



## HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -

July 2018

### Message from the Headteacher...

It has been a fantastic year at Highfield!

Our pupils have enjoyed a wealth of experiences through our broad creative curriculum and the many enrichment opportunities (trips, guest speakers, themed days, and clubs) that we offer.

Our results for this year across all key stages once again shows we are in line or **above** national standards.

The school continues to be the Outstanding school that it was judged to be by Ofsted in 2016!

We have much to be proud of within the Highfield school community and I would like to thank all the staff, governors, pupils, parents, carers and local neighbours for your support this year.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer holiday.

I am looking forward to our continued success next year!

*Maria Kemal*



A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have given us beautiful gifts and such kind words of gratitude - it is most appreciated.

"Together we really do achieve more for the children"



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## **International Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

On Friday, Highfield celebrated its annual International Day! The day begun with an assembly, whereby each year group sung a song in a different language, much to the joy of the other children! The rest of the day was full of interesting, enriching activities for all the children, where they learnt about a range of different cultures!

In Reception, the children explored Sri Lanka and looked at and designed their own henna patterns. They also explored Tanzania and focused on the theme of a Tanzanian safari! In Year 1, the children learnt Spanish phrases, created their own Indian rangoli patterns and practised some Swahili phrases when studying the country of Kenya. In Year 2, the children made Vietnamese hats, learnt a Canadian song and thoroughly enjoyed getting to grips with a Greek dance! In Year 3, our children learnt about Cameroon and practised djembe drumming! The children also learnt about Spain and created their own maps, whilst looking at flamenco dancing! In year 4, the children studied China and learnt Chinese calligraphy; making a cartouche using their favourite Chinese characters! Year 4 also studied Russia, linking this to our topic of *Fit for Life* and asking questions about this year's world cup! In Year 5, the children explored Turkey, creating their own hamsa designs. They also learnt about Austria, learning a very exciting Viennese waltz/ folk dance with Mrs Stoughton! In Year 6, the children looked at the country of Israel, and studied Israeli art by Noam Basson.

A fantastic day was had by all and it was another day where we were all able to celebrate and teach one another about our own cultures and ethnicities!

Thank you to all of the children, parents and staff for their support



## **Harp Workshops**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Key Stage 2 were visited by Mr Brilliant! He brought along some harps he had made and showed the children how they are made and played. He also shared the history of the harp with the children and how they have changed over the years. Years 5 and 6 worked with Mr Brilliant in some workshops and had a go at playing them themselves. It was a 'brilliant' start to the week!



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### **RNLI Talk**

Reception and KS1 were lucky enough to have Bob Brooker from the RNLI come to visit us at Highfield on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Bob gave all the children a very interesting talk about staying safe around water and what the RNLI does. The children were really intrigued to watch videos of real life rescues and asked some really thoughtful questions. They got the opportunity to take part in an activity all about the meaning of the different flags used on the beach. Finally, 2 children competed against each other to get all of the lifesaving clothing and equipment on in the fastest time, just like the volunteers would have to do on a real rescue call.



### **SCIENCE COMPETITION 2018**

Seven Year 5 children were chosen to represent Highfield Primary School at the annual Science competition at Edmonton County Secondary School and won the first place award. Mert (5B), Besi (5B), Alisha(5B), Radi(5B), Alex (5S), Victor (5S) and Sabaoth (5S) presented their investigation about the pH level for cheap and expensive shampoo. The panel of judges explained how our Year Five children stood out from the other nine schools because they presented their findings with passion and enthusiasm, they memorised all their methods, strategies and results words with no reference sheet in front of them, they mentioned the history of shampoo and was able to confidently evaluate the facts they had received from their investigation. It was a proud moment for Miss Brown, who had seen these children work tirelessly during their lunchtime in preparation for this competition and inevitably, their hard work paid off-well done!



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### We are Confident Cookies!

KS1 children have thoroughly enjoyed attending Confident Cookies Club this term. Throughout the ten-week programme, they took part in group activities including: creating eggy emotions, parachute games, paired Lego building, sharing compliments, the toilet roll challenge, Chinese whispers, making a worry potion and decorating delicious cookies. All of the activities were aimed to improve team building skills, confidence and trust. I am incredibly proud of all the children! They are now certainly Confident Cookies!

"I enjoyed making new friends, because I talk to more people now". (Alice – 1P)

"I liked the Lego game, because we were helping each other and it was team work," (Daisy – 1S)

"I really liked decorating the cookie, it was so tasty." (Anassa-2B)



### Y4 trip to Lee Valley Athletics Centre

On Thursday 5th July, Y4 took part in a Minithon at Lee Valley Athletics Centre. They were trained by three of the Centre's excellent coaches, one of whom had been a pupil at Highfield a few years ago-Thanks Amber. The children used the amazing indoor facilities to high jump, long jump, javelin throw, sprint and run a middle distance twice around the blue sloping track. Parents, TAs and teachers were also encouraged to participate much to the children's delight. The final event was a tug of war which used a completely different set of muscles and was so popular that it could become a Sports Day favourite at Highfield! A big thank you to everyone involved for a wonderful day out linked perfectly to our whole school topic, Fit for Life.

### 4MC Runs A Mile

This term 4MC have run a mile almost every Thursday, around our play ground and around the field. We have totalled 10 miles so far and hope to make it 12 miles by the end of term. Each week the children have improved in fitness and stamina, and they have also enjoyed the social aspects of jogging and chatting with their classmates. It has been wonderful to start the day with a bit of exercise and it has even help to focus the children on the maths lesson that follows! Well done 4MC what a brilliant effort!



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### MUSIC FESTIVAL

Year Five took part in an exciting music Festival at Latymer All Saints School on Monday 2nd July.

They had practised six songs ranging from country to African music alongside four other local schools in the Enfield community. For their solo performance they gave an electric performance of the gospel song "Rain down on me". They had energy, actions and sang with passion from beginning to end. They showcased the wonderful music talent we have in Highfield-excellent job Year Five!



### Thank You Mr Nikulin

A big thank you to Mr Nikulin, who has donated and installed a brand new chicken coup for the animals. It is larger than the previous one, giving the chickens more space than they had before. The children were very excited to see it and the birds have been enjoying their new habitat.



### Reception Teddy Bear Picnic

Reception had a wonderful time at the Teddy Bear Picnic. We played musical statues and bumps then enjoyed a yummy picnic. Thank you to the parents and carers for all of your food contributions. The children were all SO excited when our surprise visitor Jimmy the ice cream van came and gave all of the children and teacher's an ice cream! Thank you to Sally from RT for helping with arrangements. We are sure the children had a truly memorable afternoon celebrating their year in Reception at Highfield. Good Luck for Year 1- we are all very proud!



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### **Highfield's Got Talent**

On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 marks the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Highfield's Got Talent. Filled to the brim with talent, this year's show was packed with amazing and talented acts; despite some minor technical difficulties that we managed to overcome over time.

Highfield voted the winning act to be *'get that ugly feeling'*, performed by Lamys, Lexi, Sophia and Kaya, all in year 3, dancing to 'Just Dance' on YouTube. During the auditions we had decided to put them through because of their fluency and creativity as well as their dedication to this competition.

The runner up this year was a brother and sister act, displaying martial arts through humour and acting; it was a unique performance, presenting women's equality to men, proving that women can also be fighters and defenders. This amazing act was performed by Radi and Ania under the name of *'The Karate Kids'*.

Last but definitely not least, our 3<sup>rd</sup> place act is Julia singing 'A Million Reasons Why' by Lady Gaga. It was a heart-warming song that she bravely sung with no music due to technical difficulties during the show. Her bravery impressed us greatly and I'm sure the audience would agree that she deserved to be classified in the top 3 acts!

On a scale from 1 to 10, we would rate this year's show a definite 10 due to the outstanding talent and how we managed to overcome the minor obstacles. Also we would like to give a special thanks to Mrs Kemal for the motivating box of chocolates and to Ellis (our school technician) for helping us with the computing part of the show. We are greatly looking forward to the next Highfields Got Talent!

By Ediz, Eleni, Nasra and Ilias J



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### **Shrek! - Year 6 end of year performance**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 performed a fantastic rendition of Shrek! The children received a standing ovation, with lots of laughs and fun shared! Thank you so much to all of the staff for their help and support, and to parents and carers for your constant support and encouragement! Their performance made everyone so proud and will be remembered many years to come! Well done Year 6!



### **Year 6 End of Year Party**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we celebrated our wonderful Year 6s and their time at Highfield! A party was thrown outside on our lovely school grounds, where the children played games and danced the afternoon away! Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us and who provided food and drinks for the children! It was a wonderful afternoon, where we were all able to share wonderful memories we have had with your incredible children! We will really miss you all and wish you every success in your futures!

### **Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!**

On our last day of term, the whole school turned out to say goodbye and good luck to our fabulous Year 6.

The children had written their wishes and attached them to a blue balloon. Watched and cheered on by the entire school, they made their way through the playground to the field, where their parents were there waiting for them. After a countdown, led by Mrs. Kemal, the balloons were let into the sky. A rather emotional Year 6 said their final goodbye to Highfield.

This Year 6 will be missed. They have been brilliant role models for the younger children and have worked so hard this year. Their attitude towards their learning should be commended. We wish them all lots of success and feel privileged to have been part of their learning journey.



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**Safeguarding E-Safety** Keeping up with your children's online activities is very important! Keep in mind that no app poses a danger in itself, but many do provide children with an opportunity to make the wrong choice



### Audio Manager

Audio Manager is an app that has nothing to do with managing your children's music files or controlling the volume on their smartphone but everything to do with hiding things like photos from you. It's one of the top apps for hiding other apps. Yes, there are such things. Children can hide any app they don't want you to see. When you press and hold the Audio Manager app, a lock screen is revealed -- behind which users can hide messages, photos, videos, and other apps.

### Stepping down from The Friends Of Highfield (FOH)

The staff and the governors would like to thank Mr Anthony Hughes (Chair) and Ms Charlotte Brownlees (Treasurer) for their commitment and endless work ethic in making the Friends Of Highfield the successful organisation that it is.

### Carey Hall Preschool

## Daily Pick up/Drop off service

*From Highfield Nursery to Carey Hall Preschool*

***Does your child attend Highfield nursery? Do you work, lead a busy life or just need an additional pair of hands? Then our service might be for you.***

Carey Hall Preschool aims to provide childcare for additional hours from Monday to Friday. The service is a safe, secure and prompt pick up of your child, who will then be escorted to Carey Hall Preschool (5 minute walk). There are two sessions; morning or afternoon. Morning sessions include a pick up at 8.55am from Highfield Nursery and a drop off back to Highfield Nursery at 12.15pm. Afternoon sessions include a pick up at 11.45am and a drop off at 3.15pm. Please contact Lisa Walford if you are interested and for more information.

### **Carey Hall Preschool**

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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.

July 2018	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
1J	94.95
1P	95.17
1S	96.36
2B	95.37
2D	95.74
2L	95.2
3C	96.53
3I	94.56
3M	95.58
4D	95.57
4M	95.76
4MC	95.45
5B	96.18
5S	95.67
6D	95.82
6L	95.57
6P	94.75
RF	96.4
RJ	95.85
RT	96.67
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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September 2018	Diary Dates
Monday 3rd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th September	First day back at school for Years 1-6
Wednesday 5th September	Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher 8.50-9.30am
Thursday 6th September	Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher 8.50-9.30am
	SATs/Secondary School Meeting 9.45am
Friday 7th September	Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher 8.50-9.30am
Thursday 20th September	Children's Individual Photographs (Reception to Year 6)

### PARKING ACROSS RESIDENTS' DRIVES

Unfortunately, we have had several complaints of a small number of 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.

### New Arrival

Congratulations Mrs Lock to her new arrival. Mrs Lock gave birth to Lexi Jane who was 7lbs 7oz on Thursday 12th July. Both mother and baby are well.



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