



## HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -

March 2018

A reminder that this term ends at 1.30pm on Thursday 29 March 2018. Easter is relatively early this year so the first day of the holidays is Good Friday (30th March). We will return to school on Monday 16th April 2018.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for working with such enthusiasm this term. They show such a desire to learn, it is a privilege to watch. All the staff have empowered this love of learning for the children as they consistently plan and teach the curriculum in such an innovative and creative way.

As an outstanding school we have supported many schools this term. We share many aspects of what we do here at Highfield in order for them to further improve their schools. A common response from all our visitors is, ***“What an amazing school, and what wonderful, happy children who tell us how proud they are to be at Highfield with all their lovely teachers.”***

I am really proud of the whole of the Highfield Community, I hope you as parents/careers share this pride too!

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Maria Kemal

### **Staff Updates**

Mrs Tailor in Year 2 will be starting her maternity leave. Her last day will be 29th March. We all wish her good luck and await in anticipation to hear the news of the arrival of her baby.

Mrs Bauss has decided not to return to work after the birth of her daughter. We would like to thank her for her commitment to teaching the children and her hard work for the school. She will be missed by everyone at Highfield. We wish her and her family every success for the future.

## Happy Easter to all our Christian Families



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### **2B's Class Assembly**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March it was 2B's wonderful class assembly. The children were extremely excited to perform their assembly on 'imagination' including retelling the story of Tiddler by Julia Donaldson. Every child had a speaking part and they all said their lines confidently and clearly. The highlight of the assembly were the 2 songs they performed, which both had actions and also included swaying in time! Well done 2B, we are all very proud of you!



### **Year 4 Recorder Concert**

On Friday 23 March, the Year 4 recorder group performed a variety of exciting pieces to KS2. Through the Spring term they have been exploring dynamics, rhythm and tempo with Joel from the Enfield Music Service. They have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons and have made remarkable progress. During their wonderful performance they played, sang and improvised to classic Reggae tracks and popular Easter songs. We are extremely proud of their achievements.



### **2D Assembly**

2D thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing and performing their class assembly about Florence Nightingale. They taught us that Florence Nightingale was an influential British woman who made modern hospitals a better place for the world. She went to the Crimean War to nurse wounded soldiers and saved many lives. 2D showed us that with hard work and determination, anything can be achieved!

### **Book Fair**

We raised a GRAND TOTAL of £1,858.00 at the book fair! We receive 60% commission and this will go to our Nursery and Reception classes. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Oskis for all her hard work and Mrs Neal for helping at the book fair after school and of course to all the families that came in to buy the books. Thank you!



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### **Autism Awareness**

On 6th March Suzanne Goddwin from the Autism Advisory Team provided training for lunchtime supervisors, teaching assistants and teachers in the Early Years and Year One team. The training was extremely useful and next year she will be providing an INSET day on Autism and Good Practice for all staff. From 26<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating National Autism Awareness Week and the children will be talking about Autism and celebrating the fact that we are all different and unique.



### **Place2be**

On Thursday 19th April there will be a coffee morning from 9-10am for parents to meet our school counsellor Rebecca, to find out more information regarding **Place2be**.

### **On Friday 9th March, Highfield celebrated International Women's Day!**

In Years 5 and 6, children focused on looking at the 100 years that women have had the vote and looked at inspirational female inventors and mathematicians. In Years 3 and 4, the children looked at inspirational women from the 20<sup>th</sup> century, gender stereotyping and the impact of inventions by women. Years 1 and 2 focused on challenging stereotypes of women, by exploring 'gender specific' toys.

Fatima in 6D said, "I loved learning about inspirational women that I had never heard of before!"

Sila in 6L said, "It was great to see how much women's rights have changed and also work that still needs to be done."

Thank you to all the parents and carers for your support and encouragement!



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**Our Summer Term Topic is 'Fit for Life.'**

### **HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES**

#### **Packed lunches should contain:**

- sandwich
- roll
- pitta bread or wraps
- pasta or rice dish
- salad
- fruit
- cooked or raw vegetables
- yoghurt
- plain water or fruit juice



#### **And not:**

- crisps
- sweets or confectionaries
- chocolate bars
- fizzy drinks
- nuts or nut contained products

***Remember we are a nut free school due to some pupils having severe allergies.***

### **Year 3 Easter Assembly**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Year 3 performed their Easter Assembly. After weeks of rehearsal and preparation, the whole of Year 3 came together to show their marvellous speaking and acting skills! The children acted out the events from the Christian Bible of the Easter story. Our assembly described the story of Jesus, when he was sentenced to death, the Last Supper and when he rose again. All of the Year 3 teachers were extremely proud of how well we performed and memorised our lines.

### **Year 3's visit to Winchmore Hill Baptist Church: 26.03.18**

Year 3's R.E topic this term has been 'Christianity: The stories of Jesus' so we were delighted when Winchmore Hill Baptist Church offered to show us around. When we first arrived we were greeted by members of the church who told us the story of Easter and it's meaning. Then we were given a demonstration of adult baptism which was very interesting. To round off our visit we were allowed to explore the Church and even got to play on the organ. What fun we had!



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## **World Book Day**

World Book Day took place on the 15th March. The school used it as an opportunity to celebrate our love of books. The children and the staff dressed as their favourite book character and there were some fabulous costumes. We had an assembly in which the teachers and pupils spoke about why they had dressed as their character. The theme of this World Book Day was to share a book with someone and we spoke about all the people we could share books with and where we share them.

Throughout the day children took part in various activities: Some classes had special visitors from Penguin Books; others created story necklaces; another class redesigned book covers and rewrote blurbs.



## **Starsnappers Visit Highfield!**

Highfield Primary were given the opportunity to work with educational art company 'Starsnappers'. From the 9-15<sup>th</sup> March, Starsnappers worked with each class in Years 1-6 to deliver an exciting portrait workshop. During the workshops the children captured their own self-portraits using a professional digital camera in a full photographic studio that was built in our school! The workshops were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**A big thank you goes to Starsnappers for visiting our school and delivering the workshops free of charge.**



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### **Joseph Coelho – Poet Visit**

On 12<sup>th</sup> March Joseph Coelho visited Highfield to work with Years 3 and 4. In his Year 3 assembly he performed his poems using various different voices (which the children loved). The children then created a 'Disgusting Lunch' poem with him.

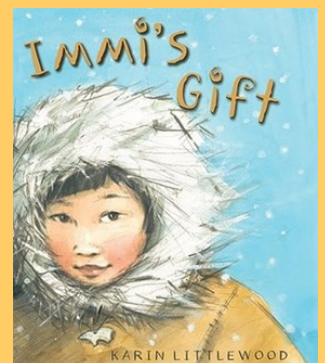
In the workshops with Years 4 he supported children in creating their own poems using devices such as onomatopoeia, rhyme and alliteration. They then performed their poems using various voices to show how that effected the impact of their poem.

Thank you to all those parents who contributed towards the cost of our visitors over Book Week. The children really enjoy these visits and are inspired by the authors/poets/illustrators.



### **Karin Littlewood Visits Highfield!**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March KS1 were visited by author and illustrator Karin Littlewood. Karin shared the wonderful story that she wrote 'Immi's Gift' in an assembly with Reception and Year One. Karin spoke about what inspires her to write her stories. As an illustrator, she begins with drawings and develops the story from there. She showed a video of how she works in her studios and uses her creative skills. Her enthusiasm was contagious and the children were soon immersed in her world. After the story, children participated in a retelling of the story using props. Reception spent the rest of their day being illustrators just like Karin. Year One created their own illustrations of characters to write about.



Karin then visited each Year Two class and shared her story with them. She then showed Year Two how to create story necklaces using characters from her story as well as adding their own. Year Two used the necklaces for a story telling session. "I can't wait to take my necklace home and start writing stories!" exclaimed Emily in 2L.



### **Easter Egg Hunt**

A big thank you to the 'Friends of Highfield' for organising the Easter Egg Hunt for The Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children that took place on Wednesday 28th March after school. It was a huge success and the children had a great time!



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### **The Great British Athletes!**

Last week at Highfield, we celebrated Sports Relief and to start the week off we were lucky enough to have two fantastic and inspirational Great British Athletes visit our school. The children in Key Stage 2 received a PE lesson from either the 400m relay silver medallist, Richard Buck, or from Junior Hurdler Champion, Yasmin Miller. Before this, the children heard from both athletes about how they achieved their dreams; it was surprising to hear that Richard Buck did not have the easiest start in life and it encouraged the children to believe that it really is possible to achieve anything. It was also incredible to find out that not only is Yasmin an Olympic Athlete, but she also just completed her Law degree! During their PE lessons, the children felt challenged but they also had fun, which Highfield believe is a very important part of sport and exercise!

### **Sports Relief**

During Sports Relief, the children at Highfield were challenged to 'Get Moving' and they achieved this by travelling one mile in their chosen way. Many of the children skipped, danced, hopped and jumped, some children even walked backwards! We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the families and friends that sponsored their children and supported the Sports Relief Charity. Thank you to the Friends of Highfield, who also held a cake sale, and to the Team Captains in Year 6 who sold wristbands and encouraged children by putting on a fantastic assembly. We have currently raised just under £1000 for the charity, but we are still waiting for many sponsorships forms to be returned and we will update you on the total when we know what it is. A big thank you to all of the Highfield Community.

### **Bikeability**

During the month of March, Year 4 and Year 5 took part in the Cycle Confident Programme, Bikeability. This programme teaches children how to cycle safely on public roads and around busy areas; they also learned how to check their bikes were working correctly and that they were safe to ride. The children in Year 5 were given the opportunity to cycle on the local roads, they practised turning corners and were shown how to do signals to warn other road users of their movement. Highfield would like to thank Cycle Confident for delivery this free but incredibly beneficial programme to the children in years 4 and 5.



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### **Michael Ngyezi Talk**

Michael fled Burundi in 2002, fearing for his life and sought asylum in Britain. He has had to overcome many challenges since being here including homelessness. However, Michael's story is one of hope. He spoke to KS2 about his experiences and how he has remained positive and about the support and kindness, he has been shown since arriving in this country. The children were inspired by his story of how he has dealt with adversity and how he has been empowered by the work that he now does in schools, Synagogues and Churches. The children and teachers both commented on how his talk made them appreciate what they have and think about what they can give to help others less fortunate.

### **Mayor's Award for Illustrated Writing**

Years 3 and 4 entered the Mayor's Award for illustrated writing. The children had to produce a piece of illustrated writing on the book/topic they were studying in class. There were several excellent entries by Highfield pupils and out of all the entries in the borough the judges selected Tobias's (in Y4) piece 'Formal letter to the editor of the Yorkshire Post' related to the Iron Man by Ted Hughes, to be shortlisted. The shortlisted pieces will be published in a book and the winner will be announced at a ceremony at Eversley School next month. Congratulations Tobias!

### **Author visit**

Year 6 were delighted with an exciting and enthralling afternoon when author, Philip Womack visited them in March. Philip is author of numerous books including The Broken King and The King's Shadow. Year 6 were treated to an excerpt from Philip's new book which is based on Greek myths. As part of the afternoon Philip also took the children through different stimulating writing activities; including developing their own character and describing an everyday event with an unlikely twist. The children produced some great ideas and were very inspired by meeting a published author-we look forward to the day when perhaps one of our current year 6 come back to visit Highfield as an author!

### **Science week**

Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in lots of investigations during science week. Year 6 were looking at the topic of light and were able to find out about different light sources, how light travels and how we see things. Year 6 used all the knowledge they had amassed during the week to investigate how periscopes work; they were then able to use this knowledge to make their own periscopes. At the end of the week Year 6 were really excited to visit the Highfield Science museum where they were extremely impressed with all the exhibits and were delighted to see their own periscopes.



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#### **4M Visit Pizza Express**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 4M went to Pizza Express for a pizza making workshop. As soon as they arrived they were sent off to wash their hands, fasten their aprons and wear hats - just like the professionals! During the session the class were given the opportunity to prepare and knead fresh dough, apply a delicious tomato and basil sauce and sprinkle their pizza bases with creamy mozzarella cheese. As our pizzas baked in the specialised pizza ovens, we took part in a fun quiz about the ingredients we were using. To end the session, we were given certificates declaring us 'Junior Pizzaiolo Chefs' and given our own handmade personal pizza!



#### **Enfield Partnership Festival**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Year 1 visited Firs Farm School to take part in Enfield Music Service's Singing As One Festival.

We were also joined by Year 1 children from Galliard and Meridian Angel schools. All four schools sang a selection of songs together with actions and even sang some as a canon! Each school also performed an additional song of their choice. Highfield sang 'Tomorrow' from the film 'Annie' and sounded fantastic!

Di Wren, Highfield's Chair of Governors, joined us for the festival and was blown away by the talent, confidence and enthusiasm our Year 1s showed.

The children were treated to a well-deserved biscuit and drink after the festival had finished, and sang all the way back to school.

The festival was great fun and everyone sounded brilliant. Well done to everyone who took part, and an extra well done to Highfield's Year 1s for representing the school so amazingly!



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### **Dance Festival**

On Wednesday 21st March, 15 children from Years 5 and 6, performed in the Dance Festival at The Millfield Theatre. They have been working hard on their routine, which was titled 'The Evolution of Dance', with Mrs Stoughton. The idea of the routine was to celebrate dance through different styles and decades.

The pupils looked perfect for the part in their beautiful costumes, thanks to the help of Mrs Bates, who came to the rescue with alterations.

Mrs Stoughton commented, "I am extremely proud of my dance group. They performed like true professionals and lit up the stage".



### **Year 1 Step back into the Victorian Era!**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Year One came into school dressed up as Victorians. This term the children have been learning about Victorian Britain and this was a perfect way for the children to really get a feel of what it was like to have attended school in the Victorian Era. The children were surprised to come into school to find that the layout of their classroom had changed as their tables were arranged in rows. We took part in a range of fun activities, such as, drill exercises, handwriting, repetitive rote learning, hand and shoe checks, and made a Victorian booklet including information about Victorian artefacts, transport, clothing, schools, jobs and toys. Thank you to all the families for preparing outfits for your children, and to all our fabulous children in Year One for getting involved in their learning!



### **Tomorrow's World Competition**

Well done to all the children who took part in Highfield's Inventions/Rube Goldberg competition. You came up with some amazing inventions and zany ways to make a simple task as complicated as possible. Congratulations also to our prize winners: Zakaria in 1S who invented a family scooter and Leart in 5B who came up with a fantastic design for an alarm clock.

### **Clever Cloggs Day for Reception Classes**

Reception had the most exciting day with 'Clever Cogs' where their imagination really did run wild! From being doctors at the hospital, vets at the surgery, police officers solving crimes to dinosaur explores digging for bones. Thank you to their parents and carers for making this valuable learning experience happen.



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### **British Science Week 2018 Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March**

Throughout Science week, Years 1-6 carried out a range of exciting engineering activities in their classrooms and had the opportunity to showcase their amazing work to each other at our very own 'Highfield Science Museum' on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. At the museum, all children had the chance to: make circuits using a range of materials, complete an engineering LEGO challenge, instruct and move electronic robots, research surprising facts on the Nikon Uniscale app and finally they could identify the different constellations in our universe underneath the dome.

It was wonderful to see the children working scientifically and using scientific language whilst exploring and investigating the different products and activities on show!

Year 1	Children used a range of materials with different properties to design a new outfit for the tractor man.
Year 2	Children engineered their own 'moving' space buggies using bottles, rods and canisters.
Year 3	Children designed and decorated their own sunglasses using different materials as a lens to protect their eyes and looked at the density of different solutions to help create their own cocktails.
Year 4	Children were inspired by the structure of the Eiffel Tower in Paris and reconstructed their own similar tower using paper, straws, tape and other sturdy materials. In addition, they also created their own hydraulic system to perform mechanical tasks.
Year 5	Children chose oil pastels to design the galaxy and then used it as a template to construct their own constellation viewer.
Year 6	Children built their own periscope. This is an instrument for observation over, around or through an object.

Ansel (Year 5) "I like that there are different activities we can do! I know I can link the motor, the buzzer, the cell and the wire to make a complete circuit."

Ediz (Year 6) "I like the idea that we got to show everyone our periscopes and got to see what the others classes got up to this week!"

### **Year 2's Trip to the Science Museum**

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March Year 2 had a fantastic day travelling into Central London on the train to visit the Science Museum. For some of the children in Year 2 it was their first experience of travelling on a train and they really enjoyed this new experience. The children all took part in a brilliant interactive Space session where they were given the chance to travel to space and solve problems that they encountered on the Space Station including what to make a space suit out of. The children were fascinated and also disgusted to learn about how astronauts purify their urine! The children also had the opportunity to find out more about past space missions and view parts of real rockets which inspired lots of the children and sparked lots of questions.



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## **HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS**

### **Week Ending: 09.03.2018**

Alihsan RT—For his love of learning and trying really hard to use his English.

Anassa 2B—For never giving up if things are tricky and always trying extremely hard in everything she does. Well done Anassa!

Jessica 4M—For selflessly helping others with their learning to ensure that everyone makes good progress.



### **Week Ending: 16.03.2018**

Krishan RJ— For being a kind and caring friend and carrying out his learning in a responsible and appropriate manner.

Nicol 2L—For promoting kindness.

Zoha 4MC— For being incredibly hardworking. She is resilient and never gives up even if she finds the work hard. She is a lovely friend, always kind and cheerful and her behaviour is fantastic. Her homework is always completed properly and handed in on time.

### **Week Ending: 23.03.2018**

Kamea RF: She is writing beautifully and starting to read her sounds.

Basel 2D: For always showing determination in himself and his learning! I am very proud of you Basel! Miss Demir

Bozhidar 5B: For becoming more confident in asking and answering questions in Maths and Literacy.

### **Spring Buddies 2018**

I would like to thank all of our Spring Buddies for doing an amazing job of extending their friendship to others throughout the Spring term.

Well done. Mrs Christodoulou.

Spring Buddies	Class
Muhammad	3C
Bowie	3I
Nuray	3M
Emre	4D
Eva	4M
George	4MC
Roberto	5B
Ise	5S
Raviye	6D
Yilmaz	6L
Sultan	6L
Mark	6P



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**BLU CHILDREN'S CLUB**

## **EASTER LEGO CLUB 2 DAY WORKSHOP**

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TUESDAY 3RD APRIL  
&  
WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL**

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£60**

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HAZELWOOD LANE,  
LONDON N13 5HE**

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Every child will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop and movie download available to watch and share.

Limited places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please send your child with a packed lunch and drinks.

**Telephone  
020 3468 8980**

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[booking@bluchildrengclub.co.uk](mailto:booking@bluchildrengclub.co.uk)**



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## MAKE EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNT

### At Highfield Primary - Attendance & Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality at school is very important for your child's wellbeing. Children who miss school are missing out on essential social interaction which can affect their ability to make friends. The facts show that if your child doesn't attend school regularly, they are less likely to do as well as other children.

At Highfield we are committed to working together with parents to increase the attendance and punctuality of all our pupils.

Although being absent cannot always be helped as we all do become ill from time to time, please note at Highfield School we expect all our children to aim for 100% attendance each half term and to be on time every day, every week! Take a look at the table below to show you exactly what your child could be missing over the year.

TIME ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	ATTENDANCE
0	100% attendance
10 DAYS	95% attendance
19 DAYS	90% attendance
28 DAYS	85% attendance
More than half a term	80% attendance
9 + weeks	75% attendance

### EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

As well as being absent a lot from school effecting your child's development being **LATE** also has a big effect, please look at the table below.

<u>Lateness = Lost Learning</u> (figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 mins late each day	3 days lost
10 mins late each day	6.5 days lost
15 mins late each day	10 days lost
20 mins late each day	13 days lost
30 mins late each day	19 days lost

March 2018	
ATTENDANCE	
CLASS	%
1J	94.13
1P	95.13
1S	96.06
2B	95.84
2D	96
2L	94.69
3C	96.79
3I	94.17
3M	95.4
4D	95.6
4M	94.98
4MC	95.48
5B	96.18
5S	95.77
6D	95.83
6L	95.79
6P	94.73
RF	96.5
RJ	96.18
RT	97.27
TOTAL	95.73



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April 2018	Diary Dates
30.03-13.04.2018	Easter Holidays
16.04.2018	First day back to school
18.04.2018	4M and 4D PE lesson at Winchmore School
	ESOL Classes
24.04.2018	Reception and Year 6 height and weight check
25.04.2018	ESOL Classes

#### **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 use the car park entrance of the school as a place to turn their vehicles around. Children and parents are walking across it. We need to keep everyone safe.

#### **Stanbridge Place – Parking**

We have received a complaint from a local resident that parents/carers have been parking in the private residents' car park in Stanbridge Place when dropping off and collecting their children. We request that parents/carers do not park in areas that are for the local residents. You are risking a fine if you continue to do so. We appreciate that there is very little parking around the school but we would request, if possible, that you use other modes of transport to take your children to and from school.



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