

# Primary Newsletter



In partnership with Highgate Primary School

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Sixth Edition



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's always so lovely to celebrate the range of experiences that the pupils engage in at Blanche Nevile School and in the wider community! This edition of the newsletter includes information about the GDPR regulations, our free weekly BSL sessions and key dates for your diaries. Please continue to attend as many of our school events as possible as we are already approaching the end of the academic year!

Best wishes,

***Geraldine Santiago***

**Headteacher**



# EMILY'S CLASS

The children in Blanche Nevile EYFS have been reading the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We've been learning about the lifecycle of butterflies, sequencing days of the week and counting all of the foods the caterpillar ate. We are waiting for the baby caterpillars to arrive so that we can look after them and release them when they become butterflies.

We went to the allotment to look for creepy crawlies. We found lots of snails (only one came out of its shell), ants, spiders, woodlice and a ladybird. We caught them carefully in our magnifying pots and watched them crawl. Lots of insects have lots of legs!



# LAUREN'S CLASS

Our new topic is this half term is about 'Our Allotment' where we will be outdoors as much as possible, growing, tending and harvesting a wide a range of flowering plants, fruit and vegetables. We planted some vegetables in our school allotment with our mainstream class. We have also turned our play area into a BN Fruit and Vegetables shop.



# SHARON'S CLASS

In Year 3 we are learning about dinosaurs so we have turned our role play area into a pre-historic zone with a giant T-rex and a cave!



We have painted pictures of our favourite dinosaurs and made papier mache models of them.



# RUTH'S CLASS

In English, we have imagined ourselves as a Roman living in Pompeii, and have started to write diaries about our experiences of the volcanic eruption.

In Maths, we have been learning about acute and obtuse angles and where we can find them in the classroom. We have also started to practise addition using an empty number line.

We have started a new topic about the Active Planet, learning about earthquakes, volcanoes and tectonic plates. The children created their own models of the Earth using plasticine, showing the different layers within, and have just started making their own volcanoes.



# BEN'S CLASS

Years 5 and 6 have really enjoyed our first week back. Year 6 started swimming lessons this week which we were all very excited about! In English, we have been looking at short films - writing narratives and descriptions as well as answering questions based on the short film 'Treasure' by Chelsea Bartlett (watch it here: [vimeo.com/80030516](https://vimeo.com/80030516) ).

In Maths we have focused on money - recognising and adding amounts in pounds and pence as well as finding change. Our Science topic over the summer is light and we have experimented with a variety of light sources to observe and discuss how light travels and reflects. We also made periscopes which we used to help us do some undercover spying around school!



12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

From the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, new regulations were introduced which affect how our school handle people's data. This is called the General Data Protection Regulation. Compliance with the regulations will be an on-going process and the school have appointed a Data Protection Officer to advise and manage compliance with the regulation. The School's Data Protection Officer is Craig Stilwell from Judicium Consulting Limited. Should you have any questions please contact him on [dataservices@judicium.com](mailto:dataservices@judicium.com) and/or 020 3326 9174.

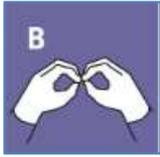
We will be publicising policies and procedures and notices that are compliant with the new regulations in the coming months and will keep you informed of any developments. For the time being, your child's data will be handled in the same manner in accordance with legal principles.

In the meantime we thank you for your patience whilst we take the necessary steps set by the new legislation and guidance with handling data.

Kind regards

*Geraldine Santiago*

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Headteacher



## **BSL Courses for Parents**

**BSL Level 1:** Mondays from 9.45am to 11.45am

**BSL Level 2:** Tuesdays from 9.30am to 11.30am

**Place:** Blanche Nevile Primary School, Storey Road, Highgate N6 4ED

### **BSL Links**

#### **BSL Homework online**

[www.bslhomework.org.uk](http://www.bslhomework.org.uk)

BSL Homework 1 and 2 is a comprehensive online library of video clips and support materials to help you understand the assessments, develop your vocabulary and linguistics skills, and practice your receptive BSL skills from wherever you are.

Developed by BSL teachers and experts from across the UK, BSL Homework 1 is the perfect training resource for anyone studying Level 1 and 2 British Sign Language.

### **BSL Zone**

[www.bslzone.co.uk](http://www.bslzone.co.uk)

The home of British Sign Language on screen

Many thanks

**Emma Iliffe**

**Senior BSL Teacher**



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Trip to Natural History Museum (Sharon’s Class)**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – INFANT Sports Day (Highgate Woods) 10.00am**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – JUNIOR Sports Day (Highgate Woods) 10.00am**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Coffee Morning – Reading Focus-linked to a research project (10.00am for Reception and Year 1 parents)**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Trip to KEW Gardens – Lauren’s Class**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Coffee Morning – Meet the Governors (10am – 12pm)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Performance – 10am (TBC)**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Evening Performance – (TBC)**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – London Zoo Trip – Ben’s Class**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 PIZZA PARTY!**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly (HPS + BN)**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**

**Reminder:**

**Please ensure you check your child’s school bag and Home /School book every day for important letters and information.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well and had a good half term break.

It's hard to believe that we have now started our last half term of this year. Time seems to have flown by!

As always, I'm sure this will be a busy half term with lots of trips but there will be some extra events as we approach the end of this academic year. Please keep a check on the school website calendar for dates of upcoming events.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of the families that are celebrating Eid this weekend an enjoyable time!

There will be further details sent to the families of our Year 6 pupils regarding the various end of year events and transition. Please check your child's bag regularly for any letters.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Kathryn McCarthy  
Acting Assistant Headteacher.