



Highfield Primary School

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School Council show no signs of flagging!

As reported in the October newsletter the School Council have been working on the UK Parliament 2015 Flags 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 was 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. Here is our design.



The 19 children used a green background to represent the parks they play in and three blues to show the flowing New River which

connects the north to south and east to west.

The faces and clasping of hands represent the diversity of cultures, ages and ethnicities in Enfield; all living in harmony and held together in a heart shaped sun.

The heart also relates to the 'We love Enfield' logo which came out of a community collective led by local Enfield traders following the London riots of 2011 which momentarily touched lives in this Borough. This community feeling captured the positive and proactive responses which sought to bring people together.

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Enfield

The hands also echo Highfield Primary School's uniform logo - a circle of hands - an image the children wanted to include - as it represents the school's values of kindness, co-operation and respect and the school's motto 'Together we can achieve more'.

School Choir

This year Miss Sutton has started leading the school choir, and she has been incredibly impressed with how hardworking they all are!

On 11th December the choir visited the North London Hospice to perform to the patients. They sang a selection of Christmas Carols including 'Ding Dong Merrily on High' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. The children also performed one of their favourite carols, 'Calypso Carol', and put a huge smile on everyone's face when the children started dancing in the chorus. The choir sang beautifully and were rewarded with some chocolatey treats!

Some members of the choir also performed at 'N21 on the Green' festival and Winchmore Baptist Church. At N21 on the Green, the children had the opportunity to perform on stage to hundreds of people! At the church it was a completely different atmosphere, and the children sounded wonderful in the intimate setting. The children also took part in the service by reading extracts from the Christmas story and acting.



The School Choir

Thank you to all the parents, carers and staff who accompanied us on these visits and for everyone who came to watch us perform.

Well done to all the choir members for your hard work and lovely singing this term; we can't wait to hear more from you in the Spring!

Carol Service

On Tuesday 16th December, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 held a carol service for parents. They performed three times during the day and each time they were superb. It was lovely to hear so many of our children read parts of the Christmas story in a variety of languages, they all read beautifully. The choir also performed very professionally and the whole day was a great success. We would like to thank the children and their teachers for their hard work.

Santa's Grotto

Thank you to the Friends of Highfield for arranging the visit of Santa Claus last Thursday and Friday.

Much work was required including donating materials and time in the design, build and running of the grotto not to mention the parents who wrapped over 600 presents. It was a real team effort and proved highly successful. Quotes from children and staff included;

"It's so beautiful here "

"The decorations are so pretty "

"This is the best Xmas ever "

And my favourite from a boy called Tyrell when asked by Santa what he wanted for Xmas replied "A present ".

The children had a great time and the school would like to thank the following people for making this happen. Mina Giornazi, Eleni Polycarpou, Jana Ali, Krismira, Sandeep Chal, Ceylan Shenyuz, Alison Dewhirst, Helen Dempsey, Stephanie Rizzo, Ray, Sarah Potter, Felice and Danny, Anthony Hughes, Laura Willis, Pannay Constantinou.

Primary maths challenge

Congratulations to Alexander B (Y6) for winning Highfields Primary Maths Challenge, to Ellie J (Y5) and Zahra S (Y5) for coming joint second and to Onnoy H and Suber A (Y5) for finishing in 3rd.

Panto

Did you enjoy it? Oh Yes we did! Last week children across the school watched a pantomime performed by 'The Christmas Circus'. A good time was had by all!



P.E. Kits

Currently too many children persistently do not bring in their P.E. kits and this is unacceptable. Please be reminded that children need to have a full P.E. kit in school at all times. This includes suitable footwear. Also, at this time of year children should have tracksuit bottoms as part of their kit as outdoor P.E. will still be taking place.

Fundraising

During the carol service and Nativity production, we have raised £186 which will go to help Unicefs projects in Syria. Many thanks to all who donated.

Christmas Card Competition

Highfield had two Christmas Card competitions, one for the school and one for our local MP David Burrowes. The themes were to design a card that reflected the real meaning of Christmas. We had many wonderful entries with some very thoughtful designs.

The winners for the Highfield Competition are Julia 1I, Abbey 6W, Shai 3MB and Sammie in Year 6. These designs are going to be made into cards and sent by Mrs Kemal.

Mr. Burrowes visited the school this morning to announce the winners. Congratulations to Holly, Selina, KadedraShania and Eleni in Year 3 and to Angelos and Isobella who were all nominated.

Special congratulations go to Victor in Year 6 who's design was voted as one of the Borough winners. This design, pictured below, will feature on Christmas cards used by Mr. Burrowes.



Values and topics

Next terms topic will be "Rulers and Governments" and our value will be Freedom

Indoor Athletics

This term children from Years 5 and 6 represented Highfield in the Borough Indoor Athletics competition at Lea Valley Secondary School. They won many of their races and did the school proud. We would like to thank Mr. Charles for running this club and organising this event.



Gymnastics Festival

Well done to the children who represented Highfield at the Gymnastics Festival this month.

Reception Nativity Performance

Well done to the children in Reception who performed in front of the whole school and parents last week.

School Applications for Nursery and Reception 2015 start

Completed applications must be returned to the Admissions Office, Enfield Civic Centre by the deadline of 7th January 2015. 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..

Car Parking

Unfortunately some families are being inconsiderate to the residents of Highfield Road by parking across their drive-ways. They are blocking them in and some people have been very rude when they are asked to move their car. This is not the sort of behaviour that is acceptable or that you should be demonstrating in front of your children.

Illegal parking on zig-zag lines is a traffic offence and car registration numbers are being submitted to the traffic/highway police who will issue offenders with a fine.

***PLEASE THINK OF THE SAFETY
OF YOUR CHILD AND OTHER
CHILDREN WHEN YOU BREAK
THIS LAW***

**CHANGE OF DATE – PLEASE NOTE OUR INSET DAY HAS
CHANGED FROM FEBRUARY 23RD AND WILL NOW BE ON FRIDAY
27TH FEBRUARY 2015**

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

Dates		
Tuesday 6 January	First day back – school opens	8.50
Friday 9 th January	Strings concert for children in Year 3-6	9.15
Week of 12 th January	R.E. week	
Wednesday 14 th January	Year 5 trip to The Mosque	10-2pm
Friday 16 th January	Year 3 Trip to the British Museum	All day
Monday 19 th January	Year 6 trip to British Museum	All day
Friday 25 th January	Year 6 Gangs workshop	All day

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