



Highfield Primary School

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Here we are at the end of the first half-term of Autumn. Hasn't time flown! We wish all our families who celebrate – Happy Diwali – and to everyone - have a peaceful and happy half-term break. See you on Monday 31 October. Scroll down to the last page for November diary dates.

Mrs Yusein

Best wishes to Mrs Yusein, who will be on maternity leave after half-term. We wish her all the best.

The Value of Positivity

We have all been enjoying being even more positive than usual (if that's possible), as the KS2 School Council chose this value for us to think about this term. You can probably find hundreds of quotes and ideas. Here's one.

"Mind is a flexible mirror, adjust it, to see a better world."

Amit Ray

Parent Governors

Thank you to those parents who applied to be parent governors. We appreciated your interest. Congratulations to the following, who were elected.

Mr Eamonn Dempsey, who has children in Years 2 and 5.

Ms Naomi Bulliard, who has a child in Year 3.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Apply online at www.enfield.gov.uk/admission by 31 October. The Local Authority advice leaflet can be found on our website. It is strongly recommended that you nominate up to six schools, in preference order.



Parent/carer open evenings

Thanks to all our parent/carers who came along to our open evenings this week. We hope you enjoyed looking at all the homework projects on this term's topic of "Once Upon a Time". Winners will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Also thanks to families for completing the questionnaires. Once we have looked at your comments, we will feedback in a future newsletter.

MacMillan Coffee Morning charity fundraisers and Hurricane Matthew Donations

Thanks to all those families who came along and enjoyed tea, coffee and cake to raise money for the MacMillan Cancer Support Charity. The staff enjoyed a Big Breakfast together and the total raised was £393.18. Also thanks to those who donated money for the victims of Hurricane Matthew. With your support and generosity, we raised a total of £92.30. Thanks to Ms Petais and Friends for organising these events.

Highfield is Spotacular!

The children will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 18 November by dressing up in spots or coming into school with mad hair. Please bring in a £1 donation. Wristbands will be sold all that week at £1 each. Every year group in the school will be doing an activity related to Children in Need. KS1 and KS2 will be writing about their key to happiness, and EYFS will be designing their own Pudsey bear. Three winners will be chosen for the best piece of work from each Key Stage. Get ready to get your spots on for charity!



Highfield Poets return to the Royal Festival Hall

On an invitation from the Poetry Society and the Southbank organisers of National Poetry Day Live, a group of 22 children from years 5 and 6 worked with Cheryl to write an epic poem 'Speaking With the Elements' which they performed on stage in the Clore Ballroom on 6 October (National Poetry Day),



to an audience of over 200 school children and members of the general public. Their performance was a sensation and one which the poetry world will be talking about for years to come!

Year 2 SATs meeting for parents/carers

Please come along and find out about Year 2 SATs on 4 November 2.45-3.15pm. We will be explaining the format of the tests and going through some of the content. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

Anti-bullying Week

This will be happening in the week of 14 November. The national theme is "Power for Good" and all our

children will be learning the song "Love yourself" by Khari. Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors will be busy working across the school.

Class assemblies - 5S, 5D and 5T

5S made a great start to our class assemblies this year and taught us a lot about the Vikings. We enjoyed learning about their gods, long ships and battles, as well as their reasons for coming to England: we heard from the builders, bakers and carpenters. The Viking Rock song was great!

5D performed on Friday 7 October, when they were inspired by our term's topic, Once Upon a Time. The class wrote and performed their own fairytale which focused on our three core values and our new value, Positivity. What a success!

5T finished the hat-trick of Year 5 assemblies last Friday and celebrated poetry through the National Poetry Day's theme of Messages. Their assembly radiated positivity through a great choice of songs such as "Message in a Bottle" and interesting and amusing facts.

Thank you to all our Year 5 staff, children and parents/carers for their efforts and teamwork.

Eco Council



Eco Council members have been elected for this year and have made an enthusiastic start in their roles. Earlier this month tree expert Sabrina visited us and we found out all about the different types of tree in Highfield's grounds. Studying the shapes and sizes of leaves and using a special tree App, our children identified trees ranging from London plane and elder to broad-leaved lime and purging buckthorn! We are looking forward to planting some more tree saplings in our grounds on 16 November.

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Bike It!

Highfield has been selected for an exciting project called "Bike It"! Over the course of the year a range of activities will be offered to our children including "learn to ride training" and "ditch the stabilisers" training, a ride to school competition (The Big Pedal) as well as "Bling up your Bike" and "Bike Doctor" sessions! The project will launch with an assembly on 7 November for the children and a coffee morning presentation for parents/carers on 23 November at 9am. More details will follow.

Free toothpaste packs for the Early Years

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Kataria, our Welfare Assistants, have managed to get free toothbrush and toothpaste packs, with information leaflets for our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children. Check your child's book bag today.

Litter

In classes we talk about respecting our school by keeping it tidy and free from litter. Please support us by throwing any litter in a bin, as our grounds have been looking tired and messy due to litter being thrown on the ground. Our families and children would appreciate your co-operation.

Birthday treats – nut free

Just a reminder - due to many of our children having food allergies, teachers cannot accept cakes or biscuits to give out for birthday celebrations. Many of these items contain nuts which can cause serious health reactions. Mini bags of chocolate buttons are acceptable. Please do not be offended if anything else is returned to you.

Key Stage 2 School Council: Positivity assembly

Ms Dawson and the Key Stage 2 School Council presented at the Years 3-6 assembly this Monday, when they announced the Children's Charter drawing competition winners. The winners received a certificate and voucher:
Best girl drawing by Julia in 3C

Best boy drawing by Heru 6K
Best female teacher drawing by Shaitrinity 5T
Best male teacher drawing by Ammarah in 6K.
Well done to all of the children for taking part.



The KS2 School Council also read out the "Positivity" poem they created with Cheryl, our poet and talked about the charities they would like to support. Go to our website to read their amazing poem.

Key Stage 1 School Council

Congratulations to our new School Councillors: Patience and George 1J, Lily and Georgie 1L, Emily and Haaris 1S, Dilara and Ziv 2B, Selena and Tobin 2I, Amelie and Ash 2M.

At our first meeting the children were asked what they thought would make a good School Councillor, Emily said 'someone who makes the school a happier place' and this was echoed by Dilara who said 'someone who was kind and a good role model'. The main discussion was how the children could raise funds for a local charity. The children came up with a number of fantastic ideas which are all being considered and hopefully the one that is chosen will be a resounding success.

Football Teams and Netball reports

On 27 September, the girls' football team had their first two league football matches. The girl's team had only been training for 2 weeks before their first match; unfortunately the girls lost 4-1 and 5-2 against their competitors. However they displayed excellent team work and lots of brilliant skill when on the field. Well done girls!

On 11 October, Highfield boys' football team played two fixtures. The first was against a very strong Raglan team and although we took the lead thanks to an excellent goal from Billy, at half time we were 5-1 down. In the second half the boys all played

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with great heart and spirit. The final score was 6 -1 to Raglan.

The second game was against Firs farm and was a more even contest. Highfield took the lead first; Firs Farm equalised and then took the lead before Kieran levelled the game with 4 minutes left. Highfield narrowly lost a hard fought game but played very well and they should all be proud.

On 4 October, Highfield girls' Netball team played their first league fixture, which we hosted. The girls had only had 2 training sessions this year, and some of the year 5 girls were new to the team and still learning the rules. However, the Netball Captains, Deborah in 6W, did an excellent job in helping lead the team to victory against Raglan.

Black History month



Thanks go to Antonia's (Year 6) mum, Mrs Owusu-Ansah, who visited Year 6 on 17 October as part of Black History Month. She helped the children create Kente weaving patterns from traditional African dress. The children had a fantastic time. Elif (6W) said "I like using my imagination to make the patterns" whilst Rim (6W) said "I liked the weaving."

Team Captains

During the first week of the new school year, many of our Year 6 pupils handed in excellent applications and took part in interviews to try and become team captains. All of the children worked extremely hard but unfortunately we cannot have them all!

Our new Team Captains are Emre (6K) and Lianne (6W) representing Blue Team, Nektario (6K) and Aziz (6K) representing Yellow Team, Hafsah (6K) and Emily (6K) representing Red Team and Paris (6W) and Mirela (6K) representing Green Team. Our Team Captains cannot wait to start running sports clubs for all of the year groups.



Headteacher's Award Winners

Well done to Laert 1L, Layla 3C, Oliver 5D, Nuray 2M, Esra 5T, Kiana 5S, Luca 2I, Amelia 6W and Mirela 6K for being fantastic pupils and winning the Headteacher's Award this month.

Attendance

Congratulations to our 359 children who achieved 100% attendance this term!

Attendance October	%
1J	95.76
1L	94.91
1S	98.14
2B	95.09
2I	95.51
2M	96.13
3C	96.16
3M	97.69
3MB	96.78
4D	95.76
4M	95.87
5D	96.78
5S	95.39
5T	97.01
6K	94.54
6W	94.59
RC	97.93
RP	97.1
RT	98.1
Total	96.05

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Dates		
24-28 October	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	
31 October	SCHOOL OPENS	
31 October	DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS BY YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS	
31 October-1 November	Y5 Shakespeare workshops in school	
1 November	Nursery and sibling photographs	
4 November	4D class assembly	9.15-9.35
4 November	Year 2 SATS meeting for parents/carers	2.45-3.15
7 November	Whole school Bike-it assembly	
7 November and 10	Reception hearing tests	
8 November	Y5 trip to see “The Tempest” at Millfield Theatre	
9 November	Year 3 trip to the National Gallery	
11 November	4M class assembly	9.15-9.35
14-18 November	Anti-bullying Week	
18 November	Children in Need Spotacular! Fundraising Day	
22 November	Visit by Yucai Chinese school teachers	
23 November	Bike-it coffee morning for parents/carers	9.00-9.45

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