

Welcome!

New parents, carers and children – welcome to your Parent School Association – The PSA.

You are a very important part of school life and we look forward to meeting you all. We aim to support the school through organising fun events which raise funds for our children. We all belong to the PSA, not just the people who come to the meetings. Everyone is welcome to join in, at any time, and your help is always appreciated. We meet on Friday mornings in the Family Centre, just after drop-off.

Thank you!

Despite the weather, our Summer Fair raised £3500 profit for the school. A huge thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to everyone who came and spent their money! Every little helps and in the fundraising calendar, the Christmas and Summer Fairs are extremely important. This year the money raised went towards the fabulous new and improved hall with its black-out blinds, new stage curtains and state of the art lighting. If you haven't seen it yet, go and have a quick look. We're looking forward to the performances!

Fundraising goals

Last year we raised about £10,000 for the school and this year we hope to raise closer to £12,000.

This term we hope to raise enough money for:

- Picture framing children's work for an art gallery in the school
- Supporting curriculum enrichment activities e.g. visiting poets, theatre groups, sports coaching and artists
- Creating new green spaces in the school environment

Save these dates:

Cake Sales

Please keep the cakes coming in! The first cake sale of the year raised a fantastic £236. Thank you very much for all donations, homemade or shop bought - don't worry if you are not a domestic goddess, we are just as happy to sell

someone else's culinary masterpieces. This term's other cake sales are on:

Friday 24th October (run by year 1)

Friday 21st November (run by year 4)

All cake sales are held in the dining centre straight after school at 3.30pm.

Quiz Night

Thursday 13th November from 7.30pm. Put it in the calendar! Hosted by our very own William Dean, it promises to be a fun evening. So come along, have a drink or two and meet other parents and of course your Headteacher - you know you want to! More information will follow on how the evening will work.

The Art Gallery Opening

Friday 28th November, after school. Over the year, the corridor running between the office and the hall will be transformed into a gallery exhibiting outstanding works of art by the children, professionally framed and hung. In preparation the walls will be painted 'art gallery white' over half term. On the 28th the gallery will be officially opened and the first pieces of art unveiled. Do come along. If there are any artist parents or carers who would like to get involved, please contact Shareena (inesse@hotmail.com)

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 6 December, 12pm-3pm. Our annual jamboree of festive fun, jam packed with crafts, presents, and a visit from Santa. Mulled wine, mince pies, hampers galore! We need lots of help to put this together. If you can spare a little bit of time, please contact Kate (kate@livework.co.uk)

Class Reps and PSA Committee

Now is the time to put up your hand if you want to be a class rep or get more involved with the PSA committee. Especially nursery and reception parents as we are always keen to have new faces! Don't be daunted, being a class rep just means putting together or updating a class contact list, organising the occasional night out for class parents or picnics in the woods after school and passing on information about cake sales and other school events. It really isn't a big commitment. Please email Helen (helen@swanko.co.uk)

Gardening Club

We want to put together an energetic team of gardeners! If anyone has green fingers, William and the PSA are keen to transform some of the concrete areas into greener spaces. If you are up for a spot of digging, pruning, mulching, planting or even a family-friendly weekend 'big dig' then please contact Angela (angela@angelawoodhouse.co.uk)

School Uniform

Although we do not have an official school uniform, we do have some very nice sweatshirts, fleeces and T-shirts with our logo, and which are available to order through Barrie (bsb_in_london@yahoo.com) Letters and order forms have gone out so please check book bags. There are samples hanging in the welcome room next to the school office.

Recycling

Once again Highgate Primary came first in the Haringey Recycle Yellow Pages competition. But that's not all - we also have cardboard and clothes recycling bins in the KS1 playground. Please feel free to use them!

Lost property

If your child loses an item of clothing, it will make its way to one of two lost property black dustbins that are located in the gym (not the hall). To avoid the trauma of having to go through the bins, please label your child's clothes!

Get involved!

We really do appreciate all offers of help, however small. Serving teas at a school performances, helping with the harvest festival display, setting up or selling cakes at a cake sale or giving half an hour to run a stall at the Christmas Craft Fair are all things you could do that don't take up too much time but are hugely helpful.

Highgate Primary is a fantastic school and we are proud and lucky to be here. We need an energetic PSA to ensure we continue to host good quality events that will in turn raise funds for the school. If you think you would like to get more involved please drop in one Friday, speak to your class rep or contact one of us directly.

Thank you!

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And the rest of the PSA team!