



**HIGHGATE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **Headteacher's Newsletter**

December 2020

Dear parents,

It has certainly been a very busy December at Highgate Primary! Well done to everyone who has played their part so incredibly well in keeping the school safe and happy in this rather unusual run up to Christmas.

### **Nursery**



Nursery has been bustling with festive fun over the last couple of weeks, with lots of stories about Christmas and Hanukkah, with beautiful decorations made for our classroom.

## Reception



The children have really enjoyed all the festivities at school which included a delicious Christmas lunch, a virtual visit from Santa, a super disco party with dressing up and party games. And how lucky to be able to enjoy the seasonal weather, with real snow in the classrooms!

## Year 1



As the days have grown shorter, the Year 1 children have been exploring two festivals of light that brighten up this dark winter month: Hanukkah and Christmas. Children in Year 1 have loved learning the stories behind the celebrations and hearing how their classmates observe these religious festivals at home. There have also been plenty of opportunities for creative artwork, letter writing (can you guess who they've written to?) and lots of role play too.

## Year 2



Having worked with such dedication to create incredible scale models of timber-framed buildings, disaster struck in Year 2 last week. The children stepped back to admire the wonderful recreation of a Tudor street they had so lovingly created in the playground, only to see Chrissie and David carelessly drop a lit match. The street went up like a tinder box in a way that was remarkably similar to events in summer 1666. Congratulations to everyone in Year 2 for accidentally creating your own Great Fire of London!

## Year 3



Year 3's topic From Bean to Bar has been a huge hit - exploring the history of chocolate, the traditions and variations associated with this sweet treat in different parts of the world and the flavour profiles of some of the world's great chocolates. The children have learnt all about fair trade, the negative impact of monocultures on the world's eco-systems and the plight of some of our endangered animals in the jungles of the Earth. It was certainly a busy topic but now the children know the chocolate journey - from idea to creation.

## Year 4



It's been a diverse few weeks in Year 4 as the children discovered how electricity really works, made human circuits in the classrooms, learnt all about Hanukkah and enjoyed playing the driedel game!

## Year 5



As we draw to the end of the topic 'What Price Progress?', the children have been identifying the lowest UK and world land levels, whilst considering climate change and rising sea levels. Global warming, greenhouse gasses, CO2 emissions and deforestation have now all become rather familiar words.

## The Jungle Book





The show must go on! It may have been different this year but the Christmas Show has just as much talent, energy, dedication and joy as always. I hope you all put your feet up and celebrate whilst watching the live screening on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm with hot chocolate on your sofas. Well done to all the staff and children for producing this uplifting performance. I would like to give a special thank you to James, Julie, Alisa, Tzveti and George, the incredible team of parents who enabled this project to take place.

### **PSA News**

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the Virtual Christmas Fair and all the other wonderful fundraising activities the PSA organised this December, including the raffle. Thanks to your support the PSA raised nearly £4000 for the school. Hopefully you all had a wonderful amount of fun too. A heartfelt thank you to Jenny, Jacky and Julie and all the other parents who dedicated so much of their time to organising these events.

### **Merchandise**

If you haven't done so already, do have a look at our school merchandise page on the website, with beautiful Horace tea towels, Horace tote bags, as well as new school logo water bottles, umbrellas and bags!

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/school-merchandise>

### **Easyfundraising & Amazon Smile**

Please do consider signing up to Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile via the links below to help raise funds for the school at absolutely no extra cost to you!

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/support-us/easyfundraising-amazon-smile>

### **Nursery Applications**

If your child was born between 01.09.17 and 31.08.18 and you would like a place at our Nursery in September 2021, please return the application form to us at [admissions@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@highgate-pri.haringey.sch.uk) by the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 to avoid disappointment, as our places fill up very quickly.

Follow the link for the application form:

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/school-office/admissions/nursery-admissions>

## Important Dates

Please add to the family calendar the most important date of all...

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to School!
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Thank you to all of you, staff, parents and children, for your unwavering support this term.

May you have a restful and joyful holiday.

Merry Christmas.

With best wishes

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