



# Highfield Primary School

*Together we can achieve more*

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A very warm welcome back everyone. I hope that you all had a restful Summer break

Our school has grown from strength to strength, the standards are high and the achievement and happiness of the children is always our main priority!

Our partnership of excellence will continue.

We are experiencing

waiting lists in many classes at Highfield, we can see

that our reputation and pride in our school is continuing to rocket

It is really positive that we feature as one of the 'very good' local schools. Our clear vision to become 'outstanding' is the ambition of everyone within the school community.

I would like to wish all our Muslim families and staff a very Happy Eid

Message from The Headteacher

***Unity*** is our value this term.

It was introduced during our assembly"

***In unity there is strength" AESOP (Writer)***

## **Headteacher Awards**

Yusra 1S, Angela 3M, Amelie 1L, Katie 3MB

## Michael Rosen's Visit to Highfield

Last Friday (18<sup>th</sup> September) we had a visit from the brilliant Michael Rosen. The children were very excited as they all knew his poems off by heart. He started his day with a show for years 3-6 and as well as going through some of his well know poems, such as Don't breathe in Class and Chocolate cake also told us stories about himself, including being told off by his father with his brother mimicking him while he was doing his best not to laugh. Both the children and the adults were enthralled at seeing poetry being acted out in such an entertaining way.



Michael then led a workshop with the year 5 children, who were inspired by his poetry to create their own. They then had the opportunity to perform it with him, which I am sure will be a cherished memory for a long time to come.



In the afternoon Michael performed various poems to the children to Years 1 and 2. He finished with 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. The children joined in with the words and actions and everyone enjoyed the show. The children saw how poetry could be brought alive and how language and can be used creatively.

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At the end of the day was the book sale and Michael happily signed everyone's book.

(As we ran out of book Michael signed a piece of paper for those children. Those book have been ordered and the children will receive their book with Michael's personalised message stuck in the 1<sup>st</sup> page as soon as we receive the order.)

**Michael later tweeted `Great day in a wonderful school: Highfield Primary School in Winchmore Hill. Thanks to all.'**

This was a wonderful experience that I'm sure, for all those involved, will never be forgotten.

## London's Calling

We have launched our exciting new topic across the school, with inspiring hook books, film and photography, London trips, songs and workshops. Your child's class teacher will give you ideas for our topic based homework competition such as writing a guide to a London museum, park or place of interest, profiling a London artist/musician/architect/scientist, designing and making a model statue for the 4th Plinth at Trafalgar Square or writing a campaign speech to be Mayor of London.

There will be prizes for the most innovative and informative projects! Deadline: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The children have been settling well into their new classes and there has also been much excitement about the Topic for this term. Pupils at Highfield are eager to learn!!

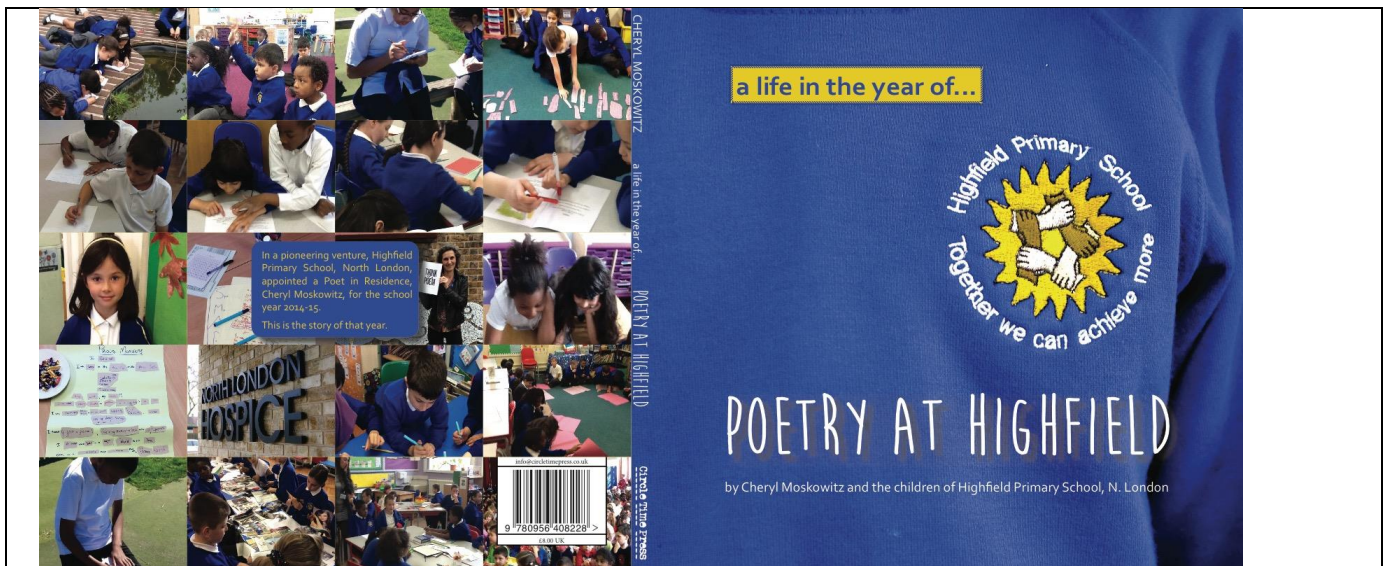
### **Poetry Achievements continue.....**

Over the summer I received the news that we had two winners and one runner-up in the Enfield Liberty and the Magna Carta Young Persons Poetry Competition. Congratulations to Ollie Costi, Michelle Clift and Maddie Stoughton who were all honoured at the prize ceremony on September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Dugdale Centre. Several other poems by Highfield children (from 5S) were commended in the competition and all of the children's poems are on display in the theatre foyer at the Dugdale until the end of September.

[http://www.fortyhallestate.co.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/liberty\\_the\\_magna\\_carta\\_photography](http://www.fortyhallestate.co.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/liberty_the_magna_carta_photography)

***A Life in the Year of...Poetry at Highfield is here and will soon be on sale from the school for £5 per copy.***

This anthology features amazing poems by the whole Highfield community and charts the poetic journey through the entire school year. A book to be proud of!



## Highfield, a Poetry Wonderland

*Curiouser and curiouser, I just don't know how to figure*

*The days are slowly shrinking, while all of you are getting bigger!*

*Reception's now Year 1, and Year 1's become Year 2*

*But I'm still who I am and I presume that you're still you?*

*I'm very cautious with my labels, I don't consume what I should not*

*If a bottle says don't drink me, then I'll not even have a shot*

*However tempting or delicious a piece of cake appears*

*If it's going to be shape altering, then it's not worth the tears*

*I know that certain rabbit holes can lead to some surprises*

*But I'd no idea Highfield was a place of changing sizes*

*Year 2's, you were so tiny, now look you're huge year 3's!*

*The 4's have become 5's and Year 6...as big as me!*

*You've no right to grow here, the Dormouse said to Alice*

*But Alice just poo-pooed him as she stood witness at the palace*

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*And I agree with Alice, that growing up is good*

*As long as you keep going in directions that you should*

*Adventuring in Wonderland's like coming back to School*

*Discovering new teachers, new classrooms and new rules*

*Whichever doorway you go into, you're bound to come out changed*

*Like Alice Through the Looking Glass – still you, but rearranged.*

### ***Cheryl Moskowitz – Poet in Residence***

That was my poem for the first day of the new school term. I'm very pleased to say that poetry is still very much in place here at Highfield and the poetry successes of the children continue to grow in abundance.

Amidst all of the rest of the excitement at the end of the summer term the School received the announcement that Anastasia Torubarova (6K) was a winner in the Buxton Poetry Competition with her poem 'Will it Be?' on the theme of Time. We are all very proud of Anastasia's achievement and wish her well at her new secondary school.

#### ***Will it be?***

*How long does it take to squeeze out an orange?*

*Do you like porridge*

*Will rockets ever fly to Jupiter?*

*Is there fog on Mars?*

*Will pigs ever fly? Will clothes ever dry?*

*Are famous people still going to be famous?*

*When people sneeze, can it make a shooting star fly across the sky?*

*Will Big Ben be the greatest clock? Will there be a 13 o'clock?*

*Will we go to the park? Is paper made from bark?*

*Will runners ever make it past the yellow mark?*

*Snails will go fast one day.*

***Anastasia Torubarova***



## **Care for a Cuppa?**

North London Hospice in Barrowell Green, Winchmore Hill, is inviting the local community to a coffee morning on Tuesday 6 October from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

It will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the vital work of the Hospice and to find out how you can get involved with volunteering. The morning is being held in conjunction with Hospice Care Week - an annual week of activity to raise the profile of hospice care across the UK. This year North London Hospice is focusing on connecting with the local community. Please do come

## **At Highfield we value "Meet the Teacher" meetings**

These meetings took place week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September for pupils and parent/carers in Y1 to Y6. During the meeting you attended with your child the teacher went through their plans and expectations and shared the schools ethos and golden rules, as well as explaining how the school week is organised, Parents/carers were able to ask questions, become familiar with the classroom and generally get to know their child's teacher. During the meetings you were alerted to the CEOPS website. This information is crucial for parent/carers to help combat cyber-bullying and how to keep your child safe when they are using the internet. CEOP website:  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/Parentsold/>

The meetings were very well attended and from your evaluations we can see that you also value this time as much as we do.

The comments are very positive and complimentary to the school and the staff

### **Here are a few to share with you:**

*It is very important to have children present at the meeting, they can see that we also have to follow rules, listen and respect each other—Year 2*

*I was informed of an important site for computer safety which I feel is good – Year 4*

*I can reinforce and discuss all the expectations at home with my child – Year 6*

*It was most useful to know how the classroom works and what is expected from our children and from us – Year 1*

## **"Snacks" for children in Year 3 to Year 6**

All our children from Nursery to Years 2 receive a piece of fruit or vegetables daily from the government scheme; these are given to the children to eat during the morning session.

If you would like your child in Y3 to Y6 to have a snack during morning break then we ask you to give them a piece of fruit or vegetables only. Other snacks such as crisps, chocolate, biscuits etc will not be permitted.

We need to promote the children to a healthy eating option. We do encourage parent/carers to ensure that healthy options are in your child's packed lunch box.

Every Friday there is a healthy tuck shop for children in Y3 to Y6, healthy snack options are available for them to purchase, and they can bring in 60p to spend on Fridays!!

## **Pupil Leaders**

### **School Councillors**

Well done to the newly elected school councillors in Years 1,4 and 5. Our new councillors are: Lale and Aaron in 1J, Sofia and Caiden in 1L, Angelica and Finley in 1S, Isabella and Ryan in 4T, Sakariya and Holly in 4S, Tarik and Iman in 4D, Palak and Luke in 5D and Rhian and Kyri in 5S. The Year 2 and 3 councillors will stay from last years Year 1 and Year 2 as they didn't have long to establish their role.

The Year 6 prospective councillors had to write a persuasive statement and Ms McGovern and Mrs Shaughnessy interviewed them. It was a very hard task but it was narrowed down to: Maddie and Pasha in 6K and Suber, Sarah and Lia in 6W.

Thank you to all the pupils who stood for election on this occasion. Many of them are now pupil leaders in a different capacity.

### **Eco Warriors - Highfield Goes Green**

Our KS2 children attended a special assembly on Monday with a representative of Eco-ACTIVE, an organisation which will be working with our Eco-Council this year to promote the reduction of waste in our school and our homes. The children shared their ideas on how we can reduce, re-use and recycle our waste and learnt what happens to our rubbish after we have thrown it in the bins.

Congratulations to our newly elected Eco-Councillors:

Kauthar, and Caiden (3MB) Romeo and Elizabeth (3M) Anastasia and Yilmaz (4T) Claudia and Kieran (4S) Tamer and Christabel (4D) Keiran and Yekta (5D), Nicole and Abir (5S), who will be taking part in the project led by Mrs Bauss and disseminating their ideas and work throughout the school.

### **Team Captains**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September several Year 6's were interviewed to be team captains; all of the candidates were excellent and it was really tough to choose. The children were asked what they wanted to achieve by the end of the year, to which many replied that they wanted to raise money for charity; their ideas were brilliant and included cake sales, history days and sport events such as sponsored fun runs! However, we did finally come to an agreement and our new Team Captains are: Green: Lena and Alesia, Yellow: Emilio and Arden, Blue: Jackson and Adam, Red: Enald and Emilia. The new Team Captains have pledged to work hard for our school and do their utmost best to encourage all year groups to take part in a variety of different sports and fundraising events. Two of the Team Captains will even be going on a 'Games Maker' course next week which they will then feed back to the other team captains so they can arrange lunchtime activities for the rest of the school. We have

chosen excellent role models who will work together to achieve more!

### **Buddies**

Martyna 3MB, Rayan 3M, Ediz 4T, Deniz 4S, Qadijo 4D, Savvina & Connor 5D, Lianne 5S, Adam 6K and Hossain 6W

The playground Buddies role is to look out for children who may be on their own during break times.

They encourage shy children to participate in games and activities and help find friends for them to play with in their class or year group.

### **Anti Bullying Ambassador's**

Ellie, Arden, Zahra M, Emre, Amelia, Pasha, Billy and Ollie

The Ambassadors role is to represent the voice of the children. They help promote good social behaviour and will be interacting during circle times on discussions around bullying.

The ambassadors will represent our school at the Anti-Bullying conference this year and present a short video they helped to produce.

### **Mini Mentors**

Selina & Eleni 4T, Antonia, Elenay, Rema, Aziz and Luke 5D, Amelia and Billy 5S, Bisam, Lina, Renee, Klaudia, Trendafile, Zahra M and Maddie 6K, Emilia, Fiona and Emileo 6W

The role of the mentors is to listen to children who may have problems with friendships, bullying or any worries. They give children the time to share their concerns and offer advice in dealing with a situation.

They have been fully trained to give advice and support. They are available every day during the lunch hour.

## **Co-operation**

As our school is growing the importance of co-operation is paramount. There are many children and families entering the school grounds to see their children safely into school. We would like to thank the vast majority of parent/carers who conduct themselves in a polite manner and have consideration of others whilst doing this, especially along our narrow pathway that leads into the Year 1 classrooms. Let's all make sure we follow their example, thank you.

## **Important reminder to all parents and carers**

Please make sure you put all money in an envelope with your child's name and class on. We will not accept loose money at the reception desk.

## **Clubs**

This term we have an array of exciting clubs on offer for children at Highfield. These include Boys football, Girls football, Tag Rugby, Netball, Handball, Boxing, Tennis, Gymnastics, Indoor Athletics, Drama, Dance, Maths and French. We would like to thank all the staff involved for giving up their free time to organise and run these.

## **Young Interpreters**

Our young interpreters have been very busy already this term; welcoming new students and families. They play a very important role in our school, ensuring that Highfield is a welcoming place for all. Many of the Young Interpreters came to Highfield with very little English but now have the language skills and the understanding to help children, who have recently arrived in the country quickly settle and develop their understanding of the English language. Our Young interpreters for this term, and the language other than English they speak, are; 6W Alexandra (Greek), 6K Jakub (Polish), 5D Mirela (Bulgarian), 5S Adrian (Chinese), 4S Diego (Italian and Polish), 4D Anissa (French), 4D Antoni (Polish), 3M Radi (Arabic), 3MB Gabrielle (Romanian).

## **Attendance News:**

We would like to say a big well done to last years Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 they all had over 96% attendance, Year 1 and 5 were just under with 95.8% and reception were 94% - so we need a really big push on attendance to get our whole school attendance to over 96%.

"Together we can achieve more" so please make sure your child is in school every day, if they cannot attend please remember to call or email us to let us know why they are absent so the absence can be authorised.

Please contact Mrs Cricks our attendance officer if you have any attendance concerns.

The children have been very excited using our "Be there Bears" a class certificate and a Highfield Bear goes in to the class who has the best weekly attendance, they stay for a whole week and really have fun joining in with the children's activities, hopefully they will be able to visit all the classes again this year.



## **Community Matters at Waitrose**

Last academic year the school council wrote a persuasive bid to Waitrose in Enfield Town. This bid was to try and get some financial support so we can fund our resident poet, Cheryl for a little longer. Their bid was successful and is currently up in Enfield Town Waitrose. Please remember to support this worthy cause by buying something in Waitrose, gaining a green disc and then adding it to the Highfield School Collection. Thank you.



## **Year 4 visit the Docklands**

Last week, Year 4 went to the Museum of London, Docklands as part of their work on this term's whole school topic, 'I am a Londoner'. On the journey, the sight of several of the London landmarks which they have been learning about caused huge excitement among the children. At the Museum, through a storytelling and drama session, they experienced the life of a London child in Victorian times in relation to the docks and the ships which came and went. Building on these practical experiences, the children were then able to begin to write vivid stories about it. They were all extremely engaged and clearly enjoyed the day out.

A special thanks must be extended to those parents who accompanied Year 4 on the trip. The outgoing journey featured a mainline train journey and 3 separate tubes and the support the helpers gave was invaluable!

## **All Aboard the HMS Belfast!**

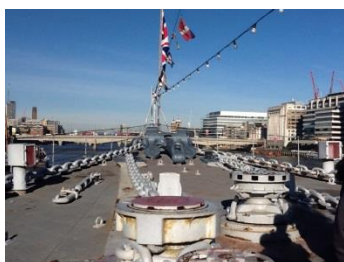
Our Year 6 children had a wonderful opportunity this week. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, they went to experience what life was like aboard this historic ship during World War 2. This included an overnight stay which made this experience even more exciting.



During the evening (after a delicious pizza for dinner) they went for a walk along the South Bank of the River Thames. Seeing the famous landmarks such as The Monument, London Bridge, The Shard and The Gherkin lit up at night was truly an experience. Tower Bridge took their breath away. Oliver in 6W asked, "Can I come and live here?"

After a night in bunk beds and a hearty breakfast, the children had a workshop which included handling artefacts from the ship and working out what they were used for from developing their questioning skills. Gabriel commented, "I really enjoyed investigating what the gloves were used for. I was surprised when I found out!"

They also learnt about HMS Belfast's importance during the war. Did you know it was used to protect cargo ships travelling to Russia? After exploring the decks and the cabins of the boat-yes there was even a bakery on the ship, we came back to school. Maddie in 6K said, "Can we turn back time and do this again?"



This trip was fully funded by the school, I am sure the parents and cares have thanked the staff for giving their children this memorable experience!

### **Highfield Staff Bake Off**

The staff baked delicious cakes to raise money in support of the amazing work that is carried out by the Macmillan Cancer Organisation.

The funds raised so far are £280!!

Well done to everyone!

### **Year 5 River boat cruise**

Last week, Year 5 went on a riverboat cruise along the River Thames. We really enjoyed learning about the landmarks and we were very lucky with the weather. Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied us on our trip.

Nicole 5S "I really enjoyed the trip because it was a very good opportunity to go on a boat. I've never been on a boat before and seeing the London Eye helped me with my project. "

Adrien 5S " I think that seeing all the amazing landmarks and travelling by the underground was like no other!"

Deborah 5S "I think that our trip was a great success as we learnt a lot more facts about the landmarks. It was an amazing experience to be able to go on a ship."

<b>Dates</b>		
Thursday 1 October 2015	Year 3 trip to London eye	
Friday 2 October 2015	5S Class Assembly	9.15
Monday 5 October 2015	Letters to parents/carers regarding booking meeting with Teachers	
Tuesday 6 October 2015	School Council out to North London Hospice Hosting Borough Netball league	
Thursday 8 October 2015	Turkish families Literacy Workshop	9.15
Friday 9 October 2015	4D Class Assembly	9.15
Monday 12 October 2015	Y3 and Y 4 Quicksticks event – Southgate Hockey Club	
Tuesday 13 October 2015	Boys Football Edmonton County School	3.30-4.30
Friday 16 October 2015	Governors' Coffee Morning 4T Assembly	9.00 9.15
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Carers Meeting	4.00-6.30
Tuesday 20 October 2015	Parent/Carers Meeting	4.00-6.30
Thursday 22 October 2015	Governors' open morning Y5 Fundraiser	9.00-12.00 3.30
Friday 23 October 2015	Newsletter Out 3M Class Assembly	9.15
26-30 October 2015	Half Term Week	
3 November 2015	Nursery and siblings photos	
6 November 2015	Y2 SAT's Meeting for parent/carers	9.15
10 and 24 November 2015	New parent/carers meeting for Nursery/Reception 2016	9.15

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