



Highfield Primary School

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Excellent achievement at Highfield School

Over the last term children in Y2 and 6 have been completing SATS assessments and Y1 have completed the Phonics screening test.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH PUPILS MAKING OUTSTANDING PROGRESS AND SUSTAINING HIGH STANDARDS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STAFF AND CHILDREN!

Reception *LA and National data unpublished, school unvalidated as yet*

- Reading, Writing and Maths percentages all show an upward trend, Reading at 74% (2015 – school 70%, LA 74% and National at 66%), Writing at 74% (2015 – school 68%, LA 70%, National 66%) and Maths 74% (2015 – school 69%, LA 76%, National 72%).

Phonics *National data has yet to be published*

- 82% of children passing in Y1 is the schools highest % of children passing at Highfield since the test was introduced. It is an increase of from 79% in 2015 (2015 national was 77%).

KS1 *National data for KS1 has yet to be published*

- With the higher expectations of the curriculum the % of children who are working at or at greater depth is high. (Last year's data is not comparable due to the new curriculum.)

KS2 *Greater depth scale to be published in Autumn 2016*

- In Reading, Writing and Maths and combined - significantly above the national average.

Pupil Results 2016 SATS

	Reception			Y2		Y6 (national results in brackets)		
	Expected	Exceeding	Expected/Exceeding	Working At +	Greater Depth	Working At +	Greater Depth *	Average scaled score 100 points is the expected
Reading	43%	31%	74%	78%	29%	88% (66%)		107 (103)
Writing	55%	19%	74%	74%	20%	84% (74%)		N/A
Maths	50%	24%	74%	78%	32%	88% (70%)		105 (103)
Combined			74%	71%	18%	78% (53%)		N/A
GPS	GLD – 67%			N/A	N/A	71% (72%)		104 (104)

*Results not yet released.

Phonics pass % 32 and above	Y1	Y2 resits
	82%	76%

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Next term "Meet the Teacher"

Please scroll down for dates for the early part of Autumn term. We are again running "Meet the teacher" sessions when parents/carers can come into school with their children at 8.50am. Important information will be given such as homework, PE days, internet safety, timetables etc. Please come along – see dates below.

Eid Assembly

A few weeks ago Muslims all over the world celebrated the end of Ramadan and the festival of Eid al Fitr. At school we had a special Eid assembly presented by Mrs Omar, Ms Ikoloh and some children from 2I. Mrs Omar shared some facts about Eid and talked with us about how she celebrates Eid in her family. The children of 2I also talked about what they do in their families and showed us that Muslims in our school have families that originate from many different countries, including Algeria, Iraq and Turkey. Everyone watched an animated film about the importance of showing kindness to others during Eid. A few lucky children won prizes for being able to answer questions about Islam and the festival of Eid.



Handball Match

On Monday 11th July Highfield's Boys and Girls Handball teams played matches against Hazelwood Primary School. Our Boys team faced a very strong Hazelwood team who had been playing together for some time. Unfortunately, Highfield lost 11-4 but they fought well to come back from being 5-0 down. Highfield's goals were scored by, Tarlan, Emileo, Pasha and Markie.

The Girls team played in a much closer game. All the girls attacked and defended well with Yekta scoring four goals and Islimada scoring one and Yagmur and Hafsah blocking many opponents shots. The final score was 5-4 to Highfield.

We would like to thank Mrs Fernandez for giving up her time each week to coach the children, Mr

Charles for refereeing one of the games and Mr Fernandez for supplying the half time oranges.

Pick your own vegetables

Would you like to come to the school over the summer holidays and pick your own vegetables to take home? A member of the Friends of Highfield will attend the secret garden every Monday in August between 11.00am-12.00pm and parents/carers and their children are invited to pop in and get picking.

Many thanks to the Friends of Highfield (and in particular Ms Polycarpou), for growing the vegetables in our allotments and giving up their time over the holidays.

The Great Highfield Bake off

The Great Highfield Bake-Off in Year 3 took place this week, with the children designing and making their own bread rolls. We added all sorts of exciting ingredients, from dried apricots to peppers, and delicious smells filled the corridors and were commented on by many staff and children from other classes. Mr Wilson had the difficult task of judging the Bake Off. Congratulations to Dzwani in 3MB and Leart in 3M who impressed him with their marvelous creations!



Curriculum Homework

Our first termly topic in August is 'Once Upon a Time...' Class teachers will be giving the children a list of homework project ideas for you to investigate over the summer holidays and the first week of term.

New Deputy Head teacher

Congratulations to Mrs Shaughnessy who was successful in her application to be a Deputy Head teacher at Highfield. She will take up her position in September and work alongside Ms McGovern, who is the school's long standing Deputy Head teacher. The schools outstanding leadership team which includes the Assistant Heads; Mrs Calder, Mr Blount

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and Mr Wilson will ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils. We look forward to another successful year.

CLiPPA poetry, by Yekta and Christvie

Imagine this. Your school gets five new books of poetry. You find one you really like. It's called 'One' by Sarah Crossan and it's about a pair of conjoined twins - sisters who can't live apart from one another. You ask your local library to order a copy so you can borrow it and read at home. You can't put it down. Your dad sees you reading for two days straight and says 'Are you seriously still reading that book?'

You learn a poem from the book to perform with your friend and you film your performance. Then your school gets a letter saying you have both been invited to perform at the awards ceremony, meet the author of that book and lots of other famous poets.

That's exactly what happened to us when we took part in the CLiPPA Schools Shadowing Scheme. When we told our mums at first they just said "Oh, good...good." But when we showed them the letter they realised, "You're going to be ON STAGE AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE!!!"

The night before, we were scared. When we got there people kept taking pictures of us, like we were celebrities. We got to rehearse, did a fun performance workshop and had a tour. We were just amazed to see how hard people work on a play and how big it was backstage. By the time it came for us to perform we felt like real sisters having a conversation. It was a natural thing.

After the performance strangers came up to us and said we'd made them CRY!! 'One' won, together with Michael Rosen's 'A Great Big Cuddle'. Sarah Crossan signed our books and Michael Rosen said he was really proud of our acting and our reading and...everything!



French Day At Highfield Primary School

This year's theme was the Tour de France. The children rode bikes around our special Tour de Highfield course while the spectators cheered "Allez! Allez!". Continuing the cycling theme the children ordered smoothies in French made by teachers pedalling a smoothie bike! Each class heard a story read in French by French mums and French speaking members of staff. Thank you to everyone who sent in items for the French breakfast – another very popular activity!



4T visit Woodcroft

On Tuesday 12th July, 4T had a visit to Woodcroft Wild Space. While we were there, the children explored the wonders of nature with the helpful volunteers. We saw different mini beasts that lived in different habitats, including frogs, baby newts, water scorpions, snails and water boatmen in the pond. In the forest we found bees, dragonflies and a variety of different flowers and plants and finally in the meadow we were able to catch grasshoppers and butterflies. Our favourite part was when we crawled through the thorny tunnel made out of sticks and leaves. We really enjoyed Woodcroft, even though it poured down with rain on our way back to school! We would like to say thank you to everyone at Woodcroft.

Eleni said, "When we crawled through the tunnel it was like we were in our own habitat!"

Julian said, "At Woodcroft we learnt different names of animals that we didn't know."

Highfield's Got Talent

Congratulations to Maya & Shai the 'Sweet Sisters' who won Highfield's Got Talent with an excellent dance routine. Well done to Sila, Saphira, Selina, Kyra, Anastasia & Sultan the 'Six Harmony's' and Guila & Alexandra the 'Dancing stars' who came 2nd and 3rd respectively.

We would also like to thank the other finalists who wowed us with their performances and to the

school council for judging and Ms McGovern and Ms Kemal for organising the event.



School Council update - Summer term 2016

This year the school council have worked as part of the Mayor of London's Young Ambassadors Programme. The pupils need to see how they can work with other agencies in their local community and the pupil's identified the local hospice as a possible place to offer support.

In May the school invited the hospice in to lead an assembly on the work they do. In this assembly they informed us that they rely on donations to keep their important work funded. At the next meeting the school council agreed that this would be the area to continue working on for the rest of the school year.

Part of the work this year has also centred around working with the school poet, Cheryl, on writing termly poems on the termly values that the school council voted on: Hope, Courage and Unity. It was therefore decided to try and merge this work and write these poems with the people at the hospice: patients, staff and families and then produce a poetry pamphlet that we could sell to raise money for them. These poems will be completed by the end of the school year and the first newsletter in the Autumn term will let the community know the final amount raised.

Young Interpreters- Summer term 2016

This term the Young Interpreters have helped to welcome many new children into the school. They have assisted in showing families around and ensured that pupils know their way 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' that runs on 2 lunchtimes a week on the benches in the playground 1:00 to 1:30. They designed and made posters for their language, advertising the club, and led an assembly

to explain to the children the work they do. The club is for children who would like help learning English (especially those who have recently arrived at the school) 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. They have also helped to promote the 'language of the month', where each month a language that is spoken by pupils in the school is celebrated.

Y5 go to Kidzmania

Year 5 really enjoyed going to Kidzania in London. They were given fifty kidzos each to begin with and then had to find jobs to earn more money. Some children even managed to earn enough to get a bank card. There were many jobs to choose from including being a firefighter, hairdresser, radio presenter, pilot and much more. They could also spend the money they had earned in the shop and on different activities.

"It was such a magnificent trip and I had loads of fun! I liked the Renault garage." Abir

"It was a once in a life time trip. I liked being a radio presenter for Capital FM." Linda

"It was good experience for what it will be like in the future." Zilan

Year 6's End of Year Production-The Lion King

Year 6 performed their last ever production at primary school on Tuesday 12th July. What a production it was! The children performed The Lion King with enthusiasm, commitment and dedication. The singing, acting and dancing was so amazing, it brought tears to the eyes of many parents and staff! The children sang the classic 'The Circle of Life' with passion and danced their way through 'I Just Can't Wait to Be King'. The props and costumes were made by the children, with the help of many adults. The whole school was extremely proud of Year 6. What a memory to have for those involved in the production.



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Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Oskis for organising the Year 2 book fair and to everyone who purchased a book. The total sales came to £1,683 meaning that £950 was raised for the school to invest in books.

School Fete

Thank you to Noel and the FFA for organising the school fete. It was a great day enjoyed by all and a lot of hard work went into making it such a great event.

Enfield Grammar: Important information for parents regarding application under the Sport and/or Music criteria for September 2017:

The Supplementary Application Form is now available from the Admissions page of the school's website www.enfieldgrammar.com. The closing date for these application forms to be returned to Enfield Grammar School is Friday 16th September 2016 for Music and Friday 23rd September 2016 for Sport.

Dates		
Thursday 1 st September	INSET day – school closed	All Day
Friday 2 nd September	INSET day – school closed	All Day
Monday 5 th September	Children back to school	
5 th -9 th September	Be Proud of Who You are Week	
7 th September	Deadline: Year 6 School Council applications to Miss Dawson, 5D	
8 th -9 th September	Y6 School Council interviews	
9 th September	Years 5 and 6 meet the teacher	8.50-9.30
9 th September	Year 6 SATs and Secondary school meetings for parents/carers	9.45-10.30
12 th September	School Council and Eco-Council elections	
12 th September	Years 3 and 4 meet the teacher	8.50-9.30
13 th September	Years 1 and 2 meet the teacher	8.50-9.30
13 th September	Children's individual photos	All Day
16 th September	Curriculum newsletters out to parents/carers	
19 th -23 rd September	Y6 Tolmers 5 day residential	

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30 th September	5S Class Assembly	9:15-9:35
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6 th October	National Poetry Day	All Day
7 th October	5D Class Assembly	9:15-9:35
13 th October	Governor's coffee morning in canteen	9.00-10.00
17 th October	Parent/carers open evening	4.00-6.30
18 th October	Parent/carers open evening	4.00-6.00
21 st October	4D class assembly	9.15-.9.35

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