

Headteacher's Newsletter April 2019

Dear parents,
It's been a busy half term filled with literary delights, sporting success, community collaboration and a rich curriculum. Enjoy reading all about it in the April newsletter.

World Book Day



It was a rather special World Book Day this year with the traditional dressing up, reading events, competitions and a very special assembly – we even made it into the Ham & High!
<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/our-school/press>

Alexandra Palace Children's Book Awards



Year 5 and some super keen readers from Year 6 enjoyed a great trip to Alexandra Palace for the Children's Book Awards hosted by Michael Rosen. Read more about the incredible day on our website here:
<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/story-of-the-week/alexandra-palace-childrens-book-awards>

Dogs Trust Visit

The Dogs Trust visited Year 2 and Year 4 to talk about how to look after a pet dog. Children learned how to listen to a dog's

heart, check for fleas, administer an injection and carry out an all over check. Now they can practise on Horace!

Francesca Simon Talk



Year 3 were very excited to meet Francesca Simon, author of the Horrid Henry books, at a celebration event hosted by Highgate Junior School. The occasion, marking 25 year of the mischievous school boy, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Sport



Our Cross Country runners really excelled this month winning medals at Highgate School's competition. Several of our children went on to represent Haringey in the National Cross Country Championships.

Michael Batoux's Supper Club

Michael's next Supper Club is on Friday 10th May and this time it's Mexican night. Book babysitters, bring along friends and enjoy a selection of incredible dishes from Mexico, all handmade and cooked by Michael. For the menu and more details, please visit <https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/supper-club>

Easter Leavers

After ten years, we sadly say thank you and goodbye to our Pastoral Support Officer, Katy Whitney. Katy has played a hugely important role supporting our families and building the school's pastoral team - which now offers one-to-one support to over 60 pupils. As you know, her work was recognised at a national level when her team won The Guardian's Public Services Award.

We also say goodbye to Roseline Cicek. Roseline has supported children across the age range, including several years running the baby and toddler groups in the Family Centre. Some of our Year 6 parents still remember the support offered by Roseline when their children were babies.

Finally, we say thank you to our teaching assistants Ashleigh and Alberto for their brilliant work at Highgate Primary. We wish all our leavers the very best for the future.

Dance Workshop



A super-talented group of pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a week-long dance workshop with professional dancer Sadé Alleyne. The result was the most incredible Afro-Fusion dance including contemporary, traditional and urban styles which was brilliantly performed at both One World Evening and the Haringey Dance Festival. Congratulations to all involved on an such an amazing achievement.

Year 2 Sleepover



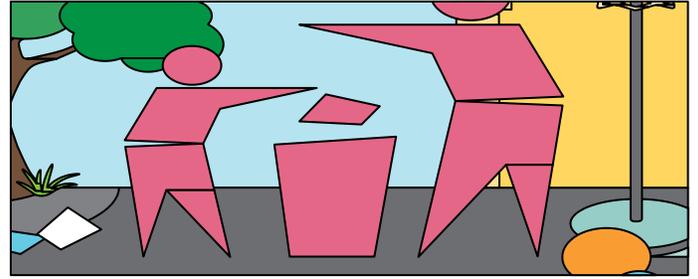
A treasure hunt, camp-fire songs and a feast of superb spaghetti Bolognese delighted our Year 2 children at their school sleepover. After watching 'Paddington' in their pyjamas, the gym and hall were lit by the children's glow sticks and whispers could be heard until rather late. At 6.00 am, the girls were awoken by Billie's beautiful singing... 'Wake up little bunnies, up, up, up!' whilst Peter had a lie in until at least 6.05am...

Green Council



The Woodland Trust, a charity with a mission to ensure every child has the chance to plant a tree, donated over 100 trees to Highgate Primary this month. Despite the rather challenging weather, our Green Council had a fabulous time planting them in our school grounds.

Big School Clean



Highgate Primary is proud to be part of the Big School Clean 2019 which launched on 22nd March and will continue for the month. After Easter, the Green Council will start a project with non-recyclable plastics and build ECO-bricks with the entire school community, to raise awareness and reduce plastic waste.

PSA News



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and supported One World Evening. As ever, it was a great evening with delicious food and fabulous entertainment. The fun evening raised over £2,500 which can be added to the £1200 from Rainbow Day, which will go towards our new Cookery Studio.

Family Centre

We are on the lookout for volunteers, particularly on a Thursday morning from 9 - 11.30am. If you are interested please pop in for a chat, or call Katherine on 020 3213 0004.

Come along and try a playgroup with your little one, or 'Shake, Wiggle and Sing' at our music and movement class on Monday at 11am, for ages 12 - 36 months. Visit the school website for details.

Important Dates

Tuesday 23 rd April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
w/c Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Mon 20 th – Wed 22 nd May	Year 4 at Tolmers
w/c Monday 27 th May	Summer Half Term
Friday 14 th June	Art Fundraising Event
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Fair
Friday 19 th July	Summer Term Ends

Have a super Easter Holiday!

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Headteacher

