



HIGHGATE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

6th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Year 6 Class Newsletter Autumn 2

We hope you had an enjoyable half-term holiday and your children have had a good start back.

English and History

The topic this half term is 'Our Island History'. We began by discovering where the Anglo-Saxons came from and why they came to Britain. In the remainder of the half-term, we will look at the role the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings played in making Britain the place it is today. In the other strand of this topic, we will look at more recent waves of immigration, including migration from the Caribbean in the 1950s and 60s. Our trip to meet Floella Benjamin at the British Film Institute was indescribably brilliant, emotional, and inspiring and set us thinking about the experience of the Windrush generation.

In English, we began with interpreting and retelling the gruesome narrative of the Anglo-Saxon poem, Beowulf. We are excited to tell you that on our return from Pendarren, Kate Stilitz, a music and performance specialist, will be working with the children on a dramatic interpretation of Beowulf leading up to a performance for parents. Following this, we will move on to writing nonfiction reports on Viking life.

Reading

Children are continuing their independent reading with the Reading Adventure as well as working on reading comprehension tasks in whole-class lessons. We ask that children read at home for at least 30 minutes every day. If you need book suggestions, please do let us know.

Maths

In maths, we will be exploring fractions and will look at coordinates, translations and reflections. We are continuing to encourage children to login and play TT Rockstars. Having a quick recall of multiplication and division facts is hugely important to your child's confidence in maths lessons. Just a few minutes most days will have a huge impact in a very short amount of time. Every week there will also be homework on MyMaths for children to complete.



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P.E.

In P.E. we will be developing our skills in athletics and gymnastics. It is going to get a lot colder this half term, but this will not stop us going outside. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing to school for this.

Key dates for your diary

Friday 17th November 6 - 8pm	Years 4-6 Silent Disco
Wednesday 22nd November 4 – 6.30pm	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 23rd November 5.50-8pm	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 23rd November 2:30pm	Year 6 Beowulf performance to parents
Friday 24th November	INSET DAY
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 14th December 2pm	6RP Christmas Show performance
Friday 15th December 2pm	6EJ Christmas Show performance
Wednesday 20th December 1.30pm	Term Ends (early finish)



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