



## Headteacher's Newsletter June 2014

Dear Parents,

The final half-term of the year is well underway and the new topics have received an enthusiastic response from the children. It's going to be a very busy run up to the end of term.

### Allotment



Last week children in Year 1 helped plant the school's new allotment. Tomatoes, lettuce, onions, chard and runner beans, were planted and the warm weather has got everything off to a great start. The school recently acquired the overgrown site within the allotments behind Gaskell Road which was cleared with help from Rob and his team from Hampstead Heath. A working party of parents and staff levelled the site to get it ready for the raised beds which were put together by Dusan and a team of Highgate dads. These were filled with grit and manure and after many hours digging (and a few burgers) the school allotment was ready for planting. This is a great addition to our school. Thank you to everyone who has helped to get the site ready for a summer of growing.

### Tolmers

Children in Year 4 completed their evacuation topic 'Away from Home' with an outward-bound adventure to Tolmers Camp, located in the Hertfordshire countryside. They had great fun participating in an adventurous range of outdoor activities including rock climbing, an inflatable assault course and washing up. The children showed great bravery, enthusiasm and teamwork in tackling these challenges and came home with a great sense of achievement having had enormous fun.

### Summer of Sport



There's been lots of sporting news over the past couple of weeks. Firstly, we are very thankful to our local estate agents, Langford Chase, who kindly bought our teams a new sports kit. The children were delighted to wear it and we received many envious glances from other teams' players and managers. The kit had its first outing in a football tournament at Coldfall, where the boys and girls battled hard against different teams in the borough. Although neither progressed from their group stages, they had a lot to be proud of.

A few days earlier brought the start of the cricket season. Both the boys and girls won three matches and lost one. There were some fantastic performances on display with fours and sixes and plenty of wickets to send us all home very happy.

### Museum of London

Year 3 went back in time to AD43, when the Romans invaded Britain and established the city of Londinium, to the Roman galleries at the Museum of London. The classes explored life in a typical Roman villa, designed their own mosaics and considered life as a Roman soldier. The children were amazed to see a stretch of the original Roman wall that once encircled the city and to discover that the River Thames has been a thriving business centre for 2000 years.

### Circus Performance



Year 2s big top circus returned to school last week for a spectacular performance which left its young audience on the edge of their seats. Featuring an international cast of performers including gymnasts, jugglers, clowns and a very dangerous high-wire act, the performers showed great skill,



coordination and daring to leave everyone enthralled. Thanks to ringmasters Dan and Ollie for putting on such an entertaining spectacle.

## Dogs Trust



Earlier in the term classes throughout the school were paid a visit by Kelly, the Education Officer from The Dogs Trust. Unfortunately Kelly arrived dogless, her rescue Labrador having disgraced himself earlier in the week, but Cosmo proved to be an expert substitute, stepping up to the challenge with great panache. The classes learnt about the important work of the charity and how to care for man's best friend.

## Big Walking Bus



Thanks to everyone who responded to the call to walk to school and raise awareness of the dangerous crossing at the junction of North Hill with Church Road. Around 200 children, parents and staff held up the traffic to make our point and walked down the hill to school. The Ham and High were there with a photographer and everyone was reminded of our right to make a public protest.

To add your support for a pedestrian phase at this crossing, please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/NorthHillNightmare](http://www.tinyurl.com/NorthHillNightmare)

## Summer Fair



Computer generated image of KS2 playground

The PSA are gearing up for the afternoon of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June which will see the school's playgrounds transformed into a scene from the Wild West. The range of entertainment on offer includes rodeo riding, panning for gold and rides on a mule, whilst those of us who are a little older can enjoy a read of the papers in the Highgate Saloon. Please look out for the posters, come along on the day (cowboy outfit optional) and speak to your class rep about what you can do to help.

## Sports Days



This morning the school held the first of its Sports Days with Years 1 and 2 in action competing for honours. Full report to follow in the next newsletter.

## Important dates for your diary

Once again, as this is a very busy term, please make sure you have these important dates firmly in your diaries:

Summer Fair	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 1.00 pm
Reception to Willows Farm	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Choir Albert Hall event	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Nursery Sports Day	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am
Year 6 Buggy Malone Performance	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports sent home	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Reception Sports Day	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am
School Open Evening	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 4.00 – 6.30 pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30 am
Term ends	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July

With best wishes

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