



Highfield Primary School

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Welcome to the Summer Term!

As you aware Highfield underwent an Ofsted Inspection on Wed 27 April and Thurs 28 April.

I would like to thank all the children, staff, parent/carers and governors on the amazing support we received. The continual well wishes didn't stop! The many comments posted on the Ofsted website from the staff and families were most favorable.

**The dedication from everyone from the whole school community has been overwhelming!
The outcome from the Inspection will be known to you all once the report is made available.**

Thank you

Maria Kemal

Welcome back to school and to the Summer term. Already our children have been busy cycling, visiting the London Aquarium, experiencing life in Ancient Greece and so much more. We would like to Wish everyone a Happy Bank Holiday and to our Greek families, Happy Easter:

ευτυχισμένος ελληνικό Πάσχα

Χριστός Ανέστη
See you next Tuesday.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Miss Connolly to Highfield this term. She will be working in 3MB alongside Mrs Bauss and Mrs Major this term.

Volunteer crafters?

Mrs Lynch, our Learning mentor would like to know if there are any parent/carers, grandparents who have skills such as: knitting, sewing, woodwork, batiking etc

and who are free for an hour or so to work with a group of children in the Thinking Room. Please see Mrs Lynch if you fit the bill!

Habitats

As you know, this term's topic is "Habitats". Well done to all the children who have designed and made habitats as part of their homework project. The names of the winners will be announced soon.

Courage

Amina in Year 6 won the first value bead of the term when she showed courage at our whole school assembly, and read out a beautiful poem about coming to England. It takes courage to leave one place to come to another and learn a whole new language and way of being. Here is an extract from her poem:

“...when she packed to leave she took with her,
the beautiful smell of her Mima’s Baklava.
She remembers her Grandpa’s kitchen,
the gold honey, the nuts, sweet nuts.
The blue kitchen with yellow flowers.

She’d never seen
kind people and rain.
Now she knows about
English songs and words”

NSPCC assembly

On 15 April NSPCC representatives led an assembly and carried out workshops on “Keeping Happy and Safe” for Years 5/6.

NSPCC

We will be raising money for the NSPCC on Friday 27 May. Children can wear their pajamas and make a donation of £1. The children will have their very own Highfield Art Exhibition. If children would like to buy a painting another child has produced at school, they can make another donation. The Team Captains will be selling the art work at break time.

Year 4 Bikeability

Year 4 pupils had a fabulous time learning to ride their bicycles safely. The children took part in a Level 1 Biking Course; this is aimed at helping younger children become confident with cycling, so that they have the knowledge of how to use their bike safely in public places. All the children passed the course with flying colours. Many thanks to Miss Tipping for organizing this opportunity.



1S and RC class assemblies

1S retold the story ‘Monkey See, Monkey Do’; a story from India about some mischievous monkeys. 1S had a wonderful time performing and the audience was very impressed. This week RC taught us a lot about Courage and being Brave. Their singing with actions was amazing.

Year 5 Greek Day

Year 5 had a fabulous day experiencing life as in Ancient Greece. They played Greek music, participated in the Olympics and ate fabulous food such as olives and feta cheese. The Year 5 team would like to thank the families for the food and the effort made with costumes.

Keiran (5D): “I had a wonderful day and really enjoyed the murder mystery activity!”



Reception go to the London Aquarium!



Our Reception classes had a “whale” of a time at the London Aquarium. The children were all very well-behaved, despite wanting to eat their lunches as soon as we boarded the coach, and walking all day! Here are their thoughts on the trip:

Oscar (RC): “I told my Daddy the octopus had three hearts and Daddy didn’t know so he had a look on the Ipad.”

Georgie (RP): "I liked the ice cracking at the end. I couldn't stop watching it. There were polar bears and whales."

Poetry Corner

Iman O, Iman H and Anissa, from Year 4 were inspired by their class topic of Ancient Rome. Here is a small extract from their wonderful and extensive poem written in three imagined voices from the past:

(from **Voices of Roman Children** by Iman H., Iman O. and Anissa, 4D)

I am Imus
I am five
I live in Londinium
I am always scared of hungry lions
When I grow up I want to be an emperor
and I will always wear purple....

I am Imanus
I am nine
When I wake in the morning
I dress in my tunic and belt and bulla
I hear the sound of horses hooves
And cart wheels on the new Roman roads...

I am Anissus
I am nine
and busy Londinium is my home.
We have straight roads
and gold coins decorated with the head of Claudius...

Their poem was just one of many to emerge from the 'Golden Notebook' sessions last term - time given to children who specifically requested an opportunity to focus on their poetry by signing up in the Golden Notebook appointments book hanging in the KS2 corridor.

And if you feel like you would like to have some Golden Notebook time of your own to spend on poetry, come along with your child to Poetry Together, led by Cheryl, our poet after school on Tuesdays (3:30–4:15) for parents/carers and children to share ideas and play with making poetry together. Come along! No need to sign up, just gather in the reception area after school on any Tuesday

from May 10 until the end of the school year.

After last year's successes with the Stephen Spender Prize for Poetry Translation I am inviting children who speak another language to bring in poems they would like to translate into English before the end of May. If any parents/carers or grandparents out there can inspire us with a poem they love from their country of origin we would welcome any suggestions!

See our website – Poetry Corner for more poems.

Language of the month

We enjoy celebrating the many languages that are spoken by our children and families. In May our language will be Latvian and the children will be doing various activities to find out information; such as where it is spoken, the history of the language and some simple words and phrases. We would also like to encourage any child who speaks Latvian to talk to their class so we can learn from someone who has first hand experience of the language.

Eco Council Tree Planting

On 23 March the Eco Council were hard at work again! They planted 60 tree saplings, supplied by the Woodland Trust, in our school grounds. Thanks to Mrs Bauss and her mother who came along to help! Abir commented "I just feel so alive!" which made everyone smile!



Cricket Season!

This Thursday Year 4 visited Winchmore Hill Cricket Club to take part in cricket coaching sessions led by Jim Clarke, a coach at Winchmore Hill Cricket Club, as part of their PE Curriculum. Highfield would like to thank Jim and the Club for giving us this amazing opportunity free of charge.

In addition, Mr. Charles has also started an after school cricket club for children in Years 5 and 6. We hope that through these initiatives we can encourage more children to take part in Cricket outside of school.

Sports Day 2016

We would like to inform you that our Sports Days this year will take place as follows:

20 June – 9.45am Years 3-6 sports day

21 June – 9.45 Reception-Year 2 sports day.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Staying safe



Many pupils talk in school about various websites and games which they have

access to at home which are unsuitable for Primary aged children. Often these activities manifest in the children's written work, or in their play in the playground. There are guidelines printed on the covers of DVDs and Games and on the terms and conditions of various social networking websites. These guidelines are in place to help keep children safe from influences which could cause them distress.

Please be vigilant about the websites, games and movies that your child is experiencing. If you have the slightest concern about the safety of this media, it is within your rights as a parent to stop your child from accessing it. If the school has concerns to raise following a child's disclosure about accessing unsafe material, we will contact you for a meeting.

Attendance in April

Class	%
1J	96.76
1L	95.42
1S	96.4
2G	96.75
2I	95.63
2M	97.37
3M	97.57
3MB	95.74
4D	95.75
4S	97.74
4T	96.29
5D	96.26
5S	96.84
6K	96.82
6W	95.68
RC	95.49
RP	95.85
RT	96.51
Whole School	96.42

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Dates		
Monday 2 May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Every Tuesday	Poetry Together with Cheryl, our Resident Poet – parents/carers and children welcome	3.30-4.15
Monday 9 May - Thursday	Year 6 SATs	
13 May	RP assembly	9.15-9.30
20 May	RT assembly	9.15-9.30
26 May	Nursery fundraiser	3.10-3.40
27 May	NSPCC fundraiser – Wear Your Pyjamas for £1 donation and Art sale	
27 May	Newsletter published on website	
27 May	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF-TERM	
31 May - 4 June	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	
6 June	SCHOOL OPENS	

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