



**HIGHGATE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Newsletter June 2019

Dear parents,  
Summer is here, the sun is shining and there is much to celebrate. What a lot we've done in June and with three weeks to go before the end of term, there is much more to come!

### Playground Celebration Picnic



Last week families from our school community came together to celebrate the completion of our playgrounds. Transforming a tarmac-dominated landscape into the beautiful, green grounds we have today has taken hard work, dedication and generosity from parents, staff, the PSA team, local businesses and experts, as well as several trusts and foundations. We were delighted to be joined by some of our supporters including the Lord Mayor of London Greener City Fund, the Wembley Stadium Trust and the CSDS Foundation, as well as Catherine West MP and Lucy Jenkins, the playground designer and former parent, for a fun, relaxed evening in the sunshine.

### Art Exhibition Fundraiser



Our Art Exhibition Fundraiser, hosted by the PSA in association with Village Raw, was a huge success. Our incredibly talented

artistic community donated a range of beautiful artwork which was auctioned on a memorable night, at which parent and graphic artist Noma Bar gave a fascinating and inspiring talk. A heart-felt thank you to all the artists who donated and to the PSA for orchestrating another great event. An incredible £8,160 was raised for our new cookery studio. This brilliant event was kindly sponsored by Highgate Dental Practice.

### Community Summer Concert



Our Summer Community Music Concert was a real highlight; a wonderful evening of musical entertainment with soloists, choirs and family groups performing together. Thank you to Hilla for directing such a special evening and to all the musicians who entertained us so well.

### Sport



Our Year 6 football teams played incredibly well in a recent Haringey tournament with our best result to date. Of over 30 schools, the boys ended up runners up, just losing out to Rhodes Avenue, whilst the girls finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Fantastic team spirit and determination were in evidence right the way through the tournament – congratulations to both teams and thanks to our coaches Rob and Kat for preparing the teams so well.

### Infants & Juniors Sports Days



Sports Day is a wonderful tradition and the field at Highgate Woods the perfect setting for a celebration of athletics. Our sports days were both competitive and great fun, and a brilliant



way to celebrate a great year for school sport. A huge thank you to Rob for organising two fabulous events.

## Year 2 visit London Zoo



On our hottest day of the year, children in Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to London Zoo as part of their topic, 'Night and Day'. We were very proud of our children, some of whom had been a little afraid of the wild animals they might encounter. In fact the nocturnal animal house was so dark that it was quite hard to identify the creatures we had been learning about. But despite this, everyone enjoyed a highly educational and rather hot day out.

## Summer Fair



We're looking forward to seeing you all at our circus themed Summer Fair on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 12.30 to 4.00pm. Each class has been allocated a stall, so please do sign up with your Class Rep to help out. We are also collecting donations of new toys, gifts and bottles for the tombola - and we will need tea, cakes and salads on the day. If you can help with face painting, please let your Class Reps know.

## Contemporary Dance Club

Next term, children in Years 3 to 6 are welcome to join the first session of our new after-school contemporary dance for a free trial. Please let [clubs@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:clubs@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk) know if you are interested.

## Sustainability Week



A fascinating talk about bees from Highgate Honey; building ecobricks for a bench in the Peace Garden and a focus on walking and cycling to school, were all highlights of our fantastic Sustainability Week 2019. The week was rounded off on Friday with a sale of vegan cakes, plants, bike and scooters. Thank-you Ollie and our Green Council for organising such an interesting week.

## Family Centre



Kim's course 'Playing Together' has seen our one, two and three-year-olds learn about transport, growing and flight. Having helped to plant the flower boxes on the decking, the children are now helping to water and look after them with their little green fingers.

## Important Dates for the Diary

Summer Fair	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 12.30-4pm
Nursery Sports Day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Reception Sports Day	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers' Performance	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July evening
Reports Home	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
School Open Evening	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 4.00-6.30pm
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

With best wishes

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