

## HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -

December 2017



### Reminder

#### Christmas Holidays:

We finish school at **1.30pm** on the last day of term **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

We start back at **8.50am** on **Wednesday 3rd January 2018**

### **Message from the Headteacher....**

#### **Dear Families**

Myself and all the staff at Highfield would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, hope and much happiness.

Thank you all for your generous gifts and kind words.

We are privileged to work alongside you and your children. I am looking forward to continue working with such a dedicated school community in 2018. Together we have achieved so much for our amazing school.

#### **A Huge thank you to The Friends of Highfield.**

This dedicated team of parents/carers have given up their time and worked effortlessly.

They have provided the school with two large Christmas Trees, one for the hall and one in the reception area. The Choir sang Christmas Carols beautifully during the **"Switching the lights on"** ceremony! Thank you to all the families who gave a donation. All the funds raised go straight back into providing resources for all your children.

In addition, the famous Santa's Grotto was installed in the school – it's truly magical.

Every child had the opportunity to visit the Grotto and meet Father Christmas. They were all given a wrapped gift, once again free of charge.

On behalf of myself and all the staff at Highfield we thank you for all your hard work and commitment to our school.

Generosity:  
The habit of  
giving freely  
without expecting  
anything  
in return.



**"Together we can achieve more"**

**Maria Kemal**



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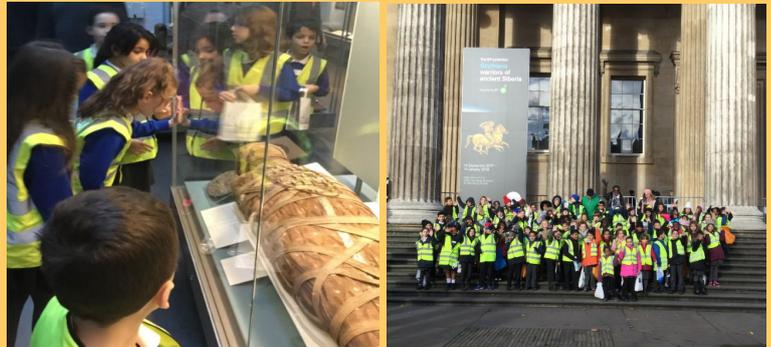
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### Year 3 Trip to the British Museum

On Friday 8th December, Year 3 went to the British Museum. We travelled on public transport to reach the museum and when we arrived, we were amazed at the beautiful museum. After putting our belongings away, we explored different galleries which contained Ancient Egyptian artefacts. In the first gallery we saw different statues and the famous Rosetta Stone, which helped historians to decipher the meaning of Egyptian hieroglyphs. In the second gallery we looked at detailed sarcophagus' which Egyptians were buried in and we saw a real mummy! The artefacts we saw were carefully displayed and all of Year 3 enjoyed this exciting trip.



### Igospel

After 10 weeks of preparation, practise and rehearsals, the Year 3 choir presented their igospel concert on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The concert, attended by parents and carers, Year 4 and 6, and the siblings of choir members, was a huge success! The children performed three songs with great confidence and obvious enjoyment. Daniella, Lamys and Sophia performed solos, showing off their individual talents. Emlin and David, the igospel choir leaders have worked hard with the children and kept the performance fast paced and energetic. The highlight of the performance was when David got parents and carers, staff and children to stand up and dance along with the choir. It was a truly joyous occasion and a great end to the year for the Year 3 children. Congratulations to them all!



### Christmas Assembly

Highfield's Christmas assembly was given a new twist by Pathway this year. Pathway are a Christian organisation that works with schools throughout the borough. They work with our school running a lunchtime club and came to visit on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to present a whole school assembly about Christmas. The assembly began with a dressing up competition! The happy winners, Mert and Roberto, won a box of Maltesers. At the end of the assembly Darren and Julia spoke to us about the importance of Christmas and what the birth of Jesus means to Christians.



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### Year 6 World War 2 History Day

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Year 6 took part in their annual History day. This term, the children have been learning about the impact of World War II and considering the question: What was life like for evacuees during WW2.

The children did a fantastic job of dressing up as soldiers and evacuee children, making their own identity tags and gas mask boxes! During the day, Year 6 learnt about The Battle of Britain, D-Day and VE Day. They created art-inspired water colour paintings, silhouette landscapes. After break, the children created celebratory VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) bunting. In the afternoon, Mrs Stoughton taught us all the jive – which was great fun! A memorable day was had by all and it was wonderful for the children to consider how life was like over 70 years ago.

*"I loved dressing up as a soldier – I was told I looked really dashing!" – Alex*

*"I think it is really important to learn and remember how the evacuees must have felt at such a terrifying time!" – Holly*

*"I really enjoyed the art sessions and being able to experiment with a range of mediums!" – Kalina*

Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents and carers for their support and encouragement with the children's fantastic costumes! Year 6 team.

### Fire! Fire! - Year 2 History Day

What a fabulous Great Fire of London History Day Year 2 children had on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November! The children dressed up in amazing costumes from the era and enjoyed a variety of activities. They created silhouette art of the fire using a variety of materials. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in a quiz that showed how much they have learned over this half term. They also learned two songs about the Fire of London, London's Burning which they sang in rounds and The Great Fire of London which they learned the sign language for and greatly enjoyed! The day ended with Highfield's very own miniature Fire of London when some children volunteered to burn their Tudor houses.



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### Evolution and Inheritance workshop - Year 6

On Monday 27th November, Year 6 took part in a fossil and evolution workshop, lead by a leading Palaeontologist, Dr Helen! Linking with our science topic this term, *Evolution and Inheritance*, the children learnt about evolution, natural selection, adaptation and inheritance. We were even lucky enough to touch fossils that were millions of years old! The children also discussed the work of Charles Darwin, and considered how/whether animals have adapted and evolved over millions of year. It was a very memorable day, which we hope has inspired your children to possibly become scientists and palaeontologist of the future!

**Iman in 6P said, "It was a great chance to go back in time to see what happened before us!"**

**Yusuf in 6L said, "We were so lucky to get the chance to see fossils that were millions of years old - I might want to be a palaeontologist when I grow up!"**

**Kieran commented "It was a fantastic experience that everyone enjoyed!"**

### Enfield Road Safety Competition Winners

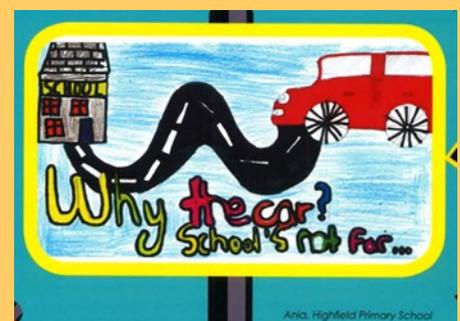
Huge congratulations to Sydney (1S), Irmak (2B) and Ania (6D) for getting their design entries chosen to be in the Enfield Schools Road Safety Calendar. Their designs to illustrate the slogan 'Why the car? Schools not far' were very colourful, creative and clearly get the important message across. They were each awarded a trophy and a bag of road safety goodies by Sally the school road safety advisor in Enfield. Well done!



**SYDNEY 1S**



**IRMAK 2B**



**ANIA 6D**



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### **Year 6 Radicalisation Workshop—November 2017**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Year 6 welcomed a company called 'Just Enough UK' to Highfield Primary School. They took part in a workshop around the theme of Radicalisation. This is a sensitive topic and the Year 6 pupils showed great maturity and respect. They learnt about the world around them and what radicalisation meant. This was done through acting out the history of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. The children enjoyed the workshop and learnt many things. Zilan said, "It was fun and Emma taught us about the world we live in. It was fun learning about Guy Fawkes and bonfire night."

Saphira also commented, "I learnt about Bonfire night and the history behind it. We learnt that all religions follow peace, love, respect and all religions condemn violence."

**Following on from the workshop, 'Just Enough UK' have sent us some feedback quotes:**

#### ***Quotes:***

#### **What the children have learnt:**

- Do not use Violence
- I learnt about radicalisation
- I learnt why we celebrate bonfire night
- I learnt that violence does not work and you have to think positively
- I learnt that radicalisation means when someone makes you do something that is wrong
- I learnt that people celebrate bonfire night because parliament was not blown up
- Violence shouldn't ever be used even when you're trying to say something or show a different point of view or something that needs to change
- I learnt how people use their voices instead of violence

#### **Anything else they wanted to say to Just Enough UK:**

- I will use voice and not violence to prove my points
- That we should all make sure that the world is a better place
- I would tell people the old story's from the 1800s and 1900s. And tell them to keep safe on the internet and when a stranger talks to you walk away and tell and tell an adult.
- Help others be kind and respectful
- I would stop arguing over little things
- I think that we should live in peace and happiness and live in a better place
- I will be more careful on the internet and try to help the world to not litter and make the right choices



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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.



### **Headteachers Awards**

**Week Ending: 08.12.2017**

**Nicholas RF** - For always coming into school happy now and for trying hard to make the right choices.

**Franco 1S** - For always being hardworking and kind to others.

**Ahmed 5S** - For always listening, staying on task and completing his work.



**Week Ending: 15.12.2017**

**Reuben NPM** - Always doing perfect sitting on the carpet.

**Zuzanna 1J** - Her reading, writing and maths has improved. Always doing the right thing and being kind.

**Zilan 6L** - Working really hard this week and being helpful to others.



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### Highfield Choir

Our wonderful Choir have been very busy in the run up to Christmas!

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, they led a carol sing-along outside the main office. There was a huge crowd, who had gathered to watch the Christmas tree lights be switched on, and they all enjoyed hearing the Choir sing, and liked joining in too.



On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the Choir had their annual visit to Winchmore Baptist Church where they sang a selection of carols and took part in the special family service. Each year the children love their visit and the congregation always enjoys listening to their brilliant singing!

The Choir also performed in Highfield's Christmas assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The school was so impressed with their singing and how well they projected. Well done!

### Christmas Jumper Day!!

We had so much fun on Christmas Jumper Day and really got into the festive spirit! The donations we raised all went towards Save the Children which will support children in developing countries. As well as dressing up, a Christmas Market took place in the canteen where we could buy handmade Christmas crafts which each year group contributed to making so beautifully. There were festive bookmarks, calendars, poems and much more to choose from which all made the perfect gift! Thank you to the team captains for helping sell the items at the market and to all the families for supporting the charity! **We raised £778.38 for the 'Save the Children' Charity!**



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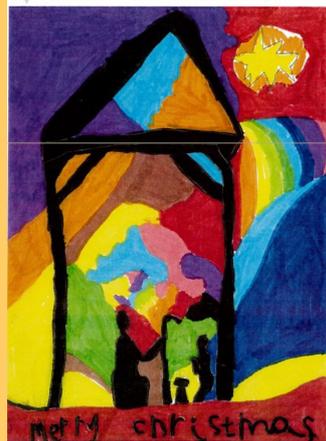
### Christmas Card Competition Winners

Well done to all the entries and congratulations to the winners!

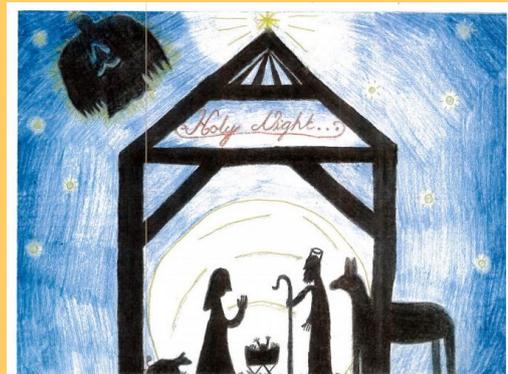
**Amira 6D - for Year 5 and 6**

**Maisie 1S - for Year 1 and 2**

**Julia 4M - for Year 3 and 4**



**Holly 6D - Overall winner**



### Reception Classes Nativity

All of Reception performed fantastically in their first Nativity and did themselves very proud. The children have been practising really hard since October and showed great courage whilst sharing the true meaning of Christmas. It was lovely to see so many of their parents/ carers there to enjoy it. There was not a dry eye in the audience! We do hope they treasure the memory forever.



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### Santa's Grotto

The famous Santa's Grotto was once again installed in the school – it was truly magical. Every child had the opportunity to visit the Grotto and meet Father Christmas. They were all given a wrapped gift.

Thank you so much for the 'Friends of Highfield'!

Children were writing messages to Santa on a board that was set up in the grotto. One child wrote:

### **Dear Santa**

***"I would be OK if you could skip me for Christmas because other people need the gift more than me" Love from Amani xxxx Age 7***



### Lego Ferris Wheel winner

The winner of the raffle draw for the Lego Ferris Wheel was Suden from class 3M. Congratulations!



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December 2017 ATTENDANCE	
239 pupils achieved 100% Attendance this term. Well done!!	
CLASS	%
1J	94.18
1P	95.68
1S	95.58
2B	97.16
2D	97
2L	95.78
3C	97.36
3I	94.97
3M	96.96
4D	96.91
4M	96.71
4MC	96.94
5B	96.63
5S	96.17
6D	96.4
6L	96.37
6P	95.23
RF	97.49
RJ	96.58
RT	97.32
Overall	96.4

January 2018	Diary Dates
03.01.2018	First day back into school at the normal time
10.01.2018	ESOL Classes
11.01.2018	Year 4 Roman Day
19.01.2018	Class 3M Assembly
26.01.2018	Class 3I Assembly



**GOOD NEWS!**

Congratulation to Ms Sandford who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on Friday 15th December 2017.

Her name is Millie and she weighed 7lb 9oz.

Both are doing really well and are looking forward to spending their first Christmas together!



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