



HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - April 2017



IMPORTANT DATES 2017-2018

For Your Information

School will start back on **Wednesday 6th September 2017** for all children in Years 1 2 3 4 5 6.
Different arrangements will apply for Nursery and Reception children.

Inset days 2017 – 2018

Monday 4th Sept 2017

Tuesday 5th Sept 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

Friday 25th May 2018

Friday 20th July 2018



Headteacher Awards

21st April 2017

Class NPM: Lucas—for showing great kindness to others and enjoying his learning.

Class 1S: Roxi-Mae—for working so hard and becoming more independent with her writing and maths.

Class 3M: Stefan—for continued hard work and determination. Constantly strives to improve his work and support his peers with their learning and models the school values everyday.

28th April 2017

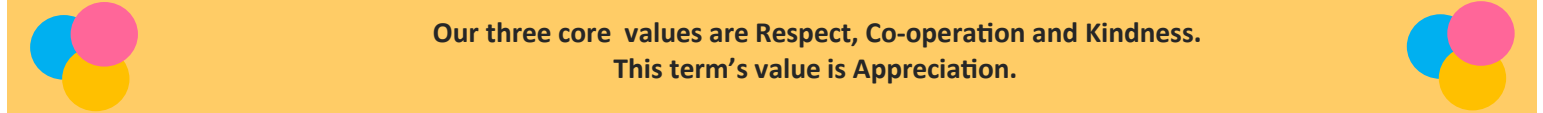
Class RP: Logan —for settling so well into school life

Class 1J: Robyn—for trying her best with her reading and writing and always being kind and helpful to her peers and adults


Class 3MB: Laura—for excellent English and Maths work. Wonderful friendship skills



WELL DONE!



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Parking

Unfortunately we have received several complaints from local residents about parents parking across their drives. There are very few areas for parents to park on Highfield Road so if you really have to drive your child to school we strongly advise that you allow time to park further away from the school and walk the final part of the journey. It is not acceptable to park across the driveways of local residents (or park so your vehicle is blocking the road) and we need to respect other people's right to use the road. We would appreciate everyone's support in ensuring that resident's drives are not blocked.

Breach of School Parking Restrictions

For your information our local Police are now keeping a database of dangerous parking on the zig zag lines and around the school and you will receive a letter from them regarding your parking if you park inappropriately.



Safeguarding

E-Safety-Staying Safe Online

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.
- 4) Never give out your passwords.
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know.
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do.
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online.
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views, it doesn't mean you need to be rude.
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.



Language of the term – Arabic

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 term. (You may have seen the display in the reception area).

In the summer term our language will be Arabic 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 Arabic to talk to their class so we can learn from someone who has first hand experience of the language.

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Big pedal

During the last two weeks of the Spring Term, Highfield took part in the Big Pedal. This involved children across all year groups cycling or scooting to school either by themselves or with an adult, it was then recorded in each class how many children travelled to school in this way and was put on a database to be compared with schools across the country. This initiative definitely increased the amount of children that cycled to Highfield and the brilliant news is there is now a cycle lane which will allow them to stay safe while cycling to school! Unfortunately, Highfield did not win the competition, but Mrs Lock would like to say well done to all of the children and adults that cycled or scooted to school during those two weeks!



Bikeability

Some of the Year 3 and Year 4 recently took part in a Cycle Confident Program called Bikeability, this program helps children become more stable and confident whilst riding a bike. It also helps them understand how and why it is important to stay safe whilst riding a bike in public especially near roads. All of the children that took part passed this course and they received a badge and a certificate, well done!

Chance to Shine Cricket

Highfield Primary School have recently joined the Enfield Cricket League and they have been encouraging many children across the school to enjoy cricket in the sunshine. Due to this, the school has received some funding to invest in a cricket coach that will be working with different year groups in our school, the children will also be given the opportunity to play at the local cricket club. Mr Clarke is extremely passionate about this sport and is already doing an excellent job passing this enthusiasm on to the children at Highfield.



Healthy Snack Reminder

All children in the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with fruit or vegetables daily from the Borough of Enfield, therefore they **do not need to bring a snack to school**. In addition the children in the Nursery and Reception classes are also provided with milk every day.

If you wish to provide a snack for your children in Years 3 4 5 and 6 to have during morning break, please ensure it is a healthy snack! **Crisps, chocolates, sweets and biscuits are not allowed and will be sent back home!**

Some healthy options for your children are



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Boys Football

On Tuesday 14th March the boy's football team travelled to Edmonton County Upper School to play matches against Churchfield and St Johns. The first game against Churchfield was a hard fought game with both sides giving 100%. At half time the score was 0-0 with Highfield giving as good as they got. Unfortunately in the 2nd half our disciplined defence fell apart somewhat and we eventually lost the game 4-0.

The match against St John's was a much tighter affair. In the 1st half defences were on top and with little for either keeper to do the score at the break was 0-0. In the 2nd half however attacking players from both sides came to the fore. In the Highfield goal Callum pulled off some excellent saves, and Brandon, in particular, making some excellent last ditch tackles. In attack Osman hit the bar and Emre and Billy forced some magnificent saves from the St John's keeper. In a game that was so end to end it was incredible that the match ended 0-0.

Well done to the Highfield team that showed massive improvements over the season.

The team: Callum, Nektario, Brandon, Aziz, Luke, Kieran, Osman, Emre, Billy



Highfield poetry on display in Palmers Green Library

The school's poetry anthology is currently on display at Palmers Green Library.

Many children, who are still pupils at the school, contributed to the book and it would be very exciting for them to see their work on display in public. If your child's poem is in the book (or even if it is not) we would encourage you to visit the library to see the brilliant work the children produced. We know the library staff would be very excited to see them. Tobias in 3C (pictured below) said seeing the book their made him feel "really happy and proud to be part of something so special."



After school poetry with Cheryl

Our school poet, Cheryl Moskowitz, will be doing after school poetry workshops with parents/carers and their children. In the workshops Cheryl will facilitate creating poetry and she is open to suggestions about what the subject matter is. These sessions are open to everybody and you can attend as many as you like. You do not need to book just come to the main reception at 3:30 with your child/children on the following dates and Cheryl will collect you: **15th & 22nd May, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June and 3rd & 10th July. The sessions will last for 45 minutes.**



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Spectacular Space History Day

Would you believe that Year One travelled into space? Everyone looked amazing dressed up as one of the people (or animals) that travelled into space. George in 1J said, "I love dressing up as an astronaut and learning about the different planets." The children participated in a variety of activities. They made wonderful space art and informative booklets about the history of space travel. Tristan in 1L said, "I know a lot about the history of space travel!" They also learned how to walk on the moon and created space music. Alex in 1S said, "I loved creating a space collage."



Congratulations and good luck Victor

In our March newsletter we let everyone know that Victor in 4M had been named "The Best of the Bunch" in Highfield's closely fought Bananagrams Challenge and was now representing Highfield playing in the online round, playing against hundreds of schools across the UK. Well Victor did very well in the online round, so much so that he is now representing the school at the grand final at the Magic Circle this Saturday 29th April! We would also like to thank Ms Bauss for organising the competition and all the children that took part in the tournament. Good luck Victor!



1S's Disgusting Assembly!

On Friday 28th April, 1S performed their fantastic assembly. The children retold a story they had studied in English called "The Disgusting Sandwich". The story was about a hungry badger who spies a delicious sandwich in the park, but a series of events leads to the sandwich becoming more and more disgusting! 1S learned their lines perfectly and their singing and acting was superb! "I was the frog and had to jump out the way of a scooter that squashed the sandwich!" said Haaris. At the end of the assembly, 1S sang a funny song about eating slugs! "I loved the yummy yummy slug song. It talks about slugs being sweet like sugar!" said Sindi. Well done, 1S, for a truly amazing, assembly!



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April 2017	ATTENDANCE
Group	%
R	97.04
1	95.12
2	94.94
3	96.79
4	96.04
5	96.03
6	95.91
1S	95.69
1L	94.9
1J	94.76
2B	94.32
2M	95.05
2I	95.53
3M	97.11
3MB	97.06
3C	96.18
4D	96.08
4M	96.01
5S	95.62
5L	96.73
5D	95.71
6K	96.69
6W	95.16
RT	97.14
RP	97.02
RC	96.97
Whole School	96.1

May 2017	Diary Dates
Monday 01 May 2017	Bank holiday
Tuesday 02 May 2017	Class photos— Churchbury Photographics
Friday 05 May 2017	RC Class Assembly
Monday 08 May 2017	Y2 SAT's assessments begin
	KS2 SATs week begins
	Prospective Parent Tour (am)
Friday 19 May 2017	RT Class Assembly
Monday 29 May 2017— Friday 02 June 2017	HALF TERM
Monday 5th June 2017	First day back



Staffing Updates....

Welcome to Mrs Raif and Mrs Ferrari who are joining our school as our new Reception/Admin Officers. Farewell to Ms Elliot our school Receptionist. We wish her every success and thank her for her time with us.

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