



Highfield Primary School

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Congratulations and celebrations!



Year 1 presented a Harvest Assembly to the whole school. We shared what we had learnt about Christian Harvest and talked about Harvest Festivals around the world, including the Yam festival in Nigeria and the Pongal festival in India. We sang a traditional harvest song, 'Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley'.



Eid Al Adha assemblies were presented a few weeks ago. The story of The Prophet Ibrahim and his son Ismail was shared with the children and they talked about what they do during Eid celebrations.

Walking not talking monitors and our Super star Mini Mentors

Mrs Lynch leads these two groups of pupil leaders. Thanks to our walking not talking monitors who are helping to keep our children safe around our school. The children were all invited to apply for the job and after filling out their application forms, some were given an interview. It was so hard to choose as there were so many children applying for this role. However, it was decided that we would change the monitors every term in order for more children to fulfil this role. Congratulations to this term's monitors: Rhianna 6W, Gleni 6K, Lilla 6K, Ranim 6W, Lina 5S, Emilio 5D, Renee 5S and Zoe 6K. Once again thank you for doing a great job.

Our mini mentors are back in action this year. They have moved their offices to the dining hall and are now available to speak to our children every lunchtime and playtime if they have a problem. The mini mentors have so far successfully dealt with numerous problems. All the children are led by their team leader and they take it in turns to monitor the mini mentor area - they have to record who they have spoken with and how they have solved their problem. Team leaders are responsible for making sure their team are on time and are on duty. Our team leaders are Sophia, Emily, Hope, Jothy, Isobella. Mini mentors are on a rolling program and will soon be training Year 3 to take on the role. Thank you to all our Mini mentors: Amelia, Billy, Bisam, Lina, Renee, Klaudia, Kyri, Emilia, Franky, Fiona, Imadd, Jakub, Atakan, Kadri, Demetri, Alexander,

Sibel, George, Dever, Anthony, Reece, Luka and Nikolas. They all do a truly wonderful job.

Buddies

Mrs Christodoulou leads the buddies. Thank you and well done to all of them. They have been doing an excellent job, looking out for any children who may look like they need a friend to play with. We have had lots of new pupils this term and it is rewarding to know that our Buddies have been there to befriend and support them. Our Buddies this term are; Yucuf 3M, Kieran 3MB, Aycan3RM, Palak 4S, Yusra 4T, Patrick 5S, Valantis 5D, Alina 6W, Sebastian 6C, Jada 6K.

Eco-Councillors

Mr Downie leads the Highfield's new Eco-Council, who have had two very successful meetings; they are a fantastic, energetic and ambitious group with children representing Years 3-6. They have researched outdoor learning and shared an enormous and exciting list of ideas for the year ahead.

The Eco-Councillors meet regularly, with the most recent session spent digging over the school's allotments which are now looking weed free!

Highfield has recently linked with the newly set up Friends of Firs Farm, an area close to the school containing some wooded areas. The children's ideas included den building, bird and insect watching, camouflage games and tree climbing. Members of the Eco-Council and outdoor learning group are Ryan, Alexander, Kenny and Lois (Year 3), Ryan (Year 4), Bisam, Franky and Karla (Year 5) and Nadeer and Anthony (Year 6).

School Council

The School Council visited the North London Hospice again this term to finalise our plans for working with patients there on a project titled: "Remembering through words and images".

Our first visit will be on Tuesday 11 November and ending in a presentation to the patients and their families on 9 December. There will also be a whole school presentation on 10 December.

The second item the School Councillors are working on is the UK Parliament 2015 Flag Project. In 2015 Parliament will be celebrating two historic anniversaries – the 800th year of the sealing of Magna Carta and the 750th anniversary of the Simon de Montfort Parliament. Our School Council has been selected, along with the other 259 schools in the UK, to design a flag to represent our area, Enfield. Our design will be displayed online in a 2015 Anniversaries digital exhibition space. A selection of flags will be chosen and made up into sewn flags to fly at a special event in March 2015.

Ten Pieces Cinema Trip

On Monday 6 October a selection of children from Years 3-6 went to Barnet Odeon cinema. We went there to watch the BBC's 'Ten Pieces' which has been created to encourage young children to listen to classical music. Each piece had an interesting story behind it and was performed by an amazing orchestra.

The 'Ten Pieces' were; Holst: Mars, Grieg: In the Hall of the Mountain King, Mussorgsky: A Night on the Bare Mountain, John Adams: Short Ride in a Fast Machine, Britten: Storm, Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, Mozart: Horn Concerto No. 4, Handel: Zadok the Priest, Anna Meredith: Connect It and finally, Stravinsky: The Firebird Suite.

We really liked the Horn Concerto because it sounded like a Horn being chased in a maze, and our favourite was the very famous Grieg piece! To see some clips or for more information visit the Ten Pieces website! <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01vs08w>

By Zahra 5D and Sebastian 6C.

Class assemblies

On Friday 3 October 4S performed the first class assembly of the new school year which was focused around the whole school topic, Paintings, Pictures and Photographs. The assembly began with artwork 4S had made of targets to achieve by the end of Year 4. We then shared some information about a wonderful artist, Stephen Wiltshire, whose London Alphabet inspired us to create our own A-Z of Highfield, including photographs 4S took ourselves. We also travelled back in time to imagine what photographers would have captured when Adam and Eve, King Henry VIII and other famous figures were around, and performed the exciting song 'Flash Bang Wallop' while acting out the Historical scenes. 4S worked very hard to prepare for our assembly and had a wonderful time performing. The audience was speechless and thoroughly enjoyed all the singing, acting, poetry, artwork and photos we displayed!

On Friday 10 October 3MB performed our fantastic assembly: "3MB Loves Poetry" to Key Stage 2 children and our parents/carers. It was full of poems we'd written and poems we'd learnt since the beginning of term. We invited Cheryl Moskowitz, Highfield's poet in residence, as she has inspired us with her own poetry. One of our favourite poems in the assembly was 'It's Bucketing Baked Beans and Bamboo Sticks, written by 3MB and performed by Jack, Lewis, Alexander and Kieran.

It's Bucketing Baked Beans and Bamboo Sticks

It's bucketing baked beans and bamboo sticks
It's pouring pigs and pipes
Bats, babies, baboons and bricks,
Kittens, Kangaroos and kites.
Assorted tissues and ipads
Are spitting from the clouds,
Here come hundreds of heavy dads
And thousands of frilly flowers.
Written by 3MB

Boys come second out of all schools in the Borough

On Friday 2 October, Highfield boys' football team travelled to St John's Senior school to play in the Enfield Borough tournament. Highfield had to play 6 league games against other primary schools from all over Enfield. Highfield's first game was against Vita et Pax. Highfield started playing some very good football and were soon ahead when Tommy shot low into the corner. Soon after Highfield doubled their lead when Tommy's shot came back off the cross bar and was finished neatly by Ollie making the final score 2-0 to Highfield.

Of the 39 schools in the Borough, we reached the final. Our opposition, Cuckoo Hall were very strong and we lost 1-0 but Highfield are proud of the fact that we were the second best team in the whole of Enfield.

Also - good news for our children who entered a Local Authority World Cup competition. Here are the names of the Highfield children who won: Joseph 5S, Madeleine 5S, Sara Quaiser 5S, Kaan 5S, Amari 5S, Suber 5D, Fiona 5D and Emilio 5D

Attendance

Week beginning

15 Sept	22 Sept	29 Sept
4S 99.6%	1A 100%	1I 100%
6C 99.5%	1E 99.3%	3M 100%
3M 99.2%	2L 99.2%	RP 99.3%

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Together, our school fundraising coffee morning raised an amazing **£240.63** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Friends would like to say a big Thank you for your generosity!

Enfield Catering Services are pleased to announce that they have been awarded the prestigious Silver Catering Mark from the Soil Association for all its Primary schools. The Inspector praised our Chef, Naz Unuvaridir for the food served at lunchtime stating it was “healthy, colourful and with the best salad bar he had ever seen in a school”.

What is included in the Silver award?

Using seasonal and locally-sourced produce

We only use free-range eggs, and they are locally-sourced

Our food is freshly cooked on site

Strong commitment to animal welfare and all the meat we purchase is classed under a Farm-assurance scheme

Using MSC-certified fish (i.e. sustainable fish and not contributing to the problem of over-fishing)

Healthy and nutritious menus which meet the nutrition standards

Governors' News

Welcome to the new school year, especially to new parents and staff. The new building is now up and running and a big thank you to all the staff who have been tireless in making sure the classrooms were ready for the September start.

As Governors we are committed to helping Highfield to be an outstanding school that staff, parents/carers and pupils can be proud of. The Governing Body is made up of enthusiastic individuals who serve in a voluntary capacity and we act as a "critical friend" ensuring accountability in all areas of school life. We are involved in scrutinising pupils' progress and well being, working in partnership with the staff, listening, asking questions and recognising improvement and success in all areas.

Last Academic years SATs results show the ongoing improvement, continuing the upward trend of the last few years.

The Government are rationalizing all Governing Bodies, aiming to making them smaller, more effective and skills-based. When we have further details we will let you know.

Friends of Highfield are a group of parents/carers working together to help the school by providing extra funding for the benefit of all pupils. They are always happy to welcome new faces and an extra pair of hands.

Governors will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 14 November, Children in Need Day between 9 – 10am in the school canteen. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Governors can be contacted by leaving a letter in the school office. Thank you for your support.

Di Wren, Chair of Governing Body

Poet's Corner

Remember, Remember...this was the theme on 2 October for National Poetry Day. All through the week at Highfield children and teachers were writing and reciting poems on this subject. We even made the national press!! In his education column on Thursday 2 October, Richard Garner from The Independent called Highfield 'The primary where poetry is in motion'. Let's keep the word spreading; any Twitter users out there, don't forget to follow Poetry at Highfield @poetryhighfield to join the trail, add your comments (and poems!) too.

"Colourful leaves in the park... a twirly slide going bump!" were just some of the remembered moments in 2L's poem 'In Our World'. In their poem, 2V remembered loved places, pets and people and wondered 'Where Do the Lost Things Go? 5D explored memories; *"Swimming...in the infinite sea...swooping waves like majestic birds"* and wrote about their favourite childhood toys. Their classroom became a museum of treasured objects commemorated in poetry.

Year 6 have been making good use of their knowledge about WWII and are producing

stunning poems, some of which moved some of us to tears when they were read out at the assembly at the end of Poetry Week. See Lilla's from 6K (below) and look out for examples of other children's poems and lots more on the poetry notice boards outside the main entrance and on the Poetry Display boards in school.

Teachers from each year group shared their favourite poems with their classes and most (impressively) did so from memory, words not only from the heart but learned by heart!

Clouds like Dark Shadows

The clouds were like dark shadows
trying to capture me
I knew that war was about to strike
It's ear piercing sounds
of spitting bullets
were trying to fool me
The heartbroken people like solemn ghosts
filled with indescribable emotion.
The menacing streets of Germany
trashed with once believed in homes
But there was still hope which only one soldier
knew.
He said, 'Why are we doing this?
Why don't we care?
Why are we fighting?
It's really not fair.'
by Lilla 6K

Diary Dates

Please note forthcoming events on the last page. At Christmas Reception and Years 4-6 children lead on Christmas performances and Years 2-3 take the lead on Easter presentations. Of course all our children will have the opportunity to watch all the performances and take part in Christmas events. Further details about the Friends' events such as Santa's Grotto will be available nearer the time.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Completed applications must be returned to the Admissions Office, Enfield Civic Centre by the deadline of 31 October 2014. If you are a

resident of another Local Authority, eg Barnet or Haringey the form should be sent to that Local Authority Admissions Office. The deadline is the same for online applications. All online applicants will receive an email during the evening of 2 March 2015, National Offer Day, advising families of the outcome. All other applicants will receive a letter by post the following day.

Review of healthy eating in school

As part of our school review regarding the new revised standards for school food from the Government, we would like to ask your views on whether children should be allowed to give out birthday treats.

At the moment the school allows small mini bags of chocolate button or maltesers to be given to classes. We do not allow cakes or sugary sweets to be handed out to pupils and we say to the children do not eat them on the school premises. This is in order to ensure that children who are not allowed chocolate do not get upset.

We would welcome your views on this, in order to decide whether to continue, as this is not recommended in the new guidance from the Government. If you have strong views on continuing this practice, or if you are against birthday treats being given out – please email the school office at office@highfieldpri.enfield.sch.uk by Friday 7 November 2014.

Residents' Car Parking

Local residents have visited the school this week with photograph of cars parked across their driveways. Please respect local residents and do not park across driveways.

We have also been informed that now the zebra crossing has been installed, permanent CVC cameras will be located on Highfield Road to monitor illegal parking and stopping in the middle of the road.

Wacky hair hero day



On Friday the 14 November, it will be Children in Need day at Highfield Primary School. The Year 6 Team Captains are planning a fun-filled and wacky fundraiser event.

Children in Year 1 - 6 and all members of staff will be required to contribute just £1 each for the day. We are asking each person to come to school with their very own wacky hair-do or dress up as their favourite hero characters or someone you admire, for example: Superman, Hulk, Spider-man, Batman, someone who helps in our community or anywhere in the world! We are sure that this will be a day to remember!

During the week of 10 November Team Captains will be selling colourful wristbands – so bring in £1 if you would like one.



On Friday morning, all children will have an opportunity to write a poem inspired by Children in Need. The best ones will receive a prize. Good luck!

We hope that Highfield will raise lots of money for this worthy cause. This well known charity helps to change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people right here in the UK.

Written by Ja'lan and Misbah Team Weir (Blue)



Friday 14th November 2014

Please dress up and bring a donation of £1.00 to give to charity!

Dates		
27 October – 2 November	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	
3 November	First day back – school opens	
3-7 November	Christmas card design competition	
5 November	Individual and sibling photographs	
7 November	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents/carers	9.15-9.45
12 November	New Nursery and Reception parents/carers' briefing	9.15
13 November	Year 6 fundraiser	3.20-3.45
14 November	Governors' coffee morning	9.00-10.00
14 November	Children in Need fundraiser – see item above	
17-21 November	Anti-bullying Week	
26 November	New Nursery and Reception parents/carers' briefing	9.15
9 December	Reception nativity performances	9.30 & 2.30
10 December	Christmas circus show – Reception-Year 6	
11 December	Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 Santa's Grotto	
12 December	Years 3-6 Santa's Grotto	
12 December	Year 5 Hi Highfield children's newsletter published	
16 December	Years 4-6 carol concert	9.45 & 2.15
17 December	Years 3-6 disco	3.30-5.00
Friday 19 December	Last day of Autumn term – <u>school closes at 1.30pm</u>	
22 December – 5 January	CHRISTMAS BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 6 January	First day back – school opens	

The values for this half-term are Respect, Co-operation and Kindness, these are our schools 3 core values.