowers and animals. Not only have the children learned about the importance of rainforests and fair trade products, they've sampled different types of chocolate and discovered how chocolate bars are made.

Year 4



Year 4 have been busy investigating light, sound and electricity in our new topic, Sound and Vision. They have made string and cup telephones; built a circuit to make a bulb light up; played musical milk bottles; made shadow puppets; separated salt and pepper using static electricity and attempted to walk along a line looking only in a mirror. It was quite hair raising.

Year 5



It's been science in year 5 too, where the children have investigated reversible and irreversible changes. There was particular excitement when vinegar was added to sodium bicarbonate. I wonder if you can predict what happened?

Year 6



Having studied the classic text 'Beowulf', a poem once told in timber-framed barns in Anglo-Saxon England, this week children have turned their hand to Viking arts and crafts and the challenge of braiding. The results were rather impressive.

Nursery Applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, and you would like a place at our Nursery in September 2021, please follow the link for the application form: <https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/school-office/admissions/nursery-admissions>. Our places fill up very quickly, so please return the application form to us at admissions@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk by the 1st February 2020.

Scholastic Christmas Book Fair

Please look out for the email about our Christmas Book Fair which will run from 7th –to 11th December. The fair helps the

school buy so many wonderful books for the school, so thank you for your support.

A Huge Thank You!

Thanks to the incredibly kind donations from our Year 6 parents last July, the school has been able to purchase some wonderful new books to increase the diversity of our book selection.

PSA Christmas News

Christmas Hamper Raffle

The draw for the ever-popular Christmas Hamper Raffle will take place on Friday 11th December. Please bring in your donations at drop off the week of 30th November to 4th December.

Christmas Tree Offer

The PSA has partnered with Christmas Tree Express which generously offers parents £5 off and a £5 donation to the school for every tree purchased using the checkout code HIGHGATE before 29th November.

See website for more details:

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/fundraising-project/psa-events>

Merchandise

If you're still looking for Christmas presents to buy, check out our school merchandise page with beautiful tea towels and tote bags!

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/school-merchandise>

Look out for the PSA Christmas Letter to follow.

Green Fundraising Projects



With so many children now travelling to school by bike or scooter, we are currently fundraising for a bike shed in the lower playground. And to keep the green theme, we are also looking to purchase three sets of recycling bins for the playgrounds. If you would like to support, please visit:

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/support-us/make-a-donation>

Easyfundraising & Amazon Smile

If you shop online, please do consider signing up to Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile via the links below to help raise funds for the school at absolutely no extra cost to you!

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/support-us/easyfundraising-amazon-smile>

The Society Company



The school is delighted to have launched our partnership with The Society Company. The aim is to help our school community shop in a more sustainable, environmentally friendly and cost-effective way, whilst helping to raise funds for the school. Follow the link for more details and info on how to sign up:

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/the-society-company>

Important Dates

Please add these dates to the family calendar...

The Jungle Book Streaming	Saturday 19 th December 5.00 pm
Christmas Dress Up Day	Wednesday 16 th December
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 18 th December 1.30 pm

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

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