



HIGHGATE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Newsletter January 2019

Dear parents,
What a positive start to 2019 at Highgate Primary. Read all about the term so far and the exciting events to look forward to.

Making things Move in Year 2



As part of their 'Making things Move' In-Day, Year 2 ventured out into the local area using three modes of transport, underground train, bus and walking. Who knew transport could be this much fun? They took photographs of their journey which will help to make maps later in the half term.

Nursery Places in September 2019



We are delighted to welcome several new children to our happy Nursery this January. Nursery is currently full to the brim, but if you would like your child to attend in September, please fill in the Nursery application form and return it to the office by 15 February 2019. If you have any questions, do have a chat with Elena in the office or visit <http://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/school-office/admissions/nursery-admissions>

Green Council



This week the Green Council worked with Florence, our new school gardener, to plant two young apple trees in the playground. After digging two big holes, the children placed the apple trees lovingly in the ground. In a few years we look forward to producing our own apples for the kitchen and school lunches!

Run-a-Mile



Thank you to everyone who supported our Festive Run-a-Mile at the end of last term. You raised a brilliant £290 for Alzheimers UK.

Run-a-Mile continues this term, led by our new Sports Coach Kathryn. It will take place at 8.25am on Tuesday to Friday mornings and, as always, all the family is welcome. What a great way to help with those New Year resolutions!

A Visit from Dan Thompson



To give us all some extra motivation at the beginning of the year, I invited local resident Dan Thompson to talk to the children about his incredible Run the World challenge. A big thank you to Dan for inspiring us all. You can read more about

Dan's visit in my blog here:
<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/headteachers-blog/run-the-world>

Science



In the first week of the new term, our older children were treated to an extraordinary science show presented by chemist, Dr. Szydlo, from Highgate School. This was an incredibly exciting lecture, in which Dr Szydlo demonstrated a wonderful array of chemistry experiments filled with fire, bangs and magic.

Upper Playground Development



With the funds now in place, I want to let you know that we hope to begin the works to transform our upper playground into a welcoming, green and beautiful space towards the end of February. Thank you to everyone in the school community for your incredible support and energy in making this happen. Please forgive the disruption during the works but it will certainly be worth it!

Cookery School



Creating a culture where our children, staff and whole school community can appreciate tasty, healthy food is integral to our school values. Bringing our catering in house, appointing a

highly talented chef, developing our allotment and introducing cookery clubs have been important steps. I am now delighted to share that, subject to successful fundraising, we will build a cookery studio this summer to help us further develop our love of homemade, healthy food.

PSA News

We have two community events coming up in the next few weeks, starting with the Headmaster's Quiz Night on Friday 8th February. Tickets (£4 in advance or £5 on the door) are now available on Scopay. Please organise a babysitter and come along to this fun evening. There will be a bar, but please do bring food or snacks to share with your team.

Rainbow Day is in the diary for the last day of the half term – Friday 15th February. Expect a cacophony of colours for this much-loved event. More details to follow soon.

Family Centre



Our Family Centre continues to thrive, providing so many important services for our community. Do have a look at the courses and events we run here:

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

If you would like to volunteer, or have some ideas to share, please call the Family Centre on 020 3213 0004

Important dates for the diary

Friday 8 th February 7.30pm	Headteacher's Quiz
Friday 15 th February	Rainbow Day
w/c Monday 18 th February	Half Term Week
Friday 22 nd March	One World Evening
Friday 5 th April	Last day of Spring Term

Have a great half term. I look forward to seeing you at the fantastic PSA events.

With best wishes

William

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Headteacher

