

Highfield Primary School Newsletter

17 July 2014

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Congratulations and celebrations!

As this Summer term ends, I would like to say, on behalf of all our staff, a big thank you to all our families and Friends of Highfield. We have enjoyed working with you and your children and wish you a happy and restful summer break and see you on Monday 8th September.

Our final thoughts this year are with all the children in Year 6 We wish them every success in their continued journey of learning; it has been a privilege to work with all the children and their families, best wishes from us all.

“Make your dreams come true”

The Year 6 Performance of Wizard of Oz was truly spectacular, here is what some of the children said:

Yahya "It was amazing"

Lara A "It was a wonderful chance to perform in front of so many people"

Jessica "The final performance was the best"

Antonio "We didn't have a long time to rehearse but in the end we did it".

Nabil "I liked having my face painted for my part as a flying monkey"

Benz "It was great fun"

Abeeha "I liked learning the songs".

Chany "I like singing. My favorite song was "ding dong the witch is dead".

Year 6 had a fabulous time at their leavers disco. A special thanks to our last minute staff DJs - Miss Ali and Miss Warren. As we write we are looking forward to the Year 6 Balloon Ceremony to take place this afternoon.

Once again a huge thank you to all the staff working with Year 6 this year and to Ms Bullen, Ms Walsh and Mr Blount who accompanied them on a memorable week on the school journey.

Congratulations to the Winners of Highfield's Got Talent!

3rd place – Maddie 4S, 2nd place – Billy & Kiri 3M and 1st place Kieran 5K. A special teachers' award went to Patrick 4S

The other Finalist were; Chany & Suzanne 6B, Sammie 5HW, George 5W, Zoe 5W, Emileo 4M, Hamza 4S, Klaudia 4S, Vasty & Antonia 3S, Joseph 3M, Callum & Luke 3S. Well done to all for getting through to the finals.

Attendance Week beginning			Head Teacher Award	
16 June	23 June	30 June	Class RF	Mason - RJ
5W 99.2%	1A 99.3%	RJ 98.6%	Shakira – 1A	Reven – 3M
1A 98.9%	4S 99.3%	5HW 98.3%	Shamila – 4S	Yusuf- 6B
2W/4S 98.5%	5W 99.2%	5K 97.9%		



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Pupil Leaders

Four School Councillors from Years 5 and 6 visited the North London Hospice last week to talk to them about ideas for a project we are hoping to carry out in November 2014. The project will be based on the theme "Memories" and will involve decorating boxes with images from patients' childhood and past. We will talk to the patients about their lives and objects about their memories and past will be put in the box. We are also hoping that a poet will come along and write poems to put in the boxes too. The patients will eventually keep the boxes and share them with their families.

Kate Greenaway Project

This term, year 3 took part in the Kate Greenaway project. Along with other Enfield schools, they were given a set of picture books and had to vote for the book with the best illustrations. Year 3 then attended an event at the Milfield Theatre to find out which book had won. Year 3 chose 'The Day the Crayons Quit' illustrated by Oliver Jeffers and so did the other schools in our area but the overall winner, voted for by the judges, was 'This is Not My Hat' which was illustrated by Jon Klassen. Year 3 also heard from an author called Johnny Zucker who told them all about his job and how and why he became an author. He was very engaging and made the children laugh.



New School Reception opening times

Reception area will only be open for general enquiries 8.45-9.30am and again at 3.00-3.45pm

Money for trips, tickets or returned slips must be put in an envelope with your child's name and class and put in the post box in the reception area.

If your child is to be collected during the day for a medical/dental appointment, we need to be informed beforehand. At the latest by 9.30am on the day of collection. We need proof of the appointment and a time you will be collecting your child, so we can ensure they are ready for your arrival.

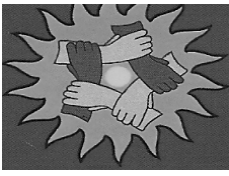
Please remember water bottles, PE kit and lunch boxes in the morning, it is taking up a considerable amount of time to keep taking these items to your children's class.

Money for external Karate and Football clubs must be paid to the club organiser and not handed in to school.

School Telephone Communication

Telephones will be answered 8.30-12.30 and 1.30-4.00 to allow for staff lunch breaks

Our core values as Highfield are Respect, Co-operation and Kindness



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District Sports

On Wednesday 25th June some children from Years 4, 5 and 6 represented Highfield at the Enfield District Sports event held at Lea Valley athletics track. They competed against the best athletes from within the Borough and all acquitted themselves very well. Thank you to Mr. Charles, Mr. Blount and Mrs Major for giving up their time to organise the event and take the children.

Bikability

On Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th June children from Year 4 undertook their Bikability Level 1 course run by cycle confident. The aim of this course is to train young cyclists to acquire the skill necessary to ride their bikes safely and to prepare them for riding safely on roads. The course took place in the school playground and was very successful. We hope to run this again next year and to also run the Level 2 course, which takes place in school and on local roads for Year 6 children.

Attendance email for parent/carer

Due to parent demand we have created an attendance email, as you know if your child can't come to school it is very important you let us know why they are absent. You can still call us, but can email us if more convenient. It is working very well and a number of our families are using it already and have commented how useful it is.

attendance@highfield-pri.enfield.sch.uk

Please note we will not be able to confirm that we have your message.

Value of the term - Honesty

Children have been thinking about our value of the term – Honesty, in lessons and assemblies. Children who have shown honesty have been given beads. Sutania in 4M has given a bead to Eftelya, she said “she is always honest with me; this makes her a very good friend.

World Cup Food Day!!

Our wonderful cook Naz provided us all with an amazing spread of food for lunch which represented many of the Countries that were taking part in the Football World Cup. We all enjoyed the different food, which included Italian meatballs, paella, spicy Mexican rice, hummus, pies, pitta bread, vegetable curry, mango, melon, kiwi, and many more! Everyone agreed the food was DELICIOUS- thank you Naz and all the kitchen staff.

Book Fair

Once again Mrs Oskis worked very hard to ensure the smooth running of the book fairs. Her dedication is most appreciated. Thank you to all the parent/carers who share the same love of books as we do. Your purchases came to a grand total of £786, this has left the school with a commission of £453, and this will be used to purchase books for the Year 3 classes.

SEN UPDATE - Very Important Meeting - please try to attend!

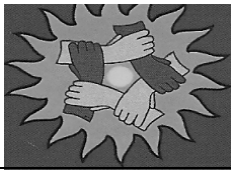
Thursday 11th September Dining Hall 9.15am – 10.15am
Coffee Morning for families of children with Special Educational Needs to discuss the new SEN Code of Practice and the School SEN Offer detailing how the school help its pupils who have additional needs.

Year 3 Trip to the Science Museum

This term, year 3 went on a school visit to the Science Museum and visited different exhibitions. They were then treated to a Science show all about forces which linked to their Science topic on magnets and forces. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt new information to take back to school with them.

Governors' end of Year Newsletter

Please see Governors' section of the School website for the Governors' newsletter. Thank you for all their hard work this year



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Reception Trip to Butterfly World.

On Monday, 23rd June, 2014, all three Reception classes went to Butterfly World, near St Albans. They had an amazing time. The journey was great (not too long!), the weather perfect, and the children were really well behaved. Butterfly World was not too large, although many of the children were still exhausted from the walking! The day was quite busy, and they didn't even have time to visit all the themed gardens or the play area.

Marli: "I loved the ant world because I did not know there were different jobs for the ants."

Tom: "I liked the blue butterflies because they were so pretty and big."

Amin: "I saw lots of flowers and the dinosaur eggs were cracking and Marli said there were flying dinosaurs in the sky."

Tony: "I liked to go to the gardens because there were lots of flowers and I liked them."

Aaliyah: "At the end of the day, we were sitting down on the grass because we were having ice cream. The ice cream was nice and cold and tasted yummy."



There will be a Year 6 SATs and Secondary School meeting for parents/carers on 10th September at 9:45. Please check your child's book bag as this week – we sent out a leaflet about secondary school transfer which contained a list of secondary school open evening dates taking place in September/October.

Dates

18 th July	INSET DAY for staff – STAFF TRAINING DAY	
4 th September 2014	INSET DAY – STAFF TRAINING DAY	
5 th September	INSET DAY – STAFF TRAINING DAY	
8 th September	SCHOOL OPENS FOR PUPILS	8.50am
8 th – 10 th September	School Council elections and interviews (for Year 6)	
10 th September	Years 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher	9.00am
10 th September	Year 6 SATs and Secondary School meeting for parents/carers	9.45am
11 th September	Years 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher	9.00am
12 th September	Years 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher	9.00am
16 th September	Individual children's photographs	
23 rd September	Grand opening of new Early Years and Key Stage 1 building	Am
26 th September	Highfield Friends' MacMillan Coffee morning fundraiser	9am-10am