



## HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -

May 2018

### Message from the Headteacher...

Dear Highfield Community

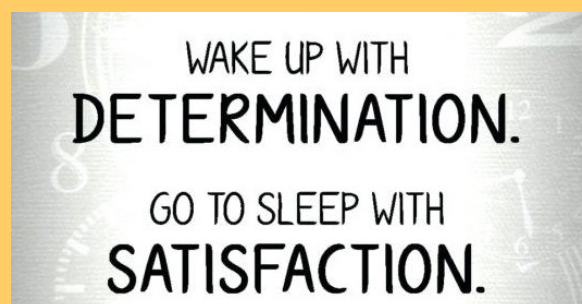
What a busy month of May- not only did the children, particularly the Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who took their SATs tests this month work with great determination, a brilliant attitude in doing their best and still managing lots of smiles, the sun shone on us all too, albeit for a few days!

I am very proud of the many varied aspects of the curriculum that all the children have been involved in this term, all staff have worked extremely hard to enable the learning to capture the children's interest and encourage them to have the love of learning that we strongly believe in here at Highfield.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful half term break and would like to wish our Muslim families a very happy Eid.

Best wishes  
Maria Kemal

***School starts for all pupils on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June***



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### **1S Class Assembly**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1S performed their amazing class assembly! The children retold the story 'The Jolly Postman'; a rhyming story with many fairy-tale characters such as Cinderella, Goldilocks and the Big Bad Wolf! 1S all said their lines perfectly and impressed the audience with their confidence and professionalism. At the end, the children sang 'Please, Mr Postman', complete with actions! 1S put on an outstanding show and did Miss Sutton, Mrs Kamdar and all of their parents proud. Well done, 1S!

### **1J Class Assembly**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, it was 1J's class assembly. The children talked about their learning and the amazing things they had done during their time in Year 1. The audience listened attentively as the children recalled their wonderful experiences about the Victorian Day, World Book Day, and showed off their Science inventions. The children then went on to wow their audience with their beautiful singing and brought tears to the eyes of their parents with their rendition of 'Tomorrow' from Annie. Miss Johnson, Mrs Man and Mrs Forward were so proud of 1J at how talented they all were in their performance. Well done 1J you were absolutely fantastic and all little superstars!

### **Mayors award for illustrated Writing**

Every year Years 3-6 enter the Mayors award for writing. It is an Enfield wide competition and there are thousands of entries. The top 3 pieces of writing for each year group are then shortlisted and the writers and their families are invited to the awards ceremony. This year Tobias in Year 4 was selected for the shortlist and his incredible piece of writing 'Letter to the Editor of the Yorkshire Evening Post', based on the book 'Iron man', was read to the audience. The standard of the writing from all the contestants was exceptional and we were delighted and proud when Tobias's name was read out as the winner. He was presented with a certificate and a plaque, with his and the schools name engraved, along with the previous winners of the prestigious award. This is an incredible achievement and shows the outstanding standard of writing that children at Highfield produce.



### **Canon national poetry Award**

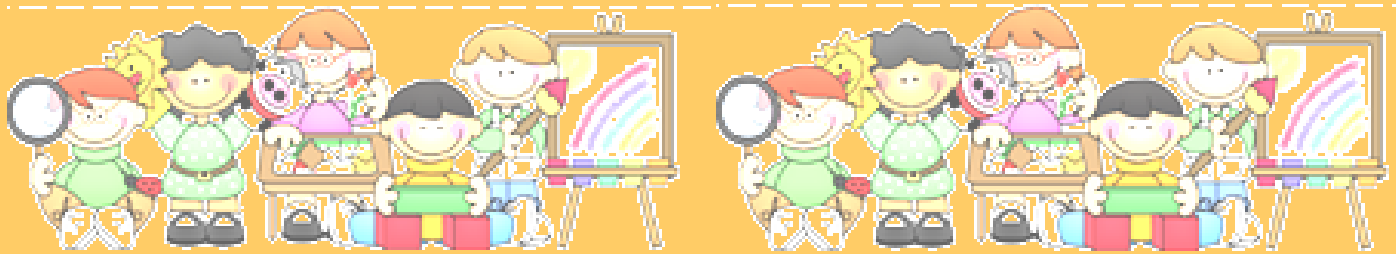
Congratulations to Emily in Year 2. Her poem 'What if the Underground had Transport for rabbits and Woodlice,' which was written for our 'Going Underground' topic, was chosen as a runner up in the 2018 Love Canon Poetry competition. Her poem has been published in the Live Canon 2018 Children's Anthology and we have a copy of it in our school library.



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### We loved Woodcroft Wildspace!

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1P visited Woodcroft Wildspace in Winchmore Hill. The children took part in three different activities in the beautiful sunshine. They went on a mini-beast hunt, explored pond dipping, and were lucky enough to find different amphibians, and last of all they observed a range of plants, trees and herbs and made careful observations.

'This herb smells of mint, my mummy uses herbs in her cooking.' (Farida)

'I have found a woodlouse under the log- they live in dark and wet places.' (Dexter)

'This is my first time finding animals in a pond, it's so much fun.' (Flo)



### Bag2School

We are pleased to announce that the Friends of Highfield have organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our school. **Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £27 million.** As well as raising funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. If you fill the donation bag and still have more than you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! Bag2School will be collecting from Highfield Primary School on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the Summer Fete on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018** and help us have a really good collection. If you are unable to attend the Summer Fete you can bring the donation bag into school on the Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and you can put the bag outside the main reception area where there will be a collection point. Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

### Cupcake and Coffee Morning

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June we will be hosting a cupcake and coffee morning to help raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. All parents and carers are welcome to come along to support the cause. Thank you.



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### **Confident Cookies**

Many children in years one and two have attended their first four sessions of Confident Cookies Club. They have taken part in activities including, identifying emotions, creating an emotion wheel as well as making eggy emotions. It has been lovely to identify that so many of our youngest learners have already grown in confidence and are willing to share their ideas and work with other children. This club will continue after the half term break.



### **GEODESIC DOME BUILDING DAY**

Great weather, great company and a great engineering activity! Children from ten other Enfield primary schools gathered together for a fun-filled team building science day at Capel Manor Primary School on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This construction based activity involved Year five children constructing two geodesic domes. Each dome is 1.5 metres in radius and was assembled using cable ties, plastic piping and round plastic hubs. Students were integrated with children from opposing schools with the aim of developing the children's skills in areas such as teamwork, engineering, critical thinking, logic, spatial awareness and problem solving.



Emilia "We had a great day in the sunshine and enjoyed making new friends from lots of different schools".

### **Year 5 Brazil Day**

In Geography, Year 5 have been focusing on countries in North and South America.

Since we were unable to travel to Brazil, we brought the Brazilian culture to the Year 5 classrooms on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May. They made decorative carnival masks, munched on Brazilian crisps, made their own fruit kebabs, played football inspired by famous Pelé and finally created a tasty tropical cocktail.

"I enjoyed making my fruit cocktail with my friends, it was delicious".



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### **Healthy eating week - 11th - 15th June**

To celebrate healthy eating week we will be featuring a fruit of the day for dessert. The fruits are Melon Medley, Apricot, Nectarine, Kiwi and Mango. Pupils will have the opportunity to try something new and have their 5 a day. Posters have been displayed in the canteen, giving some interesting information about the new fruits on offer.



### **Cricket All Stars - Fit for Life**

This term, Highfield were extremely lucky and received funding to take part in the All Stars Cricket program; the enable each class to have two cricket lessons over the term with a professional cricket coach. The children in each class were taught how to correctly hold a bat, how to focus on hitting the ball and also how to bowl. Satya in 1S said that she enjoyed playing because it was fun and that cricket is great. Zane in 5B said that he enjoyed getting to learn something that not a lot of people do. We have been very fortunate to build a strong relationship with Winchmore Cricket Club and it has been noted that many children from our school has joined the club and now enjoy cricket on a regular basis. We would like to thank Mr Clarke and Winchmore for the sessions we have taken part in this term!

### **Fit for Life Week**

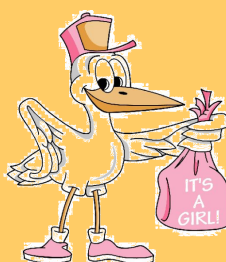
All of the children at Highfield recently took part in the Fit for Life week to promote Healthy Living. Many classes were given food and exercise diaries that they were asked to fill out the week before and the week during, this was so that they could reflect on their eating habits as well as consider how much they exercise. Many children have felt inspired by this and Oliver in 6L wore a pedometer to school and recorded himself walking 20,000 steps in one day. At the start of the week, the team captains taught each year group a fitness routine which many classes continued to do throughout the week, some children started to walk to school and many said that they played more sport at lunchtimes. Isabella in 4M said she has spent a lot of time walking around the heart line. Many classes were also taught how to make yummy but healthy snacks! Besi in 5B said that they made fruit cocktails and that they tasted delicious; the children even made one for each teacher! All of Year 3 made healthy, fruit protein bars which looked incredible. All of Highfield have made a huge effort during Fit for Life week and Mrs Lock and Miss Modeste would like to say a big thank you to you all!

### **Royal Wedding Parties**

On Friday 18th May the children had class parties to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan, now the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. All staff and students changed into their party clothes and had an enjoyable afternoon.

### **Mrs Taylor has had her baby.....**

Congratulations from us all on the birth of your beautiful daughter Maya weighing 51b 9oz.



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## **Safeguarding**

### **Keeping your children safe on Social Media**

#### **Do you know...**

##### **What they're posting?**

Check comments and images for personal information, like phone numbers and addresses, as well as inappropriate and illegal content such as hateful or threatening speech and nudity. Delete anything you think is too much information.

##### **How they access social media?**

Mobile devices, like cell phones and tablets, let children access social media apps away from adult supervision. Children may post content and even share their locations. Review app settings to help them keep information – like their location – private.

##### **Who they're talking to?**

Your child's online contact lists and followers may include people you don't know, or even people your child only knows online. Even if you don't know the contact, make sure you know what images, messages, and other content they're sharing.

##### **What account settings they're using?**

This is where you can control who has access to your child's information. Each social media service has a different setup, so take a look at each one your child uses. Always ask yourself – what is on the profile and who can see it?

##### **Who has access to their information?**

Most social media services have ads and applications from 3rd parties, like games and fan pages. If children click on these or add them to their profiles, they are allowing access to their personal information. Have a discussion about what's OK to add and what's not.



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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.

May 2018	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
1J	94.5
1P	95.25
1S	96.14
2B	95.55
2D	95.87
2L	95.02
3C	96.51
3I	94.58
3M	95.64
4D	95.78
4M	95.54
4MC	95.16
5B	96.19
5S	96.08
6D	95.93
6L	95.66
6P	94.9
RF	96.27
RJ	96.16
RT	96.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.8</b>

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.

<b>Lateness = Lost Learning</b> (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

Every day your child is absent from school affects their education! You will notice from the figures above, that the odd day off really does mount up. Please be aware that Highfield School **WILL NOT AUTHORISE** any **HOLIDAYS** during term time, this is done in the interest of your child's education.



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June 2018	Diary Dates
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June	Half Term
Monday 4 June	First day back
Monday 4th-8th June	Year 6 Residential to Lewes
Tuesday 5th June	Year 1 and 2 to Pizza Express
Wednesday 6th June	4D to Pizza Express
	ESOL Classes
Friday 8th June	Class Assembly 1P
Wednesday 13th June	ESOL Classes
Friday 15th June	Year 1 Animal Workshop
Monday 18th June	Year 3-6
Tuesday 19th June	Year 2 at Woodcroft
	Reception and KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 20th June	District Sports
	ESOL Classes
Thursday 21st June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 22nd June	Year 2 at Woodcroft
Saturday 23rd June	School Summer Fete
Monday 25th-Wednesday 27th June	Book Fair
Tuesday 26th June	Year 2 at Woodcroft
	Highfields's Got Talent auditions in hall
Wednesday 27th June	ESOL Classes
Friday 29th June	Highfields's Got Talent auditions in hall

### **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.



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