



Autumn Newsletter

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome families and children back to Highgate after the summer break. Our new reception cohort are settling in well and we all wish our new families welcome.

Congratulations Mrs Coleman

Mrs Coleman, Highgate's SENCO, will be leaving Highgate after working here for 18 years. She starts a new and exciting role as an Educational Psychologist Assistant and researcher. We are hugely sad to see her depart from Highgate, but so very pleased for her taking on this exciting new role.

Miss Rogers, our Reception teacher, is very experienced working with children with Special Educational Needs and will be taking on the role of SENCO in addition to her teaching responsibilities.

All About Us

Our new topic is 'All About Us. It'. Our classes are exploring this in creative ways.

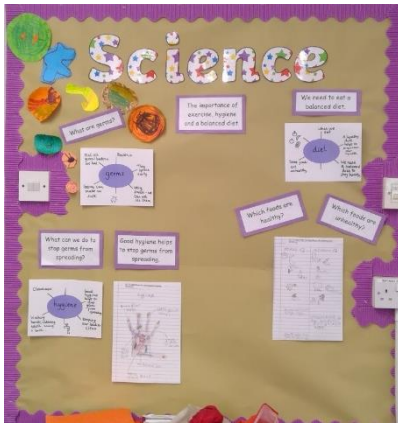


Our Reception class are looking at who we are and what our place is in the world.

They are looking at themselves and what makes the, unique. They are also learning about the different ways we may feel and how we can recognise and describe those emotions. They are looking at different homes and starting to think about history - how homes in the past differ from homes today.



In year 1 they are learning about two famous nurses from history Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole. They are also learning more about their bodies in science and have had a role play hospital.



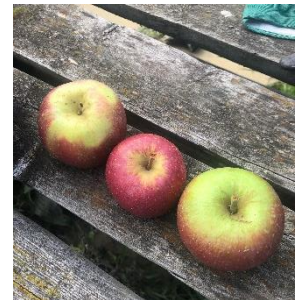
In year 2 the children are learning about the UK, its countries, capital cities and characteristics. They are also learning about how to keep their bodies healthy.



After half term all classes will be thinking about Celebrations, in this country and around the world. We will start this topic with Harvest celebrations on October 18th and November the 5th.

Allotment

We have a wonderful school allotment. The children have been enjoying harvesting apples – although the Muntjac deer have harvested an awful lot too! The children do a great job of 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 your child's class teacher or Mrs Kirby's know or speak to our allotment champion Mrs Griffin.



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.

PE



Children need to bring PE kits to school so they can change into their PE kits for every PE lesson. These lessons will be indoors or outside so please ensure a track suit or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt are added to your child's PE bag on cold days.

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.



Harvest Festival

You already know that we are celebrating Harvest on October 18th in the afternoon. Our hall is not quite big enough for all our children and parents to gather together in, so we will have two celebrations. Year 2 will be celebrating at 2.15pm and then year 1 and Reception will celebrate from 2.45pm. Please join us for your child's harvest festivals. Where we can celebrate together and enjoy the children's singing, art work and readings.

Please send children in with donations of food for the Kings Lynn Foodbank from October 16th. These donations should be long life and easy to transport without getting squashed! – tins and jars are ideal!

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) runs both breakfast and after school club.

Date	Club
Monday	Lego
Tuesday	Story and Craft
Wednesday	Games
Thursday	Art
Friday	No club planned at present – please enquire at the office if you require afterschool club provision on a Friday

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.

Diary Dates

18 th October AM	Photographer will be in for individual photos of children. These will be available for purchase.
18 th October 2.15pm	Year 2 Harvest festival – Parents invited
18 th October 2.45pm	Year 1 and year R Harvest festival – Parents invited
24 th - 28 ^h October	Half term Holiday!
30 th October	Back to school today
3 rd November	Fire safety and bonfire session (please ensure children have a warm coat and appropriate foot wear for the weather)
7 th November	Remembrance day – Poppies will be on sale in school from late October
15 th November	Nasal Flu vaccine. Please ensure you have given consent. Ask at the office if you would like the information again.
13 th – 17 th November	Staying Safe Week – details to follow nearer the time
Week beginning 20 th November	Your child and Phonics – teachers will be inviting groups of parents in to join their children in class and find out more about their child’s reading and phonics learning. Please do attend.
October and November	– parents will be invited to a 1 to 1 meeting with their child’s teacher to talk about their child’s learning

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!

