



Highgate
Infant School



Summer Term Newsletter

Staffing Update

It is wonderful to be back at school and to be made so welcome by staff, parents and of course our amazing children. I would like to thank the whole school community, especially the staff, for working together so effectively in my absence. I couldn't ask for a better team to work with.

During my absence 2024 has been a busy year and there have been several changes with new children and new members of staff being welcomed into our school community.

Mrs Gore-Rowe kindly stepped in to support as acting head during my absence and I am very grateful for all her hard work and support during that time.

We have appointed two amazing teaching assistants. In February we were joined by Teaching assistant Miss Ball, who is working with our year 2 team. We have also been recently joined by Teaching assistant Mrs Smith. Who is working with our younger children in EYFS.

I know you will share with me both feelings of sadness and enormous pride, when I tell you that Miss Rogers is leaving our school at the end of this school year. She is starting a new role as a teacher at Churchill park Complex needs school, where her wide skill set and passion for supporting children with additional needs will make a huge difference to the lives of children and their families. Miss Rogers has worked at the school for nineteen years in several roles - as Parent support advisor, Teaching assistant, instructor, teacher and SENCO. Her connections with the school go back further however as she attended the school as a child herself. She will be greatly missed by all.

I am very pleased to share that we have secured an amazing teacher to join our team in September. Miss Sewell, who like Miss Rogers, worked at Highgate as a TA and trained to be a teacher with us, has agreed to return to Highgate. In the last 3 years she has worked successfully in a range of schools and acquired a wealth of knowledge and experience. The staff team are thrilled that she is returning and I know will be welcomed by children and parents alike.

Fencing

Safety and security for our children is important to us all and I was very pleased to see the installation of the new fence and the taking down of the ugly green mesh. The wall, though very nice, was low and constructed in such a way that it could be climbed from both the path and playground. Members of the public could also approach children easily and children could reach through the fence onto a busy path where bicycles dogs, pushchairs and mobility scooters all posed a potential risk. The new perimeter fence ensures security and safety for all our children. It also adds to the children's fun, as hopefully less balls and beanbags will escape during playtimes!

A few parents have voiced a concern regarding the space on the playground between the wall and fence. The small area of playground we lose was already a 'no go area' with a yellow line acting as a visible reminder that children should not be close to the wall due to safety.

Summer Fayre

Highgate Community Fair!

Happy
Summer Fair



July 11th

1.45pm



Games, crafts, stalls, raffle, Tombola,
facepainting, music, refreshments and more

What are we learning about this term?

We began the term learning about animals. The children loved finding out about different animals and the places they live. Reception children have been watching their tadpoles grow and talking about how they change.

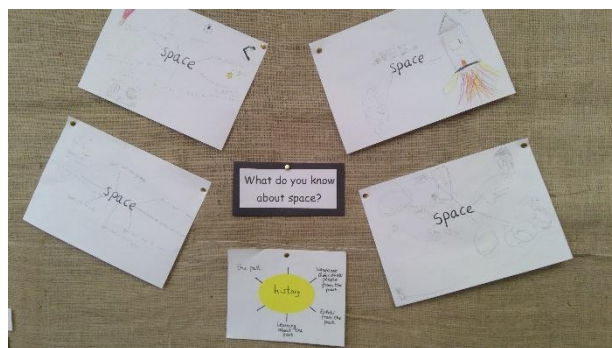
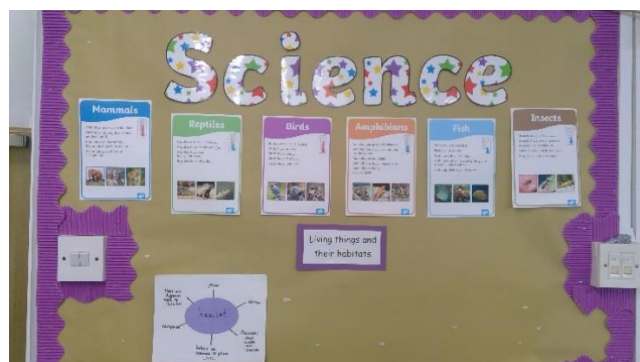


Since half term we have been thinking about explorers. Reception children have been thinking about the oceans and have become pirates exploring from their pirate ship!

In year 1 the children are learning about travelling the world. Just look at the landmarks they can spot through the aeroplane windows!



The children are learning about different habitats in year two.



They are also learning about space exploration. They are learning about the first moon landing and will also be learning about Tim Peaks, a British astronaut.

WE LOVE READING



Our school Library is full of beautiful and interesting books.

Each class has their own cosy reading area where children can share their love of reading. We hope you enjoy reading at home with your child too.



Most children will now be bringing home 3 books. The book they have been reading at school, a 'read write inc' book bag book and a book your child has chosen from our library. Home reading will help your child to make good progress and support them to become lifelong readers. Please read with your child at home and record this in your child reading diary. If you would like any advice or support with this please see your child's class teacher.

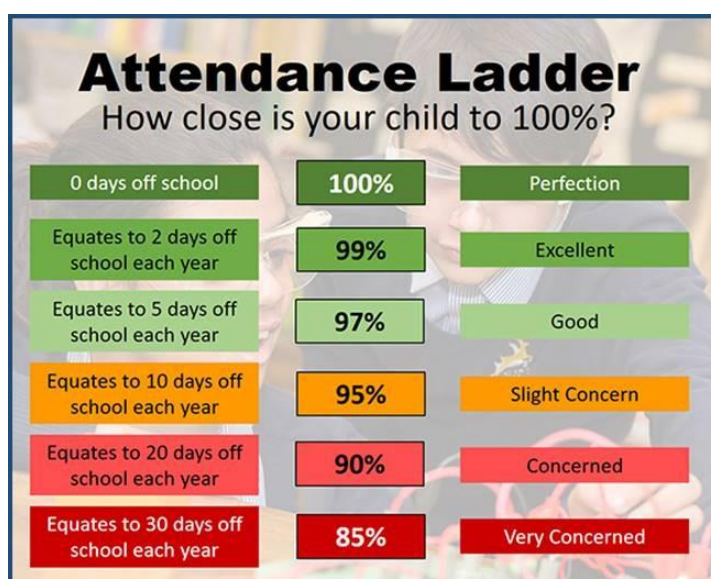
A new reading challenge will be announced next week!

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.



Diary Dates

June 17 th	Key Stage One trip to Banham zoo
July 11 th 1.45pm	Summer Fete
July 12 th 9am	Sports Day – (parents are welcome on the field after 8.45)
July 16 th 3.15pm-4.15pm	Summer Disco – children can bring clothes to change into if they wish ticket cost includes refreshments
July 19 th 2.00pm	Year 2 parents invited to our final 'leavers' assembly
July 19 th	last day of the summer term
September 4 th	First day of the Autumn term

Parent consultations

Most parents have had a summer parents meeting. If you have not met your class teacher please speak to them and arrange a time to meet.

It is important that we see all parents so please do make time to attend! If you require a particular time of day we will do our very best to meet your needs.



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 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.

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!

Wet combing is an alternative to chemical treatment that costs very little but does need to be done consistently and regularly. See the NHS website below for advice on Nits, wet combing and other treatments.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

