



HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - July 2017



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers

We celebrate another successful year at Highfield Primary School.

I am sure you will agree with me that the children have had an exciting creative curriculum which has enabled them to progress in their learning. The talented staff have ensured your children are enthusiastic in their love of learning. Our priority is to ensure that when pupils move into their new class the progress in their learning continues, as we strive to be the outstanding school that we are.

The staff and I would like to thank you for your support over the year. The gifts and kinds words we have received from many of you are most appreciated.

Have a wonderful Summer break with your families and friends.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September, Happy holidays!




María Kemal


PROVISIONAL RESULTS

We are very pleased with the end of KS2 SATs results that were out this week.

They show how hard our pupils worked to achieve their best. Our end of Reception results, Year 1 phonics and KS1 SATs are also demonstrating good attainment and progress. The results will be shared shortly on our website and in a letter.



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Highfield Summer Fete - Message from The Chair Anthony Hughes

Our team of parents worked extremely hard, together with the support of the school staff on the day, to make the event a tremendous success with record attendance.

We were also honoured to have our new MP Bambos Charalambous pay us a surprise visit. He later tweeted that "a fabulous time was had by all". We are very proud of our diverse non selective school that truly represents the local community and has been so brilliantly led to outstanding status in it's recent Ofsted inspection by Mrs Kemal and her team of dedicated staff.



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Le Club Français va au Café

The French club have enjoyed reading extracts from “Le Petit Prince” by Antoine de Saint Exupéry (in French of course) and then we watched the modern 2015 film version. After half-term we started preparing for our café experience. We learnt how to order in French and of course pay the bill. Then on Wednesday afternoon the French club headed out to the Artisan French Patisserie in Palmers Green High Street. A huge thank you to the staff who would only serve us if we spoke French and paid for our gateaux and smoothies in Euros. Some of the children even managed to eat all their cakes and finish their smoothies and hot chocolates. A wonderful end to the term. Viva le club français and bonne vacances à tous.



Summer Sounds Singing Festival

On Friday 14th July, Highfield was privileged to host the Enfield Music Service’s Summer Sounds Singing Festival!

Our Year 5s were joined by children from Hazelwood and Wilbury and sang a selection of songs together. Each school also performed a song to the other schools. Chrysoula said, “I enjoyed listening to Hazelwood and Wilbury sing! They were fantastic!”

The singing sounded beautiful and Year 5 represented Highfield brilliantly. Julian said, “We were led by Ben (from EMS) who was brilliant! He made us feel really relaxed and it was a great morning!”

Well done, Year 5!

Walton-On-The-Naze

As part of our whole school topic ‘The Sea’, Year 4 visited Walton-On-The-Naze on Thursday 13th June. For many of the children it was the first time they had ever experienced the British seaside and the sheer excitement the children shared on the journey there was electric. The children had a fantastic time on the beach and loved being able to build sandcastles, paddle in the sea and eat ice cream in the sun. It was wonderful to see the children having a fun time on the beach, and they all commented on how this particular trip was ‘The **best** trip ever!’



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Marble Run Competition 2017

This Summer term, children from Nursery to Year 6 participated in a competition where they had to create a marble run. Their designs were judged on the design and the time taken for the marble to reach the end of the run. The winners in Year 1 and 2 were Azad, Amaan, Sophie, Charlie and Suheyla in 1S whose marble took 7.37 seconds from start to finish. The winners in Year 3 and 4 were Carmen, Lara, Christiana, Zoha and Rizan in 3M whose marble took 6.44 seconds from start to finish and the winners in Year 5 and 6 were Tarik, Beyza, Monika, Konstantina and Viktor in 5S whose marble took 20.85 from start to finish.

To view some of the children's efforts, go to the school website and click on the Curriculum folder, followed by Design and technology. The children thoroughly enjoyed the project and created fantastic designs. Thank you to all the staff and children for all their efforts.



Highfield Choir

The Choir have had a very busy end to the school year! At our Summer Fete, the Choir performed two songs about our whole school topic, 'The Sea', including 'Octopus's Garden' by The Beatles! The Choir sang beautifully! A week later, on Saturday 8th July, the Choir performed at Winchmore Hill's N21 Festival. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community supporting us and the children's performance brought Miss Sutton, and the parents and carers, to tears!

A huge well done to all the talented and dedicated members of our school Choir!

Year 6 Trip to Chessington

On Friday 14th July, Year 6 embarked on their journey to Chessington World of Adventures. 50 children and 10 adults were full of excitement about all the rides they would get to go on. As the children entered the gates of the theme park they jumped on the first ride that they could; The Rattlesnake. Fortunately, everyone was tall and old enough for the rides, so lots of fun could be had. The queues were long, but the year 6 pupils knew that it would be worth the wait. All the pupils got off and described how they screamed with adrenaline and loved very minute, Nektario from 6K described the ride as "it was so scary at the start and at the end, I was on the edge of my seat" and Deborah in 6W said "I loved that the fact that we all screamed together and conquered our fears of these big rides". Most children got to enjoy about 5 rides on average and the journey home was also an adventure, but it would be a trip that the children would remember.

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Amazing Art!

Groups of children from Year One having been working with artist Cath Rive to create a new look for the Year One area. The children are focusing on the use of different art techniques to convey nature and all its possibilities into the area. Each class is choose a different focus. The children of 1S looked at the rocks and created a display of different rocks for children of year one to investigate. They used questions to encourage other children to want to learn more. The focus in 1L was insects. The children are created a variety of bug houses to encourage more insects to come into the area allowing next years children to investigate them. Finally 1J are created story sticks to encourage story telling in the outdoor area. Everyone had a brilliant time and parents have enjoyed looking at the updated area.



Broomfield Park Trip

Year 5 have worked exceptionally hard this year so the Year 5 team decided to take the children to Broomfield Park for an end of year treat. We played rounders in the park, had a game of mini golf and we played in the playground. The children were then treated to an ice lolly and a drink while they played several games such as volley ball, nerf throw and even twister! We were very lucky that the sun was shining. A fun day was had by all! Thank you to the parents that helped support the trip.

Year 5 Climbing Wall

Last week, some of the Year 5 children were lucky enough to go to Winchmore School and have a go on the 7 metre high climbing wall. Incredibly, Amira in 5L and Parisa in 5D managed to climb to the top which meant they received 100 team points! This week some more children will be getting the opportunity to try and conquer the wall. Thank you to Winchmore School for allowing Highfield to have access to this.



Puberty talk for our Year 6's

Year 6 have received a puberty talk this week. This involved personal hygiene as well as emotions and body changes. They had many questions to ask and are now feeling prepared for the changes to come.

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CLiPPA

The CLiPPA is an annual award celebrating outstanding poetry published for children organised by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE).

Nearly 200 schools, and over 6000 pupils across the UK took part in the 2017 CLiPPA Schools Shadowing Scheme making films of children performing their favourite poems from the shortlist.

At Highfield, children from Reception through to Yr 6 got involved:

Alex (RC), Amara (RT), Asmin (RC), Flynn (RT), Franco (RP), Isabel (RP), Sarah (RC) and Sol (RT) performed a lively musical version of 'Lullaby for a Woolly Mammoth' from Zim Zam Zoom by James Carter.

Amman (1S), Ayse (1J), Eleftherios (1L), Mia (1L) and Yagmur (1J) gave a highly entertaining rendition of 'Down Behind the Dustbin...' by Michael Rosen from his 'Jelly Boots Smelly Boots'.

Tobias (3C) was magic as 'Shadow Boy' from 'Moon Juice' by Kate Wakeling, Mohamed (5S) did a brilliant rap version of 'Hey, DJ, Drop that Beat' from Booked by Kwame Alexander, Ivana (6K) melted hearts with her recitation 'Child Care' by Michaela Morgan from 'Wonderland, Alice in Poetry'.

Lewis (5L) swooped in at the last minute to perform 'Do-Over', also from 'Booked' by Kwame Alexander.

Booked is a story, told through poetry, about a soccer-loving boy called Nick Hall who is having to negotiate all of the difficult challenges of growing up. From the first page of reading it Lewis was hooked.

Lewis's sensitive and confident delivery impressed the judges' and on Friday July 14th he was invited to the National Theatre to meet the shortlisted poets, take part in special performance workshops, and perform on the Olivier stage (the largest of the three stages at the National Theatre!) alongside the shortlisted poets.

His whole class were given tickets to come to watch him perform. His family were also there to cheer him on. He delivered the poem beautifully and you could have heard a pin drop in the packed auditorium as the audience hung on his every word.

Lewis said about the day, "I did not know the stage was going to be that big. It's a massive stage, very fascinating place. I started off really scared but after I'd done so many rehearsals I began to feel more comfortable."

I was lucky enough to be there with Lewis for the whole day on Friday, we enjoyed spending time meeting children from the other schools, taking part in a performance workshop with them and grabbing a moment to look at the beautiful view across London and the River Thames from the top of the National Theatre.

Highfield is fast gaining a reputation as a school that 'really gets' poetry. Louise Johns-Shepherd, Chief Executive at CLPE, told me that she could have easily filled the stage with Highfield children as every single one of the films we sent in were outstanding. SF Said (author of Varjak Paw) emailed me late on Friday night after the awards with this message: 'I just wanted to say how brilliant I thought Lewis was – please tell him from me that he was the star of the show!'

Lewis, you are a star. And so are all of you at Highfield. I couldn't be prouder and happier to be the Highfield Poet.

You can watch all the CLiPPA videos in 'Poetry Corner' on the Highfield Website.

Cheryl Moskowitz (Highfield Poet) July 2017



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Year 6 Has Talent!

Highfield was taken back to Victorian London this week when Year 6 performed their production of Mary Poppins. They took us across the rooftops of London, we visited a magical countryside and walked past St. Paul's Cathedral. It certainly was an outstanding performance. Beautiful singing, acting and dancing amazed the children and made parents and staff cry! Some of the Year 6 children learnt how to tap dance, thanks to Mrs.Stoughton! Niki said, "I really enjoyed tap dancing because it was fun learning the choreography with Mrs.Stoughton. I now want to start tap dancing lessons"

Abir said, "I am proud of how the production turned out. It went really well on the night!"

Thank you to all the parents who came and supported their children on the night. I'm quite sure you will agree that Year 6 definitely has talent!



Highfield's Got Talent 2017

In Highfield's Got Talent 2017, up to 80 pupils auditioned. Usually, we would have 12 acts but according to the difficult decisions we made 13 acts made it through! We had a variety of acts including: dancing, singing comedy and even magic! We had a brilliant show but the winner lay in the audience's hands. In 3rd place was Kieran in 5L with his brilliant comedy act. He had us all cracking up with his fantastic jokes! In 2nd was Eva in 3MB with her jazzy tap dancing; she made us all want to come up on stage and dance with her! The winner of Highfield's Got Talent was Palak in 6K with her stunning voice! This years Highfield's Got Talent was amazing! How can next years possibly beat Highfield's Got Talent 2017?

Report By Year 6 School Councillors

Goodbye Year 6

The final week of school has been special for Year 6. Monday 17th July has seen them dance the evening away at their goodbye disco. The children had a wonderful time, dancing, singing and having fun. There was even a dance and sing off between the boys and girls!

They will mark their final moments at Highfield Primary School on Wednesday 19th July with the goodbye parade and releasing a blue balloon. Attached to their balloon is a wish written by each child. Thank you Year 6 for being wonderful role models. We will certainly miss you all. Remember to follow your dreams.



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July 2017	ATTENDANCE
Group	%
RT	96.38
RP	97.06
RC	96.58
1S	95.21
1L	94.75
1J	95.22
2B	94.4
2M	95.76
2I	94.41
3M	96.92
3MB	97
3C	96.38
4D	95.36
4M	95.67
5S	95.36
5L	96.84
5D	95.59
6K	95.8
6W	94.73
Whole School	95.87

September 2017	Diary Dates
04.09.2017	Inset Day
05.09.2017	Inset day
06-08 & 11.09.2017	Reception Home Visits
06-19.09.2017	Nursery Home Visits
07.09.2017	Meet the Teachers—Year 3 & 4
08.09.2017	Meet the Teachers—Year 5 & 6
11.09.2017	Meet the Teachers—Year 1 & 2
12.09.2017	Children’s Individual Photographs
12-13.09.2017	Taster Sessions in Reception
14.09.2017	Reception starts
18.09.2017	Am/Lunch all Reception Children
18-20.09.2017	Year 6 visit to War Rooms
20.09.2017	Nursery Taster Sessions
25.09.2017	Nursery Sessions begin
25.09.2017	Harvest Festival Assembly for Year 1
27-29.09.2017	Nursery starts
28.09.2017	World Poetry Day
28.09.2017	All Reception in if ready



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