



## HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -

June 2018

### Message from the Headteacher...

#### Highfield Summer Fete

On Saturday 23 June not only did the sun shine but the whole of Highfield Community enjoyed a fun packed afternoon!



The turn out was the best we've had!

The variety of stalls were brilliant, the International Food Hall was packed with the most delicious cuisine, the BBQ and cake stands were packed with hungry customers, the prizes from the raffle draw were top class!, the feeding of our farm animals was so popular and the classes sold their products with great entrepreneurial skills!!!

Of course there was so much more, but what stood out for me was the Community Spirit and the complete dedication of everyone there really working so hard for the wonderful children of Highfield.

The delight and smiles from the children told me they were having a great time. I know how much they love their school.

The Friends of Highfield worked tirelessly to make this fete the success that it was, I thank you and the hard working staff who worked together in collaboration and with dedication.

I felt extremely proud to be the Headteacher.

Thank you  
Maria Kemal

## **DETERMINATION**

*is doing what  
needs to be done  
even when you don't  
feel like doing it.*



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### 1P's Performance of 'The Disgusting Sandwich'

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1P performed the story of 'The Disgusting Sandwich' which they have been reading in English. They did an absolutely fantastic job remembering all their lines from the story and spoke so clearly. They introduced their assembly by singing their favourite song which they also confidently sang at the Enfield Music Festival this year. We definitely have some actors in the making, well done 1P! Miss Petais and Mrs Willis are SO proud of all of you!



### Year 1's Amazing Animals Workshop!

We were visited by Wild Science who brought us a number of different animals including a tarantula, a king snake, a chincilla, a millipede, a scorpion and a bearded dragon. We had the opportunity to hold and stroke some of the animals and our expert, Isaac, told us lots of amazing facts about them! For example, did you know king snakes eat other snakes and scorpions glow in the dark? We had an amazing day!

"I liked the different animals in the workshop and how the man taught us how to treat animals," said Mabel in 1J.  
"I liked how the tarantula ticked my hand and I learnt that spiders have eight eyes!" said Zohair in 1S.



### Year 6 trip to KidZania

Year 6 enjoyed a brilliant day out at KidZania. The children from Year 6, who were not away on the residential trip, had great fun in Stratford, West London. During the day they combined learning about different professions with real-life experiences of working in different environments. Children were able to spend time in the indoor city selecting different activities like the climbing walls, trying different professions like working for a newspaper or having a ride in a miniature Fire Engine! By taking part in different jobs the children were able to earn KidZo money throughout the day and were able to spend this in the shop for real items— however the Year 6 staff were very impressed by how many children banked their money and came home with their very own KidZania debit card instead! The children were wonderfully behaved and returned to school tired but happy after a great trip out.



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### **2B's trip to Woodcroft**

2B had a wonderful time on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June when they had the opportunity to visit Woodcroft. They each completed 3 different activities including pond dipping, bug hunting and identifying plants. They wowed the instructors with their knowledge about how plants grow and also the number of different species they could identify! Their favourite activity was definitely pond dipping as they were extremely excited empty their nets and see what animals they had caught. One of the children even managed to catch a newt! They all had a wonderful day and sang songs all of the way back to school.



Robin: "I can't believe how many different species I managed to catch in my net. I even managed to get a giant pond snail!" Cassidy: "I saw a butterfly in the long grass and it was so pretty and colourful!"

### **3C's trip to Woodcroft**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> June 3C, visited 'Woodcroft Wild life Centre' and had a lovely morning immersing in nature. When we got there we were split into three groups and each did an activity. There was plant identifying, insect detecting and pond dipping. Overall, we enjoyed the pond dipping the most as we physically caught creatures in the pond such as newts (but of course we put them back into the water once we finished). Another highlight of the morning, was admiring all the beautiful flowers and fruit trees that were blooming in the meadow. What a fun and informative morning!



### **Year 4: Visit to Pizza Express**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4D were invited to Pizza Express in Winchmore Hill. We walked through the doors at 09:30 to find the kitchen in full swing: The ovens were roaring and the pizzaiolo was busy kneading dough and chopping fresh herbs and vegetables. After scrubbing our hands and donning an apron, we set about making our own Margheritas, the 'Queen of Pizzas'. First we stretched the dough, gently easing it up the sides of the pizza pan to make the crust. Passata was added and we spread it across the base using a lift and tap technique. The mozzarella was evenly distributed and we finished with a sprinkle of oregano. As our pizzas baked, we tasted raw onions and basil; mushrooms and olives. The basil was fragrant and bitter; the onions sweet and tangy and in no time, our pizzas were ready. They emerged from the ovens with golden tops and fluffy crusts and smelt delicious. We each took home our very own Margherita, ready for our supper.



4D would like to thank Pizza Express for their generosity: The workshop was run free-of-charge and was a fantastic introduction to the history and art of pizza making. Many thanks.



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## School Journey 2018

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Year 6 set off for a fun week in Lewes. The children were excited and so were the teachers!

It was an action packed week. The children took part in archery, designing and making a boat-which they tested on a lake. We all managed to stay dry (although Selina jumped in the lake!) We even managed a hike across the downs. A wonderful day was spent on the beach, where children enjoyed splashing in the sea and spotted different wildlife.

In the evenings, the children made popcorn over a campfire and enjoyed a disco on the Thursday evening. Alex said, "School Journey was fun and we got to do lots of activities. Archery was my favourite!" They also liked spending time playing with their friends. Football, rounders and singing were popular activities! On the last day, the children were given a team challenge before heading for home. Highfield was the quickest school to complete this challenge. Great teamwork!

Kieran said, "It was an amazing week and I made lots of new friends."

New friendships were formed, all had lots of fun and the children's independence grew tremendously. All children were perfect ambassadors for the school and the teachers are very proud of them.



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### **District Sports**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 ventured to Lee Valley Athletics Centre where they all competed in several different athletic events, including: a 600m run, hurdles, 60m sprint and relay events. Some of the children were nervous, but they put on a brave face and used all of their perseverance to walk onto the track, surrounded by many different schools and cheering spectators, and participate in their chosen event. All of the children did brilliantly, Fatima in 6D who competed in the Hurdles, won her race, the Year 6 girls relay, Year 5 boys relay, Akram in 5S, Giada in 4M and Mohammed in 3M all came a close 2<sup>nd</sup> in their events. I would like to give a special mention to Mohammed in Year 3, who ran 2 parts of the Year 3 relay and gave all of his energy to the team and it was commented by many parents watching how fast he was! I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers that helped take children to this event or who came as watched to cheer Highfield on, as well as Mrs Major, Miss Titre and Jack! Well done Highfield, we are all very proud of you!



### **Sports Day**

Sports Day was a big hit this year for both KS1 and KS2. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were experts when it came to throwing beanbags into hoops and they did well with all of their running races, especially the egg and spoon! Even the Highfield Mascot made an appearance, cheering on the children with excitement, despite the warm weather! KS2 Sports Day was fantastic, we were joined by three Great British Athletes: outdoor long jump champions, Dan Bramble, 400m double European Champion Laviai Nielsen and her twin sister Lina Nielsen who is a European Champion in hurdles! The athletes helped inspire the children on the day alongside running some of the events. The javelin and shot put were one of the children's favourite event and it was surprising how far some of them could throw the shot put! Unfortunately, the wind appeared to change the course of some of the javelins. The last event of the day was the relay, which was won by Green Team, who were also our winners of Sports Day! Well done Green Team! Also, a huge thank you to all of the families who were able to attend and support the children during the day.



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### **Summer Fete**

Thank you to everybody who supported our Summer Fete this year. With your help we raised a fantastic £9,147. Thank you.

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### **Highfield School Choir**

At Highfield's Summer Fete, our amazing Choir sang two lovely songs about self-belief and resilience. After weeks of practise, the children sang proudly and confidently and the audience was amazed by their wonderful singing. Well done, everyone!



### **Book Fair**

We have had another successful book fair at Highfield's! A big thank you to all Mrs Oskis's hard work and also Mrs Neal's help. We raised £1,467.34. From that we have received £880.00 commission that will be given to Year 1 to buy books. Thank you.

### **Nursery Trip to Broomfield Park**

On the hottest day of the year so far, the Nursery children had a class trip to Broomfield Park! We all had so much fun, playing with our friends in the lovely sunshine. All the parents and carers also enjoyed themselves. It was lovely for the parents to see how their children interact with their Nursery peers. The children were all very well-behaved, although there were many tired faces the next day in Nursery!

Sonny: "I liked it when I went on the big slide because I went down it so fast."

Charlie: "I liked going on the ladder because I like ladders."

Zayna: "I had crisps, biscuit and a popsicle, and a drink that was orange."

Etienne: "It was hot and sunny at the park, and it made the slide and everything hot."

Zakaria: "The swing went up and down. My Mum pushed me, and I went on the slide."

Martyna: "I liked the swings because my Mum pushed me and she pushed me higher."

Joyce: "I went on the slide and the swing with Princess. Princess went on the baby swing because she was too little for the big swing."



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# What parents need to know about INSTAGRAM

## LIVE STREAMING TO STRANGERS

The live stream feature on Instagram allows users to connect with their friends and followers in real-time. Followers can comment on the video during the broadcast (which can be turned off in the settings). If your child has a private account, only their approved followers can see their story. It is important to note that they still may have followers that they do not know, which means they could be live streaming to strangers. A public account allows anybody to view their story. We suggest that your child goes through their followers list and blocks people they do not know. An additional risk with live streams is that your child may do something that they regret. This could be captured by a viewer taking a screenshot and further shared around the internet.



## DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE, BODY IMAGE & MENTAL HEALTH

When influencers, celebrities or peers use filters on their photos or videos on Instagram, it can set unrealistic expectations of their own appearance and create feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem. Children may try to strive for a comparable number of likes on their own photo to an image or video that has been edited heavily.

## \*\*\*NEW FOR MAY 2018\*\*\*

### IN-APP PAYMENTS

Instagram is rolling out in-app payments for products and services directly through the app. It will operate under the same rules as Facebook Payments, which state if you are under the age of 18, you can only use Facebook Payments with the involvement of a parent or guardian.



## PHOTO / VIDEO SHARING

Posting photos and videos is Instagram's biggest selling point, so with sharing images comes risks. A photo which includes landmarks in the area, their school uniform, street name, house and even tagging in the location of the photo uploaded to Instagram can expose the child's location making it easy to locate them. If their account is not set to private, anyone can access their account and see their images.

### HIJACKED HASHTAGS

Like Twitter, hashtags are also an extremely prominent tool in Instagram and with that, comes potential risks for your child. One person may use a seemingly innocent hashtag with one thing in mind and before you know it, hundreds of people could be using the same hashtag for something inappropriate or dangerous that your child certainly shouldn't be exposed to.

### LOCATION TAGGING

Public locations can be added to a users photos/videos and also to their stories. While this may seem like a good idea at the time, it can expose your child's location; this is particularly more of a risk if it is on their story, as it is in real-time.



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# Top Tips for Parents



## REMOVE PAYMENT METHODS

If you are happy for your child to have a card associated with their Instagram account, we suggest adding a PIN which needs to be entered before making a payment; this will also help prevent unauthorized purchases. This can be added in the payment settings tab.

## \*\*\*NEW FOR MAY 2018\*\*\*

### FILTER INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS

Instagram announced on 1st May that they now have an 'anti-bullying' filter on the app. The new filter hides comments containing attacks on a person's appearance or character, as well as threats to a person's well-being or health. The filter will also alert Instagram to repeated problems so they can take action on the user if necessary. This is an automatic filter, but it can be turned off. Make sure this is turned on in the apps settings.



## TURN OFF SHARING

Even though this feature will not stop people from taking screenshots, it will stop others being able to directly share photos and videos from a story as a message to another user. This feature can be turned off in the settings. We also recommend turning off the feature which automatically shares photos and videos from a story to a Facebook account.

## USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

By default, any image or video your child uploads to Instagram is visible to anyone. A private account means that you have to approve a request if somebody wants to follow you and only people you approve will see your posts and videos.



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### **Headteacher's Award**

#### **April:**

Faris NPM - for being a superstar! Always trying his best and is now doing fantastic reading and writing! Amazing!

Zakariya 1P - Staying more focused in his learning.

Rebecca 5S - Always working hard and being a fantastic role model to the class

Rose RJ - for being kind, caring and a considerate friend. She is a responsible and wonderfully behaved member of RJ.

Can 2B - for always trying very hard in all that he does and never giving up. What a great quality to have! I am very proud of you! Miss Barton.

Siana 3M - for making great progress in Maths and growing in confidence. She is very kind and helpful around the class every day.



#### **May:**

William RT- for his love of learning and enthusiasm.

Elena 1J - for producing some fantastic writing. Well done Elena!

Vina 6D - for exceptional hard work across all subjects. Vina's commitment to her Maths should be highly commended. You should be very proud of yourself Vina! Well done!

Connor NAM – for being so happy to come to Nursery and for the progress he has made since January.

Zaynep 1S - for improving her handwriting and pace of writing. She is writing much more and it looks beautiful!

Kyra 6L - for working extremely hard this term and has had a fantastic attitude to learning. She has been focused and always ensures her work is to a high standard. I was extremely impressed with the way Kyra worked in English when we were doing direct and indirect speech. Well done Kyra! Miss Lock.

#### **June:**

Paul RJ - For being a kind, considerate member of class. Always trying hard at everything he does.

Eleftherious 2B - For being so wonderful!

Kadedra, Banu, Vina, Deniz, Ania, Amira and Sultan – Year 6 - A group Headteacher's ward! For all the girls being incredibly helpful and wonderful all week! You have been amazing girls! Mrs Lock

Nyah RF - For making great progress with his Reading, Writing and Maths.

Haaris 2L - For amazing work in Maths and Phonics

Zofia 3M - For settling well into Highfield and striving to achieve in all that she does. She is a wonderful member of our class.

Jasper NAM - Making tremendous progress in all areas of the curriculum this year, especially his personal and social development and for showing such a love of learning.

Scarlett 2D - Making excellent progress this year in reading and writing and for always trying her best in her learning. Well done Scarlett! Miss Demir.

Amber 3C - Following the golden rules and showing increasing resilience with her writing.

Solomon NPM - For having a fantastic year in Nursery making lots of friends and for always making his teachers smile.

Deniz 1P - For her excellent creative writing.

Tamrynn 3I - For always doing the right thing and applying herself to learning, even when things are a bit tricky!



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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.

June 2018	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
1J	94.91
1P	95.22
1S	96.24
2B	95.6
2D	95.94
2L	95.1
3C	96.45
3I	94.8
3M	95.49
4D	95.63
4M	95.74
4MC	95.58
5B	96.11
5S	95.7
6D	95.67
6L	95.41
6P	94.57
RF	96.21
RJ	95.94
RT	96.75
Total	95.8

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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July 2018	Diary Dates
Tuesday 3rd July	Reports out to Parents/Carers
	Dance Club final performance to parent (4pm)
Wednesday 4th July	ESOL Workshop at Southgate College
Thursday 5th July	Parent/Carer Meeting (3.45-5pm)
Wednesday 11th July	ESOL in the canteen
Thursday 12th July	Year 6 Play to Parents/Carers (6-7pm)
Monday 16th July	Year 6 Disco (3.30-5.00pm)
Thursday 19th July	Class games morning
	Year 6 Parade (1pm)
	School closes for the Summer Holidays early finish 1.30pm
Friday 20th July	Inset Day (no school for children)

#### **PARKING ACROSS RESIDENTS' DRIVES**

Unfortunately, we have had several complaints of a small number parents parking across local residents' drives. This behaviour is unacceptable and means that residents have been unable to pick their children up from school, have missed medical appointments and has generally caused them inconvenience. Please do not park in front of peoples' drives. There is alternative parking further away from the school and we would encourage people not to drive at all if possible, as the high number of vehicles around the school make it dangerous for children. At Highfield we are part of the local community and we need to respect everyone in it.

#### **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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