



**HIGHGATE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Newsletter November 2019

Dear parents,  
November certainly has been full of autumnal fun, and as we approach December, the excitement for learning is set to continue with a festive tone...

### Tree Planting



At the start of the month, our local MP, Catherine West, planted a tree at Highgate Primary with the help of some Green Council children and Flo, our gardener. The crab apple tree was given to Catherine West by Extinction Rebellion, who then donated it to Highgate Primary to be planted in the mini-orchard in the school playground. No doubt crab apple jelly will be on the school menu in years to come.

### Reception go Into the Woods



Reception have enjoyed a wonderful week learning all about the rarely spotted Gruffalo. They enjoyed playing in a real gruffalo cave and later ventured out into the woods, hunting for gruffalo

and setting gruffalo traps. Quite remarkably, there was at least one confirmed sighting of a rather large creature bearing purple prickles.

### Year 1 Bonfire Celebrations



Earlier in the term, Year 1 celebrated Bonfire Night by lighting sparklers, watching Peter's incredible firework display and drinking hot chocolate in front of a bonfire in the Peace Garden. The children sang songs about fireworks and learnt about the history of Bonfire Night.

### Sophy Henn Author Visit



Author and illustrator Sophy Henn visited Highgate Primary last week where she gave an engaging and inspiring assembly to children in years 2, 3 and 4. Sophy dressed up a brave volunteer to re-live the fun she had whilst creating her wonderfully naughty character 'Bad Nana'. Every child had a go at drawing Bad Nana, too!

### Maths Week England

During November, children throughout the school took part in the very first 'Maths Week England', along with over 200,000 other pupils from across the country. Each class worked on its own set of quiz questions and fun activities, from collecting symmetrical leaves for the younger children, through to measuring the height of the school using only two pieces of A4 paper. A special TT Rockstars competition was one of the highlights of the week; congratulations to our winners, Cayley in Year 4, Filip in Year 5 and Ben in Year 6.

### Highgate Primary Phonics Film

After some hard work and plenty of giggles, we are pleased to announce that our Phonics Film is now ready to watch here:

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/story-of-the-week/phonics-film>

Produced by Kate Imeson, Directed by Dave Reeve and featuring children from Year 1, 2 and 3, our Phonics film will



help parents understand the sounds of the letters in the alphabet and the most common digraphs. It's a great watch!

## Apples



If you have any spare apples from your garden, please give them to Chef Michael in the kitchen – and claim a discount on his famous homemade apple compote which is on sale at the Christmas Fair!

## Sport



Our Year 6 boys and girls took part in a highly competitive and very enjoyable Haringey table tennis tournament, which showed real determination from all our players.

In cross country, Elkie, Ben and Louie from Year 6 all qualified to represent Haringey in the London Youth Games - an incredible achievement.



## Christmas Run-a-Mile

We look forward to seeing you all at the annual Christmas Run-a-Mile on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30 am – a perfect way to justify an extra mince pie.

## Christmas Show – Alice in Wonderland

Although all the children will be involved in both performances, the dates that your child's class will be performing more of a leading role are as follows:

Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm	1LJ, 2CW, 3LG, 4MK, 5JS, 6RP
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm	1KE, 2DC, 3NL, 4EJ, 5OD, 6RB

## Christmas Wonderland Fair



We can't wait for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Donations of bottles, chocolates, gifts, wrapping paper, ribbons and handmade crafts all very welcome! Cakes and mince pies will be much appreciated nearer the time and the Green Council are looking for donations for their pre-loved Christmas stand.

## Family Centre

The Family Centre Christmas Stay & Play will be taking place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 9am to 11.30am. There will be lots of fun Christmas art activities, baking, stories and singing – all for £4 and £2 for a sibling. Feel free to dress up, come along and join us! We also have a Paediatric First Aid Course coming up on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 1.00 to 3.00pm. The cost of £30 includes a certificate. To book a place, please pop into the Centre or call Katherine on 0203 213 0004.

## Last Day Of Term

Please remember that collection on the last day of term will be at 1.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

## Important Dates for the Diary

INSET Day School closed to children	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Craft Fair	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 12.30 – 4.00 pm
Christmas Show	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm
Christmas Show	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm
Blanche Nevile Cake Sale	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm
Nursery & Reception Nativity Play	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am
Christmas Run-a-Mile	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 8.30 am
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Early Finish 1.30pm

With best wishes

*William*

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