

# Highgate Primary School Weekly Newsletter Letter



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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week. It has been another busy one here at school as we prepare for an exciting week next week! Not only have we got Dave, the Rainforest Man returning to work with Year 4, we also have activities leading up to Mental Health Awareness Week next week too. We are looking forward to sharing lots of photos!

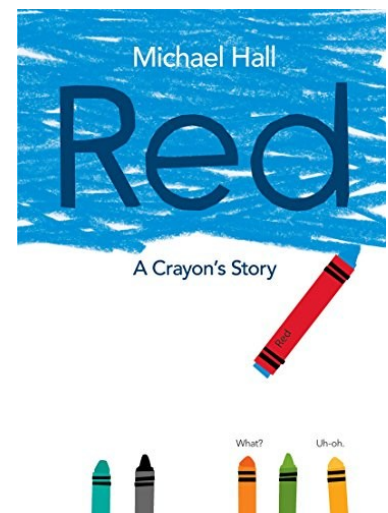
*Mr Jenkinson*

**Year 3** have been taking part in different enrichment activities on Friday afternoons, last week they learnt how to do a running stitch and cross stitch. Activities like this are an important part of your child's education, giving them new experiences, extending their learning and making school life more fun!



## Advanced Notice for World Book Day - 3rd March 2022:

Once again we have chosen one book to do as our whole school theme. This Year's Theme will be "Red - A Crayon's Story" by Michael Hall. It fits very much with our No Outsiders ethos and we will be encouraging children to come to school wearing just one colour of their choice for the day. This keeps things nice and simple - we don't want people having to go out to buy new costumes. We are also planning a range of activities that the children will be able to do throughout the day too. Watch this space! You never know, we might even have some Crayons coming to join us!



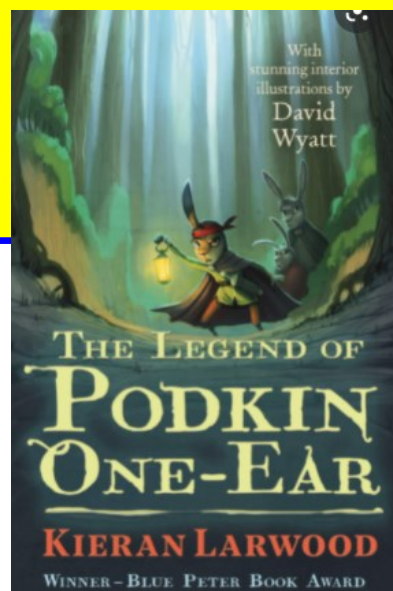
## Mrs Copsonss "Book of the Week"

The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Keiran Larwood.

The Legend of Podkin One-Ear is an adventure story full of action. Podkin is a young rabbit, (a chieftain's son - who is rather spoiled), who has to run away when his warren is taken over by the Gorm. The story follows Podkin on his quest to beat the Gorm, along with his sister, overcoming many challenges along the way. The story is told by a bard on Midwinter's Eve (Christmas eve) the bard has a secret identity which the young rabbits only find out who he is on the last page of the book.

### Author Visit—25th February 2022:

We have arranged for Rachel Greaves, a local author to come to school to lead an assembly and introduce her new book "Rusty the Rail Dog Does First Aid." She will be coming on Friday 25th February which is the first week back after half term. There will be an opportunity for children to buy signed copies of her book... look out for details in the next week or so!



### Team award of the week



### Personal Achievement



### Learner of the week

#### Parents' Evenings:

We are having to change the way we are doing our upcoming parents' evenings. Year 6 will be next week. We are currently looking at dates for children in the other years and have provisionally set 5th and 6th April for most year groups. The exceptions to this will be Year 6 (who will have had theirs) and Year 3 & 5 (due to staffing changes we will delay these until after Easter to allow returning teachers to get to know your children. Dates will be confirmed shortly.



## Children's Mental Health Week :

This will be from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February this year. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February we will ask the children to come to school "**Dressed to Express.**" This could be dressed in an outfit that expresses something they do out of school such as uniforms for cubs or brownies, or if they do a particular sport out of school, they could wear this kit. Alternatively, if they may want to dress in something that represents their background, such as traditional cultural clothes. This is not a fund raiser but we want to celebrate all that makes us unique. We will also be running activities with the children in school over the week too.

## Request for children's magazines:

Mrs Jarram has asked if you have any spare children's magazines (pop, sport etc) that we can put into our Lunchtime Club room, we would be more than grateful.



**BEIJING 2022**

## Winter Olympic Opening Ceremony 04/02/2022

The staff at the school are really excited to watch the start over the weekend come on Team GB!! And we hope you all get chance to catch some of the event with the children...

We are continuing to log our activity on the Bound for Beijing website and have now got to the Alpine Centre. Help us get higher by logging any physical activity at <https://www.getset.co.uk/bound-beijing> and use the school postcode (LE12 7ND).

## Dates for your Diary

### FEBRUARY

7<sup>th</sup>– Rainforest Road Show

7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week

9<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Parents Evenings

11<sup>th</sup>—Dressed to Express Day

14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> - Author Visit - Rachel Greaves - Rusty the Rail Dog Does First Aid!

### MARCH

3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day—details to follow

### APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> Uniform Swap Event (3pm)

5<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

6<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

### JUNE

27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Y4 Residential to Beaumanor

*More dates will follow...*



## Parent/guardian reminder :

Coming up on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 will be visited by The Rainforest Roadshow and will feature a combination of art, face-painting, unusual food tasting sessions and learning about people and animals of the rainforests.