



Highfield Primary School

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Highfield Goes Funny for Comic Relief!

This term has flown by and summer term is nearly here. Thank you to all our families and children for all your support. Have a lovely holiday and we will see you on Tuesday 14 April. Read below to see how busy your children have been this term but go to the final page for information and dates for your diary as there's lots more exciting things planned for Summer term.

Highfield Goes Funny - Comic Relief Fundraiser



Highfield staff and children celebrated Red Nose Day in style last Friday. Everyone made a real effort dressing up in their PJs and coming along with funny faces and donations. Thanks go to families for supporting the day and to the staff who baked and sold delicious cakes; also to Mrs Wren, Chair of Governors for organizing a

coffee morning. We appreciated the work by Mr Kennedy and the Team Captains who led the fundraiser and sold red noses in the weeks leading up to the final day. Well done to Dever in 6K who sold 450 noses! All our efforts resulted in a whopping £763 being raised!



Headteachers Wanted!

Pupil Headteacher vacancies, so: breathe a sigh of relief - Mrs Kemal is not leaving!!

As the National elections are happening soon, we have decided that we will follow the National agenda and have our own school elections. This will also help our children to understand the ideas in the new National Curriculum content on "British Values" which includes studying democracy and understanding how citizens can influence

decision-making through the democratic process including voting.

Firstly, thanks to the Year 3 teachers for the idea.

We are looking for a Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Pupil Headteacher!

Get elected and you will run the school for a whole day!

During the weeks of 27 April and 4 May, children will be completing applications to apply for the vacancies, preparing speeches, making presentations, posters, rosettes and debating for the jobs!

Children - if you are interested - over the Easter break, think about your "manifesto" and the promises you will make to your classmates. You can research at your local library or use the internet. Many of you know about the UK Parliament website:-

www.parliament.uk/education , which has lots of resources and ideas about "democracy" and the freedom to vote for MPs and the Prime Minister.

Team Captain

Congratulations to Rhianne in 6W who has taken over the Green Team captaincy.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received Headteacher Awards: Thomas RC, Iulia 1A, Lia 5D, Ash RJ, Sean 1E, Bisam 5S, Isabella RP, Jessica 1E and Angelos 6C.

Boys' football team

On 10 March, the boys' football team played their final two fixtures of the year against Eldon and Cuckoo hall. They knew that if they won either game they stood a very good chance of winning the league this year. Sadly, they lost both games by a single goal and now are keeping fingers crossed that other results go their way.

On 17 March, Highfield hosted a boys' football tournament; it was very successful and lovely to see so many parents supporting their children. The tournament was a very close affair with all 6 games ending in a draw. Congratulations to Nino and Jordi who scored their first goals for Highfield. The team finished joint top as they scored more goals than some other teams and as such have won the first trophy for Highfield this year. We would like to thank all the boys who regularly came to training and tried their best for the school and to Mr Charles and Mr Blount.

Book Fair

Thanks for supporting our book fair this month. A massive £1,292.48 was raised, giving the school commission totalling £775.48, which will go towards books in Year 5. Thanks to our librarian Mrs Oskis for organizing.

IF in 5D

5D have been very lucky this term as they have been involved in piloting a new computer game. They were the first children in the world to test run this product, which is now available to buy. The programme is called IF and is a game about individual responsibility and making right choices - all linking in with our school values. Last Tuesday we were treated to a design workshop from the creators where the children were shown how they make the characters and each child was given the opportunity to create their own characters.

Reception Fundraiser

A big thank you to all the children, parents/carers and staff for their contributions towards the Reception fundraiser held on 5 March. We raised a fantastic amount of **£129.90**, which will be used later in the year to benefit all the children in Reception.

WPC Ashite visits

Our new school Community Police Officer has started to come into school to talk to classes and present assemblies.

Over the last two weeks she came and spoke to some children in Year 2 and 5 about making right choices. The children were given an insight about what anti-social behaviour is and they were shocked to learn that they could all be arrested and charged when they are 10 years old if they make wrong choices!

The children were given an opportunity to ask lots of questions about her role in our community. The children were interested to see the equipment she has to arrest criminals. WPC

Ashite enjoyed her visit and is looking forward to coming back soon.

Year 5 Ancient Greek Day



On Friday 6 March, Year 5 came into school dressed as Ancient Greeks. The day started with a murder mystery activity where the children had to work in teams to study evidence and work out who killed an Athenian hoplite. After break, the children were divided into Athenians and Spartans and recreated the Olympic games and true to form, the Spartans won. The day finished with a banquet where the children ate Greek food. The children made a huge effort and the Year 5 team would like to thank the parents/carers for their support in helping their children with their costumes.

Year 3's Ancient Egyptian Day

On the 26 February, Year 3 had an Ancient Egyptian day at school, as part of this term's history topic. The children and teachers all came to school dressed in fantastic Ancient Egyptian costumes, complete with head-dresses and props. At the beginning of the day, the children 'Walked like an Egyptian' and modelled their costumes in a year group

fashion show. The children then learnt about the hierarchy of Ancient Egyptian society and when different Pharaohs ruled. In the afternoon, the day finished with an Egyptian feast where children ate food similar to the Ancient Egyptians.



Book Week

The week of 2-6 March was World book week. At Highfield we love books: reading them to our friends, being inspired to write our own book or just sitting quietly, enjoying reading. Book Week was an opportunity to see performances, invite authors to talk to us and have class workshops.

Years 1 and 2 were able to have 'Hue Boy' read to them by its author Rita Mitchell. They had plenty of questions for Rita. She was very impressed by their knowledge and understanding of the issues that were dealt with in the story.

KS1 viewed a performance by the Drama group 'Caboodle'. They saw several traditional tales combined to make a new story. The children were able to point out every one of the tales featured in the performance. They then had workshops with the actors, where they took traditional characters and took them on journeys quite unfamiliar to them.

KS2 saw a presentation by the author Sita Brahmachari who spoke to them about her book 'Artichoke Heart'; looking at objects that invoke memories of stories that are very special and how we are on the outside can often hide what's inside: our own artichoke hearts. Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to work with Sita in their classrooms, and together they created their own artichoke display in which children described their own precious memories. Years 3 and 4 worked with our Poet in Residence, Cheryl Mokowitz. Year 3 made a book mark, looking at reading spaces (real and imagined) while Year 4 created a book cover of a book they would love to read. Through this they created a shared poem which was presented at an assembly on 20 March (World Poetry Day celebrations).



Poetry Corner - Poet in Residence

Every month is poetry month at Highfield, and March has been no exception. As well as poetry happenings during Book Week and as part of Comic Relief, there are now several regular poetry groups running. FREEDOM WRITES (Heru, Antonia, Mirela, Jesse,

Islimada and Callum from 4C) has been meeting for the past few weeks during Guided Reading time to create a poetry anthology on the theme of 'Freedom'. Another group (Yousra, Alexander, Ryan, Yekta, Sophia, Jackson, Holly, Maddy, Thara) have been writing poetry about family - in particular, about 'Mothers' - for Mother's Day and at lunchtimes there has been a 'Poetry Surgery' for anyone who wants to come and workshop poetry ideas. This has been very enthusiastically attended. Rainbow Rhymes (EAL children and their parents) will continue in the Summer term. Sessions have been planned for Friday 24 April and Friday 5 June. Reminder letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Remember to check the Poetry section of the Highfield website where you will be able to read some of the amazing work that is being produced.

For now here is a poem by Alex Behari (6K) which proves that a poem doesn't have to be long to be effective.

A Short Poem about Mothers

Mummy, Mum, mother

Thank you

4T Roman Class Assembly

On Thursday 5 March, 4T performed their assembly to the school and parents/carers. Highfield's whole school value is Freedom and the class linked this with their learning for this term. 4T think that "Freedom" is being able to be proud of who you are. Some of the children read out their cinquain poems in

their own mother tongue language.



Throughout the assembly, the children were dressed as Romans and Celts while they performed a story poem about the famous Queen Boudicca who so desperately wanted Freedom. They also taught the audience about the Romans by reading out 'Did you know facts' and also how they could act like a Rotten Roman through a song and dance routine which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

Easter holiday Enfield Programme

The Easter Programme is full of fun and exciting activities and they are available to book online now!

From Monday 30 April to Friday 10 April 2015, there is a programme offering a variety of activities that will keep your children entertained. Whether they love to dance or would like to learn to horse ride? There is something to get them active.

To book your place or for more information please visit:

http://www.enfield.gov.uk/downloads/file/11119/easter_holiday_programme_2015

Botany Bay Cricket Club

Botany Bay Cricket Club are holding an Open Day on Sunday 19 April 2015 from 1pm onwards and are keen to attract families with boys and girls from as young as 8 to their club. If you are interested in attending, their address is East Lodge Lane, The Ridgeway, Enfield EN2 8AS

Attendance and Punctuality Campaign

During the first two weeks back after the Easter break we will be campaigning about attendance. Our Attendance Officer, Mrs Crick is planning events to encourage children to come to school every day and our Poet in Residence, Cheryl will even be writing a poem about how important school is!

How does time off affect your child's education?			
Attendance % in one school year	Approximately time off in days	Approximately time off in weeks	Number of lessons missed
95% attendance	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90% attendance	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85% attendance	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80% attendance	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Please note:

We **do not** consider a cold, cough, headache or tummyache to be an illness that prevents your child attending school. If they are complaining of this kind of thing please bring them to school and if they deteriorate then we will call you to collect them.

Please only keep them at home if it is absolutely necessary.

Punctuality - The school day starts at 8.55am, the doors open at 8.50am for KS2, please try and encourage your child in the evening to get into the habit of organising everything they need for the next day, please help your child learn this very important life skill.

It would be absolutely fantastic if we can achieve 96% with NO late children.

We look forward to your anticipated support.

Dates		
Weeks of 13 and 20 April	Attendance and Punctuality Campaign in school	
13 April	Staff training day - school closed	
14 April	School opens	
23 April	Year 2 fundraiser	3.20-3.45
24 April	1E - Swanzy class assembly	9.15
27 April - 7 May	Pupil Headteacher Election speeches, debating and voting	
1 May	RC - Klee class assembly	9.15
1 May	Newsletter published on website	
4 May	Bank Holiday - school closed	
7 May	Pupil Headteacher winner announcements	
11 May - 14 May	Year 6 SATs week	
15 May	RJ - Miro class assembly	9.15
19 May	School Council trip to National Portrait Gallery	
21 May	Year 1 fundraiser	3.20-3.45
22 May	Newsletter published on website	
2 June	Y6 2016 School journey meeting for parents/carers New curriculum information to be covered	9.15-9.45
15 June	Deadline to register for Y6 2016 school journey place	3.30
11 June (to be confirmed)	KS2 sports day	am
12 June (to be confirmed)	KS1 sports day	am
26 June	Newsletter published on website	

Our core values are Respect, Co-operation and Kindness. Next term's value is perseverance
