



Highgate
Infant School

Easter Newsletter



A Great Term so far!

We are having a wonderful Spring Term at Highgate. We are enjoying the brighter days and the (slightly) warmer weather. We have some new basket ball hoops in the playground and are gradually developing a wider range of activities for the children at break and lunch times.

We are currently getting the Allotment ready for planting and looking forward to the warmer weather next term must bring!

World book day was wonderful. The children enjoyed dressing up and carrying out book themed activities. We had our staff traveling the school as Mystery readers and after a close vote Miss Wests chosen book 'The Tiger Who came to Tea' became our top book choice for this year!

Our learning so far!

Our overarching topic is 'Growing and'. Our classes are exploring this in creative ways.

Our Reception class the theme is 'Food Glorious Food'.

The children have loved their role play pizzeria and supermarket and have had a great time learning the story of the Gingerbread Man.

In Year 1 the children have been planting beanstalks, sweet peas and daffodils

In Year 2 the children have been planting runner beans and learning about the monarchy and fairy tales

Allotment

We have a wonderful school allotment. The children and staff enjoy sowing seeds, investigating bugs harvesting the onions, squashes and corn that is still growing. The children do a great job at taking care of it, but some jobs can be a bit big and we need a little help! If you are able to help us out from time to time – whether as a weeder, waterer or with a bit of DIY or maintenance then please see let Miss Natalija know or speak to our allotment champion Mrs Griffin.

Our next project is to 'Muntjac Proof' the allotment. The adorable muntjac ate much of our produce last year before we had a chance to harvest it! – any help would be much appreciated.

These are some pictures of memorable crops and moments!



We grew our own GIGANTIC pumpkin!

We had a tiny field of corn!



Year 2 children and staff were busy keeping on top of the weeds on Monday afternoon!

Attendance

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. For example, children who miss school often can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams.

Arranging appointments and outings after school hours, at weekends or during school holidays will help to prevent disruption to your child's education and to the school. Under normal circumstances you should not expect the school to agree to your child going on holiday during term time.

Please ensure you phone the office every day if your child is not well enough to attend.

School Lunches

Don't forget to check out the menu and encourage your children to try the range of school meals we have on offer. If you send a packed lunch it needs to be healthy and balanced. Please do not send nuts as some children have been known to have severe allergies.

Behaviour

If the school has any concerns about a child's behaviour they will contact parents. If any parents have concerns please come into school and share those concerns. We want each and every child to feel safe and secure and staff will always be there to help children with any personal, social or emotional issues..

Trips and Visits

Our Reception class had some enjoyable trips to both to the Mart where they enjoyed some of the childrens rides and to pizza express where they each made an individual Pizza!

Clubs

After school club and Breakfast club are services we provide to support all our families. Please enquire in the office if you would like to know more. Breakfast club is £2 a day and runs from 8am until the start of school (last food served at 8.25). Afterschool club is £3 a session. Mrs Natalija Ananeva-Sliaze (Miss Natalija to our children) personalises the club to children's interests whether art, lego, puzzles or sports.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding we may be able to offer a discount for school clubs and breakfast club. Please enquire at the office for details.

A Safe and Caring School

All adults who work at the school are here to help and support our children and families. Some adults have particular roles and training which means they may be the best people to help you.

Mrs Natalija Ananeva - Sliaze, Mrs Kirby and Miss Rogers are our Designated Safeguarding leads. If you have any concerns over the safety and welfare of any children at Highgate then please speak to them.

Mrs Natalija Ananeva-Sliaze is our Parent Support Advisor

You can request a meeting with her to discuss any parenting issues or concerns you may have.

We work with and promote the work of many agencies that can support children and families with health concerns, worries about behaviour and many other problems.

A display in our foyer contains information leaflets and numbers that families may find useful. Please take a look. You can speak to school staff or contact agencies directly if you feel they may be able to support you.

To help us ensure the safety of all children please always shut the gates that lead into the playground. Never allow children to climb on or over the fences around the school or between the gates.

Milk

Milk is provided free for all children under five and those in receipt of pupil premium funding as part of the National school milk scheme. You can also purchase school milk for your child via the cool milk website 'www.coolmilk.co.uk'.

PE Kits

Please ensure that PE kits are weather appropriate and comfortable for the children to wear.

Year 1 PE days are Monday and Thursday

Year 2 PE days are Monday and Thursday

Reception PE days are

Unwanted Guests

Please remember to keep 'bug busting'. Nits and headlice are an ongoing concern for many parents. All children need to be checked regularly and treated when necessary to stop these little guys from spreading!