



Highfield Primary School

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Highfield is Spotacular!



Highfield raised a magnificent total of £1091.36 for Children in Need by donating money to dress up in spots and have mad hair. The spotty wristbands were also a popular choice and were



quick to sell out.

Thank you to all the families for your kind contributions, the friends of Highfield for organising a coffee and biscuit morning and to the staff for sponsoring Mr T to wax his arms and buy delicious Pudsey and Blush cakes. We should all be extremely proud of how much we have achieved for a worthwhile cause.



Breakfast Club had lots of fun creating their own Pudsey Bears and making poses.



The Team Captains in year six (Emre, Emily, Hafsah, Nektario, Leane, Paris, Mirela, and Aziz) delivered an engaging assembly to the whole school and spoke about how we have helped children in need in the UK.



Well done to Lachlan in 1S and Holly in 5T for writing a great reflection about their Key to Happiness.

My Key to Happiness by Lachlan

My cats make me happy.

My family make me happy because they spend time with me.

My Key to Happiness by Holly

My key to happiness is to have a family, to love someone and for someone to care for you and be with you always. To make achievements and show your relatives and make them PROUD of YOU. Happy to me is laughter and smiles, giggles and jokes all to make joy in the world. We should give money to the poor, help people in care homes, give food, clothes, water and shelter and everyone would be amazingly HAPPY!

Thank you to all the families for your generous contributions.

Anti-bullying Week

This happened in the week of 14 November. The national theme for this year was "Power for Good" and all our children learnt the song "Love yourself" by Khari. Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors will be busy working across the school.

Class assemblies –

4M

On the 11th November, 4M had their class assembly. Inspired by Remembrance Day, the assembly was about memories and remembering. The class loved sharing their own memories with the school where they shared baby photos and cinquians they had written about their first day at Highfield. To commemorate Remembrance day, they also explained why we wear poppies in November and reminded us all of why memories are important. What a great assembly!

4D

On Friday 4th November, 4D presented an assembly on the history of the local area. It covered times of industrialisation and urbanisation, war and peace, and alerted us to the environmental issues that affect our planet. It proved to be very thought-provoking. Ms Daniels was very proud.



Visitors from Yucai School, China

On Tuesday 22nd November a group of teachers from The Yucai School, China visited Highfield Primary School. Mrs Kemal gave them a tour of the school and they then spent some time in classes seeing how English is taught. They brought us some beautiful art work from their students: artistic depictions of the animals in the Chinses New Year calendar and a decorated scroll detailing the important elements in education, dedication and hard work.



Public Speaking

Congratulations to Mercy in Year 5 who got to the semi – finals of the Enfield Public Speaking competition, and to Kadedra, who went one step further and qualified for the final. They did exceptionally well, competing in a field that mainly included Year 6 children. Both girls worked hard on creating and practicing the delivery of their speech, which was on the funding (or lack of it) of the 2016 Paralympic games. They represented the school well, showing what Highfield pupils are capable of. We are very proud of both of them.

Eco Council

Eco Council has enjoyed a busy month. This week we planted new tree saplings in our school grounds. Stefan said "I always wanted to help the environment like this", and Laura said she found the experience "super fun... I wanted to stay out there forever!".

We have also introduced a wormery into Year 2! Eco Council members visited all Year 2 classes to introduce them to their new worms and explain how they can help turn fruit and vegetable peelings into useful compost for our school grounds. Over the coming weeks, wormeries will be introduced to Year 1, Reception and Nursery. These have been funded by prize money won by last year's Eco Council.



School Grounds

We continue to receive many complaints re smoking at the school gates. Please could we as that if you smoke could you do so away from the entrances and exits to the school where there are many children and carers passing who do not wish to be exposed to smoking when they have no choice as they need to enter and exit the school grounds

Happy Diwali

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Our wonderful cook Naz and the kitchen staff put on a magnificent spread of Indian food to celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. It was most enjoyed by all the children and staff. Thank you!

Food for Diwali



Christmas Market-Non Uniform

Day:



**Great
Ormond
Street
Hospital
Charity**

We will be raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital on Friday 16th December 2016. Children will be allowed to come into school in non uniform and donate £1.00 towards the charity. There will be a 'Christmas Market' in the canteen during KS1 and KS2 morning break for children to buy handmade Christmas crafts, which all children in the school will be making. There will be Christmas postcards, calendars, bookmarks and Christmas cupcakes as well as lots of other Christmas themed goods to buy. All donations are welcome. Thank you to Deborah,

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Emilia and Zilan in year six for planning such an amazing event.

Results from Questionnaire for Parents and Careers – October 2016

		Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
WELL BEING				
1	My child is happy at Highfield School.	(1) 2%	(10) 17%	(48) 81%
2	I feel welcome when I come into school.		(24) 41%	(35) 59%
3	The school site is sufficiently secure.		(22) 37%	(37) 63%
CURRICULUM				
4	I am kept well informed about what my child is learning in school.	(1) 2%	(22) 37%	(37) 63%
5	My child is making good to outstanding progress.	(1) 2%	(29) 49%	(29) 49%
ENRICHMENT AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES				
6	School trips and visits are worthwhile experiences.	(1) 2%	(29) 49%	(29) 49%
7	Highfield runs enough school clubs.	(12) 20%	(20) 34%	(27) 46%
BEHAVIOUR AND PASTORAL CARE				
8	I have a clear understanding of Highfield's Behaviour Policy and I am confident that inappropriate behaviour is dealt with effectively.	(1) 2%	(25) 42%	(33) 56%
9	My child is confident that should they have a problem, there is someone they can go to in school who will listen to them.	(2) 3%	(25) 42%	(32) 55%
COMMUNICATION				
10	Parent consultation meetings provide me with the information I require about my child's progress and achievement. As does the end of year school report.		(21) 36%	(38) 64%
11	The school website, newsletter and teachers to parents text service provides me with clear information about the school	(1) 2%	(20) 34%	(38) 64%
12	The school is led and managed well.		(21) 36%	(38) 64%

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What do you like most about Highfield Primary School?

Comments from parent/carers

- My child receives an excellent education
- The professionalism towards children
- The children are supported and encouraged as well as praised
- Well behaved students due to the staffs input
- We are pleased to be part of Highfield
- My child is so happy and learning well
- Friendly environment
- Great at listening to any concerns
- All teachers and support staff are welcoming
- The standard of teaching is high
- The cultural mix of the children and staff

How can we ensure Highfield Primary School remains Outstanding?

Comments from parent/carers

- Continue with innovative ideas eg Poet in residence
- Carry on the amazing work
- Keep up the excellent standards of education
- To continue training staff to deal with Special Educational Needs
- Continue to keep parents updated
- Maintain its excellent teachers
- Keep up the good work
- Parents, staff and children all working together

Thank you for your commitment to our school.

Maria Kemal

Headteacher

Headteacher's Award Winners



Well done to Farida-RT, Inaya -RP, Austin-RC, Nelly -1J, Christopher Cruz -1S, Adam-2B, Kaiden-2M, Jayden-3C, Eva-3MB, Ledjon-4M, Raviye-5T for being fantastic pupils and winning the Headteacher's Award this month.

Attendance

Congratulations to our 228 children who achieved 100% attendance this term!

Attendance	%
1J	94.58
1L	95.21
1S	97.47
2B	94.76
2I	94.67
2M	96.5
3C	96.46
3M	97.97
3MB	97.13
4D	95.92
4M	96.32
5D	96.56
5S	96.72
5T	96.94
6K	96.82
6W	95.22
RC	97
RP	97.41
RT	96.94

December Diary dates		
	DATES	
28 th November	Y1 Gymnastic competition - Southbury	1-3.15pm
29 th November	Y2 Natural History Museum trip	9-3.20pm
29 th November	Nursery/Reception prospective parents/carers meeting	9.30am
30 th November	RT to Dugdale Christmas Performance/5S Mosque visit	9-12pm
6 th December	FOH Craft Workshop in 2I	3.25pm
8 th December	RC to Dugdale Christmas Performance	9-12pm
9 th December	Y3 trip to National Gallery	9-3.20pm
9 th December	RP to Dugdale Christmas Performance	9-12pm
9 th December	Bike It Sessions with Y4 and Y5	9.30-3pm
12 th December	Beauty and the Beast theatre show to Y4,5,6	1.30pm
13 th December	FOH Craft Workshop in 2I	3.25pm
15 th December	Beauty and the Beast theatre show to Y1,2,3	9.30am
19 th /20th December	Choir singing carols outside school reception	3pm
21 st December	School finishes 1.30pm	1.30pm

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