



Newsletter – March 2017
Highfield Primary School



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Wishing all our Christian Families

A Very Happy Easter



Highfield Celebrate International Day

Thank you from Nursery to Year 2



Highfields International Day was well supported across EYFS and KS1 with all teachers and children entering into the spirit of the day. Each year group enjoyed experiences of 3 completely different countries including sampling some of the traditional food offered by those cultures. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and were still speaking about it when they were collected by their parents. A big thank you to everyone involved in making the day such a resounding success especially the Friends of Highfield who gave up their time to organise and run the fantastic after school sale of traditional dishes from the various countries and also to the parents who contributed the wonderful food to make such an event possible.



Thank you from Year 3 to Year 6

On Friday 24th February, Highfield celebrated International Day! Our children had a superb day, full of interesting activities that celebrated the internationalism of our school. The children ‘travelled around the world’ in their phase groups and completed a range of activities and workshops, celebrating a range of different countries and cultures. Greek dancing, Bollywood dancing, Venetian mask making, Chinese lantern making and African oil paintings were a few of the activities our children took part in!



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ROAD SAFETY & Parking in Highfield Road:



I would like to thank the vast majority of parent/carers who put their child and other children's safety first by parking sensibly and not illegally.

However for the few parent/carers we once again must ask you to park correctly outside our school for the safety of all our children. **DO NOT** park in the school carpark entrance. It is also very dangerous to drop your child off from your car onto the road and allow them to run across the road. A serious accident will occur. The staff and police officer ask you to move on, the response from some of you is unacceptable and may lead to further police investigation.

Let's all work together to keep our children safe.

Parent/Carer Evenings – March 7th/9th

An overwhelming 96% attendance at these parent/carer consultations between yourselves and the class teachers will enable your child/children to continue having the outstanding learning they receive.

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NURSERY VISITORS

On Tuesday 14th of March the Nursery were very lucky to have Edmonton's Fire Fighters in to visit. They showed the children a poster with different dangerous scenarios around the home and the children were invited to come and find the danger. The Fireman also talked about calling 999 in an emergency. We also had the experience of shooting the hose at cones and seeing if we could get them to move. The children also got the opportunity to sit in the fire engine – it was hard getting some of them out! It was a wonderful experience even though, some children were worried that Fireman Sam was too busy to visit. The children were all really well behaved and delighted the Firemen with their unaffected charm.



1J ASSEMBLY

On Friday 17th March it was 1J's class assembly. As the class had had such a wonderful time learning about India on International Day they decided they wanted to share their experiences and learning with their parents, other children and teachers in the school. The children of 1J retold and acted out a traditional Indian story which they had also been learning about in their English lessons 'Monkey See, Monkey do'. 1J talked about the interesting facts they had learned about India and showed some of their colourful Rangoli patterns. The children sang a beautiful Indian song, they had been taught, about motivation which linked with our school value. The assembly was very well supported by parents who thoroughly enjoyed listening to 1J's learning experiences.

2B ASSEMBLY

2B performed a fantastic assembly all about space. The children shared some amazing facts as well as retelling the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' with an alien twist, ending up with a massive blue alien hiding in Mrs Kemal's office! 2B also performed 2 songs with dance moves and props. Well done 2B, you were all amazing!

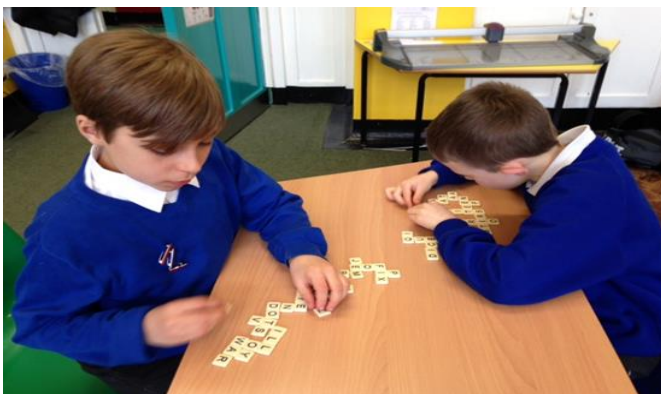


YEAR 3 VISIT TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

During the Easter term, Year 3 had the exciting opportunity to visit the Holy Trinity Church. In RE we had been learning about stories from the Bible and Christian celebrations, leading to our visit to meet Father Richard. Inside the Church we learnt about the importance of Easter within the Church and many more interesting facts including how during the Easter period, Churches cover up statues in purple cloth. After an informative talk from Father Richard, we were given time to walk around and sketch symbols inside the Church. From this we were able to explore the Easter story in depth with all our new knowledge about Easter in the Church.

BANANAGRAMS

Congratulations to Victor in 4M who has been crowned "The Best of the Bunch" in Highfield's closely fought Bananagrams Challenge! Bananagrams is a game that encourages children to play with words, arranging and rearranging letters to build words as quickly as they can. Victor fought off stiff competition from children in Years 4-6, including Billy in 6W against whom he played in the grand final. Victor will now represent Highfield playing in the online round against hundreds of schools across the UK. Good luck Victor!



FIRST AID IN 5L

The children in 5L have been learning emergency first aid. The programme is run by the British Red Cross and helps teach children how to react in an emergency. This week we looked at how to help someone who is choking or if they have burnt themselves. The children were given a talk on how to help someone with asthma or is a diabetic by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Kataria.

All the children stayed focused whilst learning to apply bandages.

Children's comments.....

- **Claudia** ...I know if someone is choking to pat their back firmly 5 times and to call 999 if they struggle
- **Kadedra**... today we learnt about epipen's and how to help someone with Asthma ,I know you have to put a burn under a cold tap for 10 minutes
- **Luca**... today I learnt how to put a bandage on I might find this useful if my sister gets hurt
- **Alex** ... when you burn your hand you put it in cold water and then cover it with cling film
- **Ania** ... today was one of my favourite days I learnt how to wrap a bandage and I know how to help someone who is choking

Healthy Snack Reminder

If you wish to provide a snack for your child (Y3 to Y6) to have during morning break, please ensure it is a healthy snack! ***Crisps, chocolates and biscuits are not allowed and will be sent back home!***

The children in the Nursery to Y2 are provided with fruit daily from the Borough.



RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 24th March, the children dressed up in red clothes and accessories and brought in £1.00 to go towards Comic Relief. We also sold red noses, which were quick to sell out! In the afternoon, each class had their own comedy afternoon and took part in lots of funny activities to make their friends (and teachers) laugh. They truly did *'make their laughs matter'*. The children at Highfield really do have a fantastic sense of humour! Thank you to all the families who were involved and contributed towards the charity and to the Friends of Highfield for organising a Comic Relief Coffee Morning.



Song Leaders

Highfield is extremely excited to have joined a Music scheme called 'Singing Playgrounds'! We have a selection of Key Stage Two children who have been specially trained as Song Leaders to lead singing games and activities in the playground. These games are for all children to join in if they wish and are a fantastic way to bring children from all year groups together. "I like being a Song Leader because I get to meet children from different years and make friends with children of different ages," said Callum in 6K. "I like being a Song Leader because it helps children enjoy their day and makes them happier if they are feeling sad," said Banu in 5L. The Song Leaders will be leading Highfield's Singing Playground on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 12.30 by the blue Music cabin. Come and join in!



Poetry at Highfield's

At the beginning of January, I set myself the task of writing a poem in response to the new school topic 'Time, Place, Earth and Space'. Writing that poem made me realise what a huge topic it was. I had to accept that I might never know all that I wanted to on the subject but being Highfield's poet for nearly three whole years now has also taught me that 'together we really can achieve more' so I decided to set the whole school a task to help me. I asked each year group to adopt a planet in order to discover all that they could about it and to write a poem in that planet's voice. As all the planets revolve around the same star, I asked Nursery to adopt the Sun. My dream was that if we all worked together we could create a piece through poetry that would tell us much more than any of us could ever know on our own about time, place and the vastness of space in the universe we live in.

Just a couple of weeks ago I decided to check in on all the classes to see how they were getting on. I could never have imagined how deeply each year group had come to know their planet and how ready they were to write beautiful poetic monologues in the voice of their adopted astral body. Every year group produced an amazing piece of writing and chose representatives to present it on stage for our 'Staging the Solar System at Highfield' assembly on Monday, March 20th. Isabel (2M) and Imogen (2I) launched us off with a poem about space written by Celeste (2I) and then Joshua and Orgita from the morning nursery dazzled us as the bright sun hotter than melted lava. Reception flashed by as Mercury, Yr 1 exploded onto the stage as Venus, a seven-strong group of Yr 2 astonished us as Earth, Yr 3 made their mark as Mars, a pair from Yr 5 impressed us as gas giant Jupiter, Yr 5 glittered as Saturn, 6K beguiled us as Uranus and last but not least 6W led us on a voyage of discovery to the rock-solid heart of the furthest planet, Neptune.

We were transported to the heavens and back. It was a wonder to behold.



Author Visits

Daisy Hirst

On World book day the author Daisy Hirst visited the school. She worked with Y1 and 2 talking about how she came up with the characters in her story and creating finger puppets. She then read her book 'Alphonse, that is not ok to do!' to Nursery and Reception children. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and it was great for them to see how they could be inspired in their story writing.



John Canfield

On the 3rd March John Canfield, the poet visited the school. He worked with Years 3 and 4, attempting to read a poem in under 20 seconds and helping the children create a brand new planet. John specialises in poetry about planets and the solar system and his visit fitted in very well with our current topic 'Time and Place, Earth and Space'. He was very impressed with children's knowledge.

Over the past few weeks all children have had a visit from a published author. These visits show children what it is possible to create as well as motivating and inspiring them in their writing. Thank you to all those parents who contributed £2. Without your contribution the school would not be able to fund such great experiences for your children.



Year 3 visit the Petrie Museum

Over the last few weeks, each of the Y3 classes has visited the Petrie Museum, at University College London. The museum was opened just for us and about 8000 artefacts were on display, including a skeleton in a pot! We spent the morning drawing and investigating artefacts and we also had talks by archaeologists, Amanda and Tracey. Amanda showed us how to read hieroglyphs using a pot made for King Tutankhamun! It was a great learning experience for us all.



Book Fair

A huge **thank you** to all our families who purchased books at the Book Fair! A total sale of £1518 has left the school with a massive **£911** commission. This was spent on books for the Year 4 Classes. Mrs Oskis has proved pivotal in organising our Book Fairs; it is most appreciated by us all.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mrs Bauss on the birth of baby **Emilia Lara Bauss** born on Friday 17th March. She weighed **3.36kg** and was **52cm** tall.

Headteacher Award Winners

Orgita NAM
Steven 2I
Emilia 4D
Alex RC
Daniel 2M
Halil 4M
Mark 5S
Salomon 2B
Well done!



The Enfield Partnership Singing Festival

On Tuesday 21st March 2017, Year 2 were lucky enough to take part in the Enfield Partnership Singing Festival, which took place at St Andrew's School in Enfield Town.

The children have been building up to singing at the festival over the past few weeks and their performance was excellent. Year 2 sang several songs with children from other Enfield schools and performed one song by themselves. Their performance was lively and confident. The festival was thoroughly enjoyed by all, particularly as our hosts were kind enough to provide us with refreshments before we left!



SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's are still giving vouchers until 3rd May, please collect when you go shopping and send them into school, as we are able to get a variety of different playground equipment! Thank you.

REMINDER

Please be advised that from Tuesday 16th April 2017 there will be a price increase to the cost of the main school meal.

The school will close on **Friday 31st March at 1.30pm** and will start again on **Tuesday 18th April at 8.50am**.



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Spectacular Space Assembly



1L showed their amazing knowledge of the history of space travel. In their wonderful space costumes, they placed on a timeline all the key events. Then they delighted the audience with a play from their English lessons 'The Chimps and the Hat Maker'. The story was written by Robin Greenwood who also read it to the audience. Mia Archer did a great job being the hat maker. The children also performed a dance they created and an opera song. The opera song was a real hit with everyone and the audience was singing along by the end. Well done 1L you were 'Spacetacular'!

Dance Festival

Well done to those KS2 children who represented Highfield School on Tuesday, 28th March, in the Enfield Schools Dance Festival at the Millfield Theatre for their fantastic performance. The dancers danced to the piece 'Power up to move forward' and wore outfits inspired by the theme of 'The Big Bang'.

Although very nervous, the children performed superbly and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A massive well done to the children who took part and a big thank you to all those who gave up their time to help and support at the rehearsal or on the evening.



Easter Assembly – Year 3

On Tuesday 28th March, Y3 performed an Easter Assembly to the whole school. Our assembly told the story of Easter and we explained why Easter is such an important time for Christians. The acting was wonderfully dramatic and the children spoke their lines clearly and loudly, so that everyone could hear. The songs were beautifully sung and the audience joined in with the actions. Our special guests, Mr and Mrs Potter were presented with flowers and chocolates at the end of the assembly. Mr Potter has worked with the school for 12 years. Thank you Mr Potter.

Ancient Egyptian day in Year 3







On the 23rd March, Year 3 created and took part in an Ancient Egyptian themed day. We came in dressed in our wonderful Egyptian outfits and the teachers dressed up too! We used role-play to act out what it might have been like to live in Egypt at this time and tasted some Ancient Egyptian foods, from our own Egyptian themed buffet. After tasting delicious Egyptian food, we discussed the different positions in the hierarchy and created our own Egyptian hierarchy pyramids. In the afternoon, Year 3 hosted an Egyptian fashion show and dance performance. It was great fun watching and dancing, as Egyptians would have done. Year 3 had a wonderful, fun-filled day as Ancient Egyptians and learnt new things about Egyptian life.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Class	%
RT	97.05
RP	96.84
RC	97.19
1S	95.63
1L	94.84
1J	94.72
2B	94.52
2M	94.92
2I	95.72
3M	97.21
3MB	96.91
3C	96.2
4D	95.89
4M	96.08
5S	95.54
5L	96.69
5D	95.78
6K	96.61
6W	95.17
Whole School	96.05

APRIL DIARY DATES

18 nd April	First Day Back	
19 th April	Poet in residence visit	
21 st April	Year 1 Woodcroft	10:00
26 th April	Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks	9.15-12.15
27 th April	1S Class Assembly	9:15-9:45
28 th April	Year 1 Woodcroft	10:00
May 1 st	Bank Holiday Monday	
	 The Schoolwear Specialists	
	 <p>10% Easter Discount!</p> <p>Thanks for being a loyal customer. We hope you enjoy this discount on any uniform!</p> <p>ONLINE DISCOUNT VALID FROM THE 1st-5th APRIL!</p> <p>Enter 'EASTER10' in the shopping cart before checkout to claim your discount!</p> <p>SHOP ONLINE!</p>	
	 <p>SMITHS NEWS</p> <p>We would like to welcome De Bohun Primary School to our new Cockfosters shop!</p>  <p>Spring/Summer Uniform now in stock!</p> <p>Keep an eye out for our NEW website launching soon!</p>	

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