



HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - September 2017

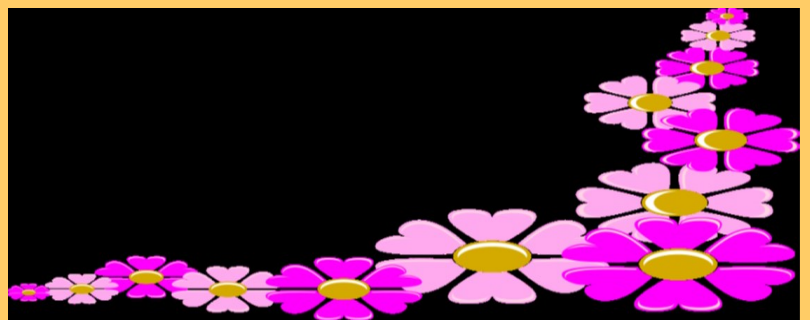
Headteacher's Message

A very warm welcome back to you all!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Summer holiday and are looking forward to a fun and exciting academic year ahead.

It was wonderful to see our pupils returning dressed so smartly in full Highfield School uniform. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who made this happen. Walking around the classes, I was impressed with how quickly our pupils were settling into their new classes with their new teachers. The behaviour (as usual at Highfield) is outstanding!

*What a great first month back.
Maria Kemal*



WELCOME TO THE NURSERY AND RECEPTION PARENTS & PUPILS

It was wonderful to welcome our new nursery and reception pupils and new families to Highfield. Please contact the office or your child's class teacher if you have any queries. We want to help the children and their families settle quickly into our school.

THIS TERM'S VALUE IS GENEROSITY:



It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.

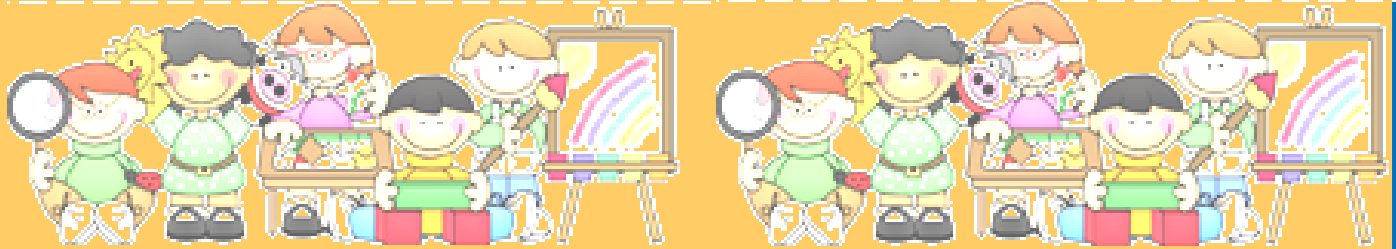
(Mother Teresa)



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DRIVING SAFELY & PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Thank you to the majority of parent/carers who are taking road safety outside our school very seriously.

It is so important that everyone does this to avoid putting our children in danger. It is in the interest of all our children that everyone drives carefully.

We have also noticed a few drivers who have been parking on the yellow zig-zag lines to drop off some children. Not only is this dangerous but it is also against the law.

Parent/carers must be mindful of where they can or cannot park – Please do not park across residents driveways.

Could we please ask parent/carers NOT to turn their vehicles into the car park entrance of the school. Children and parents are walking across it. We need to keep everyone safe.



Healthy snack guidance:

We allow children to have a healthy snack at break time. Children in Early Years and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit/vegetables, while in KS2 parents/carers have the option to provide their child with a healthy snack, for break time.

There has been some confusion and debate about what constitutes a healthy snack and after looking at NHS advice and understanding the need for clarity on this issue we have decided for KS2 a **healthy snack is a piece of fruit or a vegetable**. This is in line what is provided for children in the Early Years and KS1.



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Young Interpreters

At Highfield we are very lucky to have pupils that speak many different languages. Each year we have a group of children that take on the role of Young Interpreters.

The role of Young Interpreters is to show visitors around the school, particularly new children who don't speak English and their families. Buddy up with new arrivals (particularly at lunchtime and playtime) during their 1st few weeks to show them where things are in the school. Young Interpreters also run a lunchtime club teaching children a different language or talking to children who have just joined the school in their 1st language.

The young interpreters for this year are:

- Raviye - 6D
- Kieran - 6D
- Ioana - 6D
- Emilia - 5B
- Victor - 5S
- Akram - 5S
- Eva - 4M
- Angelina - 4D
- Daniella - 3I
- Sophia - 3M
- Eylul - 3C
- Kimaya - 3C

Hello Bonjour Hola
 እው ሰላም ነው (Amharic) Olá Hallo
 Hodi (Swahili) מולש (Hebrew)
 Buongiorno ابحرم (Arabic)
 你好 (Mandarin)

Language of the month

The language of the month at Highfield this month is 'GREEK'. Here are some words and phrases:

Hello/Goodbye	Ya su
Good morning	Kalimera
Good afternoon	Kalisbera
Good night	Kalinychta
Welcome	Kalosorisade
Come here	Ela etho



Macmillan fundraising

Thank you to the Friends of Highfield for organising the annual Macmillan Coffee and Cake morning. All the cakes looked and tasted delicious and there was a fantastic turnout of families. In addition, the staff at Highfield took part in a 'Teacher Bake Off' to support raising money for the charity. Thank you all for your generous contributions all for a good cause.



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Team Captains

Last week the Team Captain interviews were held for Year 6; with over thirty applicants and just as many interviews, Mrs Lock found it very difficult to narrow this down to only eight children! The children who were interviewed all did a fantastic job at speaking clearly, answering questions thoughtfully and showed that they would be fantastic role models for the whole school. Unfortunately, they could not all be picked for the job so well done to our new Team Captains who are: Mark 6P and Luca 6D for Red Team, Selina 6L and Yusuf 6L for Blue Team, Alberto 6L and Mohammed 6P for green Team, Deniz 6D and Oliver 6L, and because it was so difficult to choose we have two extra overall Sports Leaders, Anastasia 6L and Kadedra 6D. Well done to everybody who applied!

Sports Clubs

Our Sports clubs this year are underway and with so much interest from the pupils at Highfield Primary School, we will change the children in some clubs every term. The dance club for Years 3 and 4 are already looking forward to their final performance that they will show around Christmas. The Gymnastics club for Years 1 and 2 are getting ready for the Gymnastic Festival in November. The Netball Team have had training for their first match on 3rd October and the Boys Football Team has already had their first match! Other clubs taking place at Highfield this Term are: Boxing for Years 3 and 4, Dance for Years 5 and 6 and Handball for Years 3-6. The team Captains will also be running sports clubs for each Year group at lunchtimes. It is fantastic to see so many children taking part in so many sporting activities!

A close match!

On 19th September, some of the boys Football Team travelled to Edmonton County for their first football match of the season. The boys had only been training for two weeks before they came up against Hadleywood Primary School for their first game of the season. It was a great match and with the incredible Mark Cripps, 6P, in goal, the team only had a narrow defeat of 1-0. All of the boys showed excellent determination and team work skills and it was a very impressive display. Well done to the Highfield Primary School Football Team: Yusuf 6L, Ryan 6L, Alberto 6L, Memo 6P, Mark 6P, Akram 5S and Ledjon 5S.

Go go, Year 1!

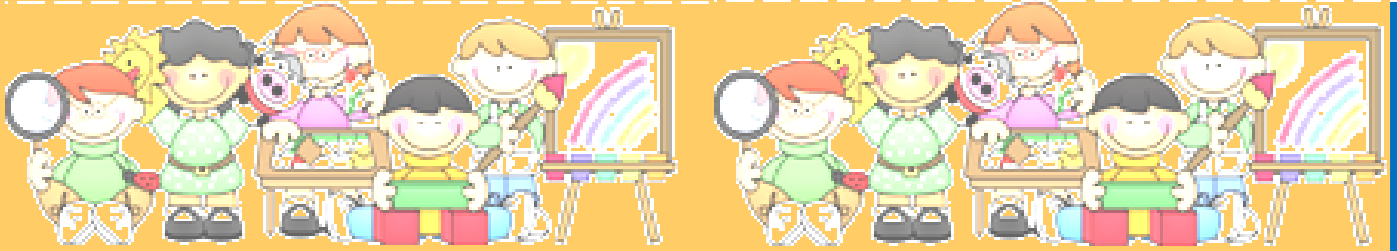
Year 1 entered a Geography competition run by CBeebies' Go Jettters and, fantastically, we won! We have won a selection of Geography resources to help us learn about the world, some toys and games to enjoy in class and a Go Jettters magazine and DVD for every Year 1 child to take home! Year 1 are so proud and can't wait to enjoy their prizes!



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Terrorist Activity in London

In recent months due to the ongoing terrorist activity in London, and across the country, we have had to cancel several school trips. These decisions are very difficult as we have to balance providing children with the brilliant educational experiences that our great city has to offer and our pupil's and staff's safety.

We have therefore made the decision that if we are told the threat level is critical or imminent school trips into central London will be cancelled. We have to make the decision that gives some notice to staff and parents so there is the chance that the threat level may have been reduced by the time of the planned trip but we will keep to our original decision as people would have made plans accordingly.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

School Council Elected!

Highfield's 2017 – 2018 School Council team were elected! Congratulations to the following children: Cosmin and Matylda (3C), Adamn and Maya (3I), Kleo and Lamys (3M), Gabriel and Simona (4D), Paiman and Kloe (4M), Senih and Christiana (4MC), Rayan and Chloe (5B), Martyna and Ayaan (5S), Ilias and Nasra (6D), Ediz and Eleni (6L), Tarik and Lois (6P), Shai as treasurer (6D), Kyra as secretary (6L) and Ediz and Nasra as head school councillors.

Thank you to all of the children who applied and wrote fantastic speeches persuading their peers to vote for them!

The school council chose **GENEROSITY** as our new termly value. They led on a KS2 Assembly to discuss the value and announced the highly anticipated Children's Charter winners!

Year 6 SATs Meeting

The Year 6 SATs and secondary meeting was well attended by 58 parents.

The process of the Secondary School application was given to parents alongside advice and dates for information meetings and dates for school open evenings.

The SATS meeting gave parents information on the new curriculum, how the children's scores are worked out, how parents can help at home and what we do here at Highfield during Year 6 and the build up to SATS. Parents were advised on how they could help at home.

The power points are now on the school website.

Feedback from parents:

"Very informative and helpful."

"The advice given has helped me as a parent"

"Well presented and a good presentation"

"It was very helpful and I feel I know more about the process"



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Our “Meet the Teacher” meetings were very well attended.
Thank you for your co-operation, your opinion matters to us. Please read the outcomes.

Maria Kemal - Headteacher

“Together we can achieve more”

“I can see my child is in a happy, safe environment where she will flourish” – Year 1 Parent

“Our children need to know that we are a team “– Teacher-Student-Parent – Year 3 Parent

Your comments.....

Did you find the meeting useful? Was the information helpful?

- ◆ *The information was very helpful*
- ◆ *Nice to be in the child’s classroom*
- ◆ *Everything was explained very clearly*
- ◆ *As parents we get an understanding of what our children will be doing in class*
- ◆ *It’s a good opportunity to ask questions one may have*
- ◆ *It’s always good to hear the aspirations in each year group and how we can support our children*
- ◆ *I would have liked a meeting like this when my child was in the reception class*

Do you feel having your child present at the meeting is important? Tell us why.

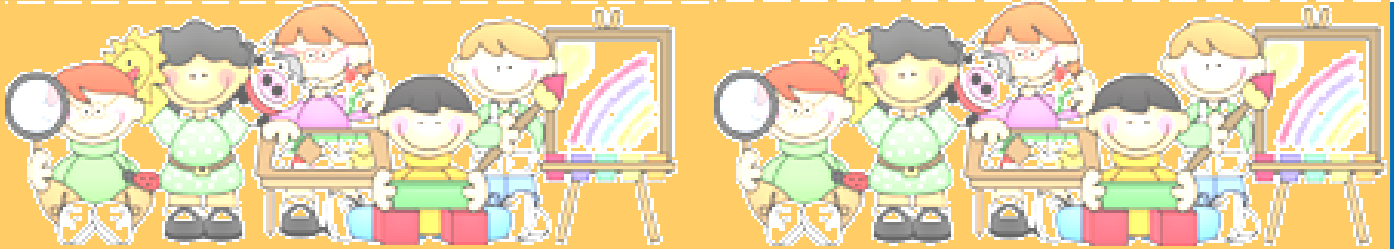
- ◆ *The child feels part of the whole learning process*
- ◆ *It means the children can discuss things with their parents about school*
- ◆ *It’s very important for the children to be there*
- ◆ *The children know what is expected of them*
- ◆ *The children are very proud of their class and teacher and want to show them off to us parents*
- ◆ *They know that their teachers has spoken to their parents*
- ◆ *Yes so children are on the same “page” as us!*
- ◆ *It’s good for the children to feel involved*
- ◆ *My child was listening carefully and will understand the importance of time-keeping and instructions*
- ◆ *I saw my child listening and I think it’s really important he understands what being in Y2 means and how much fun he is going to have!*



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- ◆ *It was really nice to see all the children in their classroom and how they were behaving so brilliantly*
- ◆ *It is good to hear the rules and values of the school together*

Is there anything you feel we should have included during the meeting?

- ◆ *Information about the children's curriculum – especially maths and English. **If you go onto the school website www.highfieldprimary.co.uk there is a whole section called curriculum that gives detailed information on all the curriculum areas taught and the curriculum overview for the year, including the topics/theme for the year.***
- ◆ *The presentation was really good but mainly visual; are there documents we can access to read more in depth? – **If you visit the school website on www.highfieldprimary.co.uk there are many policies and documentation around all aspects of school for you to read, paper copies can be obtained at the school office upon request***
- ◆ *Few parents asked questions around the SATS in Y2, this is what we would like to hear about – **Every year there is a separate information meeting held for parent/carers in Y2 that addresses the SATs, there is one planned this year for 6th November at 2.45***
- ◆ ***Trips planned for the year** – we give this information to you every month on the newsletter, where possible we can look to plan the trips for the whole year, however some adjustments and flexibility do occur and changes can be made.*
- ◆ ***Parent/carers dates told to us at the meeting** – we will action this and put them on the website instead of the newsletter. Reminders are also sent via text messages to parent/carers*
- ◆ ***Would have liked some Question and Answer time at the end of the meeting** – will consider this for the future, perhaps a sheet with frequently asked questions can be devised by the teachers and handed out at the end*
- ◆ ***Would like to know about IT related websites/APPS to support the children's learning-** please go onto the website www.highfieldprimary.co.uk into "children's page" where we have selected many for you to use*



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Children's Charter Winners

2017-2018

Year 1
Maise Lee in 1S



Year 2
Anassa Andreou in 2B



Year 3
Dilara Ucaroglu in 3I



Year 4
Julia Jagusiak in 4M



Year 5
Eda Zeyim in 5B



Year 6
Panteli Koreta in 6L



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Name	Class
Celeste Fernando	3C
Andrew Manea	3I
Suden Tencere	3M
Tara Toocaram	4D
Sabri Sargon	4M
Tony Hristov	4MC
Angela Coli	5B
Shyne Williams	5S
Christiana Kaguda	5S
Alex Eisen	6D
Alice Fernandes	6L
Emily Simpkins	6P

Autumn Term Buddies 2017

They were all eager and very excited to start. Their first day was last Wednesday and they have already helped 6 children during the lunch break.

Year 4 Broomfield Park trip

As part of our persuasive writing unit, Year 4 visited Broomfield Park on Tuesday 26th September. Our aim was to gather notes and ideas for a visitor's guide. We explored the conservatory, Remembrance garden, and Green Gym and afterwards headed to the adventure playground where the children were rewarded for all their hard work. It was a valuable learning opportunity and also a lot of fun. Their guides are nearly complete and are of a very high standard.

On the return journey, a member of the public telephoned the school to comment on the children's exemplary behaviour!

Quote: 'I was really impressed with the behaviour of the children and how friendly the staff were. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces'.

Well done Year 4!

Year 1's Harvest Assembly

On Friday 29th September, Year 1 performed their Harvest assembly to the children in Years 2-4. They shared what Christians do to celebrate Harvest and how we should be thankful for the food and things we have. Year 1 showed photos of the wonderful things in our world, read thank you cards they had written and told us what they do to show sharing and caring. Year 1 also sang some wonderful Harvest songs – well done, Year 1!



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September 2017	ATTENDANCE
Group	%
RF	100
RJ	95.04
RT	100
1J	95.23
1P	96.14
1S	95.64
2B	97.81
2D	97.82
2L	94.1
3C	94.56
3I	97.48
3M	96.06
4D	94.87
4M	95.8
4MC	96.05
5B	93.08
5S	90.5
6D	97.19
6L	94.62
Total	95.57

October 2017	Diary Dates
04.10.2017	ESOL Classes in the Canteen
06.10.2017	Class 4M Assembly
11.10.2017	ESOL Classes in the Canteen
13.10.2017	Class 4MC Assembly
16.10.2017	Parent/Carer Meeting 4-6.30pm
17.10.2017	Year 4 Trip to the Rail Museum
	ESOL Classes in the Canteen
19.10.2017	Year 4 Trip to the Rail Museum
	Parent/Carer Meeting 4-6.30pm
20.10.2017	Year 4 Trip to the Rail Museum
	Class 4D Assembly
23-27.10.2017	Half Term
30.10.2017	Inset Day
31.10.2017	Nursery, Reception & Siblings Photos



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