



# Highfield Primary School

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## Children in Need Day

To raise money for Children in Need, the children and teachers dressed up as their favourite character or teacher. We had lots of fun and took part in activities to raise awareness for Children in Need.

We raised a fantastic total of £1045! It was a brilliant success and a fun packed day. Well done everybody!

Thank you to the Friends of Highfield who organised a Pudsey Cake and Coffee morning. All money contributed went towards the total raised.



The winners chosen from the activities completed on the day were: Robin (RP) Zana (2G) and Deborah (5S).

Well done to the year 6 Team Captains: Lina (6K) Adam (6K) Enald (6K) Alesia (6K) Emileo (6W) Jackson (6W) Arden (6W) and Emilia (6W), who held an assembly for the children informing them about the importance of this charity.

“Today is a day for us to be aware of the people that have disabilities and that are in need, supporting children when they need help”. (Emilio, 6W).

“We must start thinking about why we are lucky. We must be grateful for being able to do the very simple things in life”. (Jackson, 6K)

## Year 1 SATs meeting for parents/carers

Thanks to all the parents/carers who attended the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Feedback was very positive. The PowerPoint is now available on the website, in the parent/carer section.

## Anti-bullying week 16-20<sup>th</sup> November. ‘Make a noise about bullying’

Our anti-bullying ambassadors led a whole school assembly, which began with a minute’s silence in respect of those who died in the Paris bombings. The children saw the new **anti-bullying video** which is **now on the school website**. **Please take the time to watch it with your child at home too**. A special thank you to our learning mentors and anti-bullying ambassadors for all their hard work to produce such an important and informative film.

KS1 children took part in a poster competition and KS2 children wrote anti-bullying poems.

The winners are:

KS1: Sofia (1J) Sofia (1L) Tobin (1S) Carmen (2G) Eva (2I) and Eliza (2M).

KS2: Rayan (3M) Shakira (3MB) Mehmetali (4D) Kadedra (4S) Ediz (4T) Connor (5D) Abir (5S) Lina (6K) Oliver and Gabriel (6W).

Each child renewed their anti-bullying pledge by placing their finger print on speech bubbles for a whole school anti-bullying display.

## Young Interpreters

This term the young Interpreters have helped to welcome many new children into the school. They have assisted in showing families and pupils around the building and have someone to talk to in their breaks. Where appropriate they have supported children in understanding aspects of their class work.

As well as this the Young Interpreters have set up a ‘Young Interpreters Club’ in the room next to the canteen from 1:00 to 1:30. Each day there are children that are bilingual (or even trilingual) there. The club is for children who would like help learning English or for children that want to speak to someone that knows their own language. They have also opened the club up to children that speak English but would like to learn another language. Each class has been spoken to by their Young Interpreter about the

club and a time table showing which days the different languages are focused on is up in each classroom.

### We wore our poppies with pride!

Thank you to the school councillors in year 2 and year 5 for giving up their time to sell poppies in honour of Remembrance Day.



### 4S Class Assembly

Congratulations to Ms Skevington and 4S on their bridge-themed class assembly. 4S shared what they have been learning this term, including alternative meanings for, and idioms using, the word 'bridge', reading and creating their own poems about bridges and investigating different bridge structures in London. In DT, Year 4 have been exploring bridge design in order to design and create their own bridges. Well done to all.



### Year 5 Fundraiser

Year 5 managed to raise £103.75. This money will be spent on new Golden Time games. Thank you to all those that attended.

### Walk to School/Road Safety Week

Want to keep fit and save money? 23rd-27th November is *International Walk to School Week*. All children will be taking part in a survey to see how they travel to and from school and how they would like to. Enfield Council will be visiting the school to share the benefits of walking to school and how to stay safe on the roads with the children.

3MB have composed a poem which they have entered into Enfield's road safety poetry competition:

*Traffic Lights, by 3MB*

*Traffic lights*

*Red, amber and green*

*Be bright and be seen!*

*Red light - like fresh strawberries and roses*

*Shiny apples and red noses*

*My favourite dragon breathing fire....*

*Pay attention when I say STOP!*

*Do what I say, because I'm on top!*

*Traffic lights*

*Red, amber and green*

*Be bright and be seen!*

*Amber light - like golden hair*

*Mustard and ice cream, bright yellow star*

*Get ready, get set...*

*Watch me flash!*

*Wait patiently, please don't dash!*

*Traffic lights*

*Red, amber and green*

*Be bright and be seen!*

*Green light - like lettuce, grasshoppers, trees growing*

*My Maths book cover and eco-badge glowing*

*Watch me close so you will know*

*Exactly when you're good to go!*

*Traffic lights*

*Red, amber and green*

*Be bright and be seen!*

If you do drive your children to school please ensure that you **park safely and legally** and are **considerate and polite towards our local residents**.

### Year 6 at the Theatre

It has been a theatrical few weeks in Year 6. The children had a fantastic opportunity to study **Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare**. To help with their writing, the children took part in a workshop based around the play. They took on roles of the different characters and thoroughly enjoyed the acting! A few days later, Year 6 walked to the Millfield Theatre to watch the Young Shakespeare Company perform their version of the play. Suber and Lina were chosen to perform on the stage as guests at the party. This really helped develop the children's understanding and they were able to write their own alternative ending to the play.

A week later, Year 6 were invited by **Winchmore Senior School to watch their performance of The Lion King**. It was an amazing show and a

pleasure to see previous Highfield pupils take part in such a powerful musical. Fiona said, "It was amazing. Simba and Nala had amazing voices." The Year 6 children agreed that it was better than the film! Outstanding!

### **PE. Kit Campaign**

The team captains held an assembly on Monday 23rd November, explaining the importance of PE and why Highfield are having a PE kit campaign. The children explained that an hour of physical exercise a day is expected for children between the ages of 5-16; they also modelled the correct PE kit for indoor and outdoor PE. The winners of the PE campaign will win a sports afternoon with Mr Charles and all children will also have the opportunity to enter a competition to design a Highfield sports shoe. The winner will receive a Sports Direct Voucher.

### **Eco Council Update**

Eco Council has been learning about textile waste, and the importance of recycling and reusing textiles. Eco Council members brought old T-shirts into school and used them to make these wonderful T-shirt bags!



For Remembrance Day, Eco Council made poppies using egg boxes and recycled paper.



### **Santa's on his way!**

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December all the children will have the opportunity to visit Santa's Grotto. Many thanks to the Friends of Highfield for organising this event.

### **Christmas Card Competition**

Every year children at Highfield take part in a Christmas card competition, drawing or painting their own Christmas scene. Choosing the three overall winners was very hard, as the standard throughout the school was very high! The three winners were Michelle 2M, Ediz 4T and Adam 6K. Michelle's drawing was a snow scene, Ediz's picture was a realistic drawing of a holly wreath and Adam's design was a black and white Christmas tree. All three designs were fantastic! The three winners then worked with Cheryl, Highfield's resident poet, to write a poem for the inside of each of their cards. The three children all worked very hard and produced outstanding poems!

### **Turning on the lights!**

Luca (4S) helped turn on the lights in the Palace Exchange, in Enfield Town earlier this month. He won a Facebook competition to help with the switch-on and was watched by a large crowd gathered in the town centre. Well done Luca!

<b>Dates</b>		
4 December	Years 2-6 School Council trip to Houses of Parliament	
7 December	Year 6 'Go-Green' campaign to parents/carers	3.30-4.00
8 December	Reception and Years 1-2 Caboodle Pantomime	
10 December	Years 3-6 Selfish Giant Theatre Performance	
11 December	Reception Christmas performances	9.45 and 2.30
15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa's Grotto at Highfield	
Friday 18 December	Class Christmas parties	Morning
<b>Friday 18 December</b>	<b>1.30 School closes</b>	
<b>Monday 4 January</b>	<b>School Closed – Staff Training</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5 January</b>	<b>School open to children</b>	

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The values for this half-term are Respect, Co-operation and Kindness, these are our schools 3 core values. This term's value is Unity.

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