



Highfield Primary School

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Our children are continuing to enjoy the Habitats topic and now the weather is warmer are making full use of our outdoor facilities to continue their learning outside the classroom.

Highfield's Secret Garden

Some of our Friends of Highfield have spent the last few Saturdays working very hard in our Secret Garden clearing out and weeding the planters, planting seedlings and setting up a compost bin.

Before:



After:



They want to achieve a completely organic free area and to do that will be introducing specific plants which attract wildlife that can help keep bugs and pests at bay.

If you are interested in helping out or have any spare plants/vegetables please contact the Friends of Highfield friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com. We are very grateful for their hard work and

enthusiasm creating an area of learning for all the children.

Woodwind Concert

On Monday 23rd May, KS2 were treated to an amazing woodwind concert. Five musicians from the Enfield Music Service



performed for the children and taught them about the woodwind instrument family.

They played popular songs such as 'The Bare Necessities' and the Pink Panther theme tune, as well as some classical and jazz tunes. A selection of children also had the chance to have a go at playing the instruments themselves.



The musicians were fantastic and the children thoroughly enjoyed a very musical start to the week!

NSPCC Comfy Pyjama Day

All the staff and children had lots of fun raising money for the NSPCC. As well as coming to school in pyjamas, the children also took part in a 'Highfield Art Exhibition', where they sold their own paintings to

each other and donated the profits to the NSPCC.

The Choir Visits Winchmore Baptist Church

On Thursday 26th May, our fantastic choir performed at Winchmore Baptist Church. The church holds a Thursday club for



senior citizens and our choir was invited to entertain the members. The choir performed

brilliantly and the church members loved hearing their wonderful singing.

RP Class Assembly

A huge well done to RP for delivering an outstanding assembly! The children re-told the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and produced their own class poem. Their talents shined through when singing and dancing! They were all very excited when the audience stood up for them at the end of the performance.



RT Class Assembly

RT showed they really do have The Power' to carry on being super stars during their class assembly on Friday 20th May. RT read fact files full of information about sea creatures which they found out about at the London Aquarium and by using non fiction texts and the internet. They also performed

to 'Under the Sea' with fantastic singing, music and ribbon dancing. RT also shared with everybody how they have shown courage in their first year at school and how they are all good at something. They finished off the show with very impressive moves to 'The Power' because RT really have the power to learn. You are **OUTSTANDING RT**—you should be very proud. Highfield Primary School and your grown ups were very impressed, especially Miss Terry and Miss Barnett!

RC Class Assembly

RC courageously performed their class assembly to their families and friends on Friday, 29th April. The theme was 'courage', and they sang three songs, spoke about courage, and performed poems and dances from 'The Commotion in the Ocean' book. Everybody thought they were fantastic, and Mrs Collins and Miss Dunbar are extremely proud of them all.

Habitats Homework Projects

Well done to all the children who have designed and made habitats as part of their homework. The names of the winners are: Ellie 6W, Michelle 6K, Adrien 5S, Emily 5D, Tarik 4D, Ralph 4S, Sultan 4T, Leart 3M, Victor 3MB, Dana 2I, Stefan 2G, Jayden 2M, Imogen 1S, Luke 1J, Amelie 1L.

Year 2 trip to Rye Meads

On 25 and 27 April Year 2 enjoyed a day of ornithology and entomology at Rye Meads in Hertfordshire, studying a variety of birds and insects.



Bob and Kate, who work for the RSPB, showed us various habitats within the reserve. In groups we explored the lake habitat and went into the hide to observe birds using binoculars.

Identification charts helped us to record birds visiting the lake. We spotted Canada geese, coots and, amazingly a kestrel!



We also investigated mini beasts under logs and in trees. We were given packs of magnifying glasses,

brushes and nets to catch and observe creatures. We found an enormous slug, millipedes and woodlice! Our favourite part of the day was learning different bird songs and identifying them in the wild.

Language of the Month

Language of the month – Albanian

At Highfield we enjoy celebrating the many languages that are spoken by our children and families. Because of this we have a language of the month. (You may have seen the display in the reception area).

In June our language is Albanian 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 Albanian to talk to their class so we can learn from someone who has first hand experience of the language.

Eco Council Travel Survey

Our Eco Council members have recently taken on the role of "Junior Travel Ambassadors". On the morning of 11th May they conducted a road survey outside the school, to find out how safe our children are as they arrive in the mornings. Kieran and



Abir spotted 40 people running across the road, Elizabeth and Anastasia counted 65 people forgetting to look left and right before crossing and Claudia counted 92 people not using the zebra crossing. The

children also saw lots of examples of people parking on the zigzag lines, talking on mobile phones when driving and not wearing seatbelts in the car!



Our travel ambassadors plan to think of ways to raise awareness of the importance of road safety and would be very grateful if you could support your child by discussing this at home. Thank you!

French Speakers/Readers Needed

On July 14th (Bastille day) we will be celebrating all things French with a focus this year on the Tour De France. Please contact your class teacher or Mrs Major if you are able to come in to school and read to classes in French on that day.

Year One Meet Thames21

Year One had the amazing opportunity to work with the Thames21 team at the new Firs Farm Wetlands. Our visits started with a quick walk to the local Firs Farm park, which is now being renovated, and is becoming an area to enjoy wildlife because of the newly opened river and ponds.

The children first compared pictures of what the park looked like before the river was exposed. They were surprised by the



changes. Then the children looked at the water cycle and conducted an experiment to see the importance of grass and

park areas to clean the water and ensure the water cycle continues. After that they



identified which plants and animals have begun to make their home in the new wetlands. Finally they conducted a litter survey

and talked about the impact of rubbish on the animals and the environment.

The children had a fantastic time and learned how to better take care of the environment.

Firs Farm Festival and Wetlands Launch

This community event will be held in Firs Farm Park Wetlands and Playing Fields in Winchmore Hill, on Saturday 16th July 2016 from 11am to 7pm.

You are invited to dress up and parade through the new woodland paths as your favourite wetland creature or plant and/or come along and enjoy a fun day out. See <http://www.firsfarmn21.org/> for more information.

Enterprise Week and the Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Each class (Y2-5) will become a business for the week of 6-10th of June. They will choose a product, linked to the Queen's birthday celebrations, to make for sale, carrying out customer research and creating a financial plan. They will need to approach the Bank of Highfield for a loan to cover the materials, market their products, create and sell their product and calculate their success and profitability. Each class can then decide what to spend any profit on or whether to give it to charity.

On Friday 10th June we will be celebrating the Queen's official 90th birthday with a special assembly, learning about the life of our Queen and designing and wearing our own crowns. Each child is allowed to bring £2 to school to buy a souvenir from another year group (Year 1 will have their own 20p shop).

Poetry Corner

Summer is on the way! As the following lines, the chorus taken from Poem for Spring and Summer written by Yekta and Maya in 5D tells us, we can all begin to look forward to warmer weather, longer days and more time to spend outdoors.

*The Days are clearer
day after day
When it's April
it leads to May
The summer's dawn
will rise up soon
Ready for sunshine?
Here comes June!*

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, a session I have been running after school on Tuesdays (3:30 – 4:15) for parents 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 10th through until the end of the school year and I will come and find you there.

Courage

Courage is the value we are focusing on this term. Here are some beautiful words taken from poems by Amina (6K) and Simona (6K), both newly arrived at Highfield this year, who wrote about their experiences.

(from Simona's poem)

*She knew all about mountains
This child from Bulgaria
Who never knew where to find the English
sea.
But now she knows the smell of fresh air
in the morning.
The green comfort of soft clouds...*

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(from Amina's 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...*

KS1 School Council Poetry Workshop

KS1 school council worked with Cheryl to create a fantastic poem about our school values. The poem addresses what respect, kindness, and cooperation look like in the eyes of the children. They were able to share their poem with the school on Monday, 9th May in an assembly. The poem is now available to read on our school website.



Summer Fete

This year, the Summer Fete will be on Saturday 9th July from 12 to 4pm. We are planning to continue the regal theme with a royal pageant and parade. Please come along and enjoy a family fun-packed school community day!

Summer Fete Volunteers – please can you help? We need plenty of help organising the event and on the day, so please help us to make this another hugely successful and fun day for all. Please contact us by email, via the school office and/or come to our Friends meetings to find out more. We can't do this without you!

School Uniform Suppliers

Our school uniforms are now sold by Smiths Schoolwear 155-157 Lancaster Road, EN2 0JN.

Free Cycle Workshops at Winchmore School

Cycle Enfield will be offering FREE half term holiday cycle skills for various age groups 30th May – 2nd June. Training can be booked here:

<http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/enfield>

Attendance	
Form	%
1J	96.12
1L	95.32
1S	96.31
2G	96.87
2I	95.61
2M	97.12
3M	97.62
3MB	95.37
4D	95.89
4S	97.45
4T	96.06
5D	95.91
5S	97.14
6K	96.93
6W	95.67
RC	95.95
RP	95.75
RT	96.79
Whole School	96.35

Year 6 Careers Fair

We are looking for your help! Would you be able to come into school for a couple of hours on the afternoon of Tuesday 5th July and talk about your chosen profession? If you can, please contact Mrs Calder or the Year 6 teachers.

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Dates		
27 May	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF-TERM	
31 May - 4 June	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	
6 June	SCHOOL OPENS	
6 June	Year 2 Tate Modern Gallery Trip	
6-10 June	Year 6 Residential Trip	
7 June	Year 6 Tolmers Trip	
6-10 June	Enterprise Week	
10 June	Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations	
20 June	Y3-6 Sports Day	9:45
21 June	Rec-Y2 Sports Day	9:45
22 June	Y5 visit to Sikh temple	
27 June	Y4 Firs Farm Trip	
28 June	New parent/carers meetings for Nursery and Reception	
30 June	Nursery fundraiser	
1 st July	3MB Woodcroft Wildspace Trip	
5 th July	3M Woodcroft Wildspace Trip Y4 Orienteering at Lea Valley Y5 Kidzania Trip Y6 Careers Fair	
8 th July	4T Woodcroft Wildspace Trip	
12 July	4D Woodcroft Wildspace Trip Year 6 Performance – The Lion King	6:00 – 7:00
14 July	Bastille Day Celebrations Parent/Carer Open Evening	3:45-5:00
18 July	Highfield's Got Talent Show	
19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco	3:30-5:00
20 th July	SCHOOL CLOSSES to CHILDREN	1:30

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