



# HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER - June 2017



### Message from the Headteacher

#### New Families are Welcomed to Highfield Primary School

We welcomed 150 families who will join our school in the Nursery and Reception classes in September 2017. The meeting enabled the parent/carers to meet the staff. They received information and procedures for the induction procedures were talked through (the power point presentation is on the school website).

#### *For September 2017...*

Our 60 place Nursery is full with 61 families on the waiting list. We received 373 applications for our 90 places in Reception. We have a very long waiting list and some families are going through the appeal system. This speaks volumes for the respect the community have for the education that we provide for all our children. I hope you are as pleased as we are that you have been offered a place at our school. Working together for your children is something we very much look forward to.

*A year 6 pupil says "The feeling of being in a bright and happy school is amazing. To combine fun with learning gives us energy and turns us into happy and healthy children. I am proud that I attend this school. The teachers produce that positive enthusiasm and really making learning fun, I love my school" Age 10*

#### **Mrs Dunbar is retiring.**

For the last 28 years Mrs Dunbar has been part of this school!!! What an achievement!

She joined here when it was the Infant school which was known as "Winchmore Infants" as the "welfare lady". She has seen the school grow and change from only having 6 classes with no computers, to 23 classes where a day without the internet and computers brings total chaos!

Her administrative skills took her to a role in the school office. Later on the school went through an amalgamation and became known as "Highfield Primary School". She played a vital role in adapting and organizing all the changes required in the office. She had to constantly learn new technology particularly when she took on the position as the Schools Finance Officer.


It didn't end there as the school went on to a full expansion programme and became the 3 form entry school we are today. Behind the scenes of all these changes is a person like Mrs Dunbar who is working effortlessly to accommodate all the needs required. Everybody knows Mrs Dunbar, not just us as staff and colleagues but the whole community. She is so loyal to the school and will challenge anyone who says anything about it.

However it's wonderful for Mrs Dunbar that she can retire, she's certainly put the years in! She will be able to do whatever she wishes to do! We all wish her a wonderful retirement, full of good health and lots of laughter. Thank you for everything. It will be a huge loss for Highfield Primary School.


Mrs Dunbar will always be part of the History of the school.

Maria Kemal

**"Together we can achieve more"**



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## Headteacher Awards



### 9th June 2017

**Class NAM:** Izabela for improved behaviour, good listening, lovely writing. A super girl!

**Class 2B:** Maria for adapting so well to being mostly in 2B and her amazing progress in Maths. Maria, you are a complete superstar! I am very proud of you. Ms Barton.

**Class 5S:** Baqir for improving his writing.

### 16th June 2017

**Class NPM:** Dawud quickly settled down after a late start. He has made friends and is a superstar with letters and numbers.

**Class 1S:** Emily for making fantastic progress with her handwriting and always trying her best.

**Class 5L:** Holly for a fantastic piece of writing.

### 23rd June 2017

**Class RP:** Maisie for improving her concentration and becoming less distracted in her learning.

**Class 1J:** Keyon'dre for improved focus and concentration during lessons and for his hard work during his learning especially in Phonics.

**Class 5D:** Zilan for improved writing in English and working hard all year to achieve a S+ in English and Reading.

### 30th June 2017

**Class RT:** Georgia B for her developed love and enthusiasm for learning across all areas especially within literacy; becoming a creative writer!

**Class 1L:** Isabelli for consistently producing good work.

**Class 6K:** Vasty for excellent and continued determination in her learning throughout Year 6.

**WELL DONE TO ALL THE CHILDREN!**



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## Safeguarding



### **E-Safety**

There are many ways we can support young children when using online resources. We want young children to use the internet in a well-supported and safe way. They need to be SMART:

**Safe:** Don't give personal information out such as email, home address or school name.

**Meet:** Meeting someone in real life that you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission.

**Accepting:** Accepting emails, messages or opening files, images or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems.

**Reliable:** Someone online might lie about who they are. Information on the internet may not be true. Always check information by looking at other website, in books, or ask someone who knows.

**Tell:** Tell a parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone, or something, makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

### Woodwind Concert

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, five musicians from the Enfield Music Service performed a wonderful Woodwind Concert to the children in KS2. They played a variety of songs including the 'Star Wars' theme tune and 'Mama Mia'.

The children were also taught about the woodwind instrument family.

A selection of children also had the chance to play the instruments themselves and had a challenging time trying to play the mini bassoon!

The musicians were amazing and the children thoroughly enjoyed a very musical start to the week!

### Upcoming Choir Performances

Our Choir have worked very hard this term and will be performing at two events in July!

Highfield's Summer Fete – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1pm.

Winchmore Hill N21 Festival – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 11.20am.



We will be singing some songs about our whole school topic 'The Sea'.

Please come along and support us!

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## Green for Grenfell!

Highfield took part in raising money for the victims of Grenfell Tower and raised an amazing total of £431.00. Thank you so much for your generous contributions. The children reflected on their own lives and compared them to those who may not be as fortunate to have shelter, food, or clothing due to the extremely unfortunate, recent events which took place at Grenfell Tower and affected so many innocent citizens. Many children were aware of the reason why we were raising money and were able to express their deepest sympathies about the event.

'I'm thinking about how I have a house to live in and how I am lucky'.

'Me and my mummy went to Grenfell Tower to pay our respects'.

'Sad things happen sometimes and we need to get together to help other people which don't have things that we have'.

'The firefighters were so brave and helped lots of people'.

Mark and Dylan in 5S who both thought of this fantastic fundraiser!

Well Done Boys!



## Year One's Wonderful Wildlife Adventure!

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Year 1 visited Paradise Wildlife Park! The children saw some amazing animals such as alligators, penguins, giant rabbits, white lions, gibbons, wolves, zebras and snakes!

"The cheetah was so fast it kept running away from us and hiding!" explained Christopher-Cruz (1S). Nelly (1J) said, "I liked the trip, especially when I saw the monkeys being fed by the zookeeper." Max (1L) said, "I really enjoyed the trip, especially when the lion roared!"

Year 1 behaved fantastically and had a wonderful time.



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### 'We are all different, and all so beautiful'

RP performed their class assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. They highlighted the importance of being proud of who they are and celebrating their differences whilst also identifying similarities between themselves. The children brought in something special about them, which says something special about their identity, culture or religion. They then shared this with all the families during a collaborative show and tell. The children beautifully sang songs, which reinforced the importance of always being there for their friends, and loved ones and indeed letting them know they are, 'one call away'. Miss Petais and Miss Dunbar are extremely proud of RP's courage and determination!



### Reception's Willows Farm Trip

Reception had a fantastic trip at Willows Farm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. We learnt many interesting facts about the farm animals and even got to feed and hold some of them! We explored Peter Rabbit's adventure playground and watched him in a show where we joined in with dancing and singing. Then we went to watch a cow being milked and an exciting sheep race! Reception were also very lucky and got to have an ice-lolly in the sunshine. You can certainly say we were all tired out after such a busy day!

Enis RT: "The big pigs chew the stones to help their teeth and they use the mud as sun cream".

Daisy RP: "My favourite part of Willows Farm was holding a guinea pig, because it was so cute".

Zuzanna: "The goats were licking my hand when I was giving them food. It tickled my hand. I liked the horse because it was beautiful. The guinea pig was sitting on my lap and I touched it."



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### **TFL Visit for our Year 6's.**

Transport for London came and held a workshop on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, for Year 6. They learnt about safety whilst travelling alone on the buses, trains and underground. They also had a good discussion on what makes a good citizen. Year 6 really enjoyed the workshop as it involved acting, videos and discussion.

Rema said, "This was helpful. I now know how far I stand to back whilst waiting at a bus stop." Did you know, you should stand your whole body length plus one step away from the kerb?

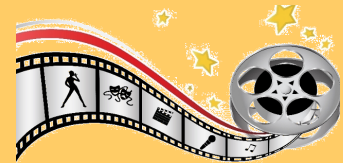
Adrien said, "I liked the videos. They were very informative."

As this is a special time for Year 6, becoming more independent and moving on to Secondary School, the Year 6 team wanted them to be aware of travelling independently and how to keep safe whilst doing so.



### **EAPS Auditions—11th July**

There are eaps auditions on 11th July for current year 5s. Our Enhanced arts programme is for students who have a passion and excel in the performing arts. We have 10% of our entry to Friern Barnet school based on students arts aptitude. The application form can be found at <http://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/about-us/admissions/enhanced-arts-programme-2017-18/>



### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

Thank you to everyone that has given in the Sainsbury's active kids vouchers. We have now been able to get new playground equipment for the children to enjoy. Many thanks.



### **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 choosing a different focus. The children of 1S have been looking at the rocks and are creating a display of different rocks for children of year one to investigate. The focus in 1L has been insects. The children are creating a variety of bug houses to encourage more insects to come into the area allowing next years children to investigate them. Finally 1J are creating story sticks to encourage story telling in the outdoor area. Everyone has had a brilliant time and we can't wait for the area to be completed.

### **Book Fair June 2017**

The book fair was a great success once again. Thank you to Mrs Oskis and all parents and carers. The commission raised was £824.00 and will go to Year 5.

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## Sports Day KS2

Sports day was a great success this year; all of the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and enjoyed the variety of different races. Despite the heat, all of the children worked hard and did their best and they all felt a huge sense of achievement and pride afterwards. Some children did especially well with the Nerf Throw and nearly threw the nerf over the top of the cage! Mrs Lock would like to thank all of the parents, carers and families that came to support the children on this day. Well done Highfield!

## Sports Day KS1

Reception and KS1 had their Sports Day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. They were very fortunate that the weather was just right, not too hot and no rain! There were a number of events for the children to take part in including a sack race, skipping race and target throwing event. The children were very excited especially when the school's mascot, Highfield Bear, arrived to watch and cheer them on. The event was very well attended by the parents, carers, and Governors all of whom had a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining time. Thank you to all those who came and supported the children, the teachers and year 5 pupils who set up and supervised the activities and Highfield Bear for making the event such a memorable occasion for everyone.

## Cricket Club

This term Highfield Primary School have been lucky enough to receive funding from the Chance to Shine Charity which has allowed Year 4 to have a term of free cricket coaching. Last week the children took a trip to the local club, Winchmore Hill Cricket Club, and were given the opportunity to play cricket on a proper cricket pitch. They also got to hold the Middlesex Trophy that was won last year by Middlesex Cricket Club!

## Upcoming Events:

**Handball match—10th July**

**Netball festival—14th July**

**Chance to shine fundraising event (the big catch) - Week beginning 10th July**



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# BE SUN SMART



Put on a Shirt



Put on Sunscreen



Wear a Hat



Wear Sunglasses



Stay in the Shade



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WITH YOUR CHILD**

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## Academic Year 2017 – 2018 – TERM DATES

### Autumn Term

Wednesday 6th September – Thursday 21st December 2017  
Half-term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27th October 2017

### Spring term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Half-term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Summer term

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
Half-term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

### Bank Holidays

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## Inset Days 2017 – 2018

### Inset day dates – school closed for students

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018



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June 2017	ATTENDANCE
Group	%
RT	96.54
RP	97.26
RC	96.88
1S	95.49
1L	95.05
1J	95.31
2B	94.47
2M	95.83
2I	94.63
3M	96.94
3MB	97.07
3C	96.63
4D	95.61
4M	95.89
5S	95.42
5L	96.93
5D	95.91
6K	96.03
6W	94.8
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.04</b>

July 2017	Diary Dates
01.07.2017	SUMMER FETE
03-07.07.2017	Highfield's Got Talent Auditions
04.07.2017	Reports out to parents
	Year 4 Woodcroft visit
05.07.2017	ESOL Workshops
06.07.2017	Parent's Evening
07.07.2017	Year 4 Woodcroft visit
	Year 5 Crazy Golf Trip
11.07.2017	Year 6 Performance to parents
12.07.2017	Year 4 Walton-on-the-Naze Trip
14.07.2017	Year 6 Chessington Trip
17.07.2017	Highfield's Got talent show & Year 6 Disco
19.07.2017	Year 6 Parade
	Last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm
20.07.2017	Inset Day
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