



## HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Together we can achieve more"*

Newsletter - May 2019



### Message from the Head teacher:

It has been a very busy and eventful month!

During this month exams and tests took place for our year 2 pupils doing their KS1 SATs and all our year 6 pupils took their KS2 SATs exams.

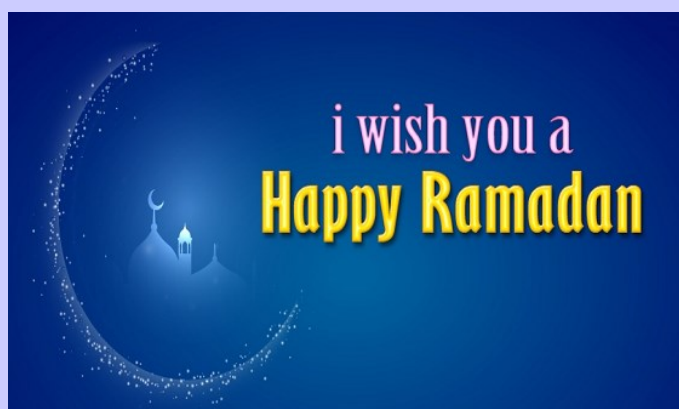
Our Year 2 children "enjoyed" the tests as they were told it was a fun quiz by their teachers. It was a pleasant atmosphere for all the children.

I was really impressed by the attitude of our Year 6 children, they attempted each test with a positive attitude and really tried their very best! They didn't let the timing of the SATs tests put them off. It was heads down, stay calm and carry on!

I would like to thank all the parent/carers and staff for all the extra support during the week of SATs A big well done to all the year 2 and year 6 pupils for all their hard work!

Mrs Maria Kemal

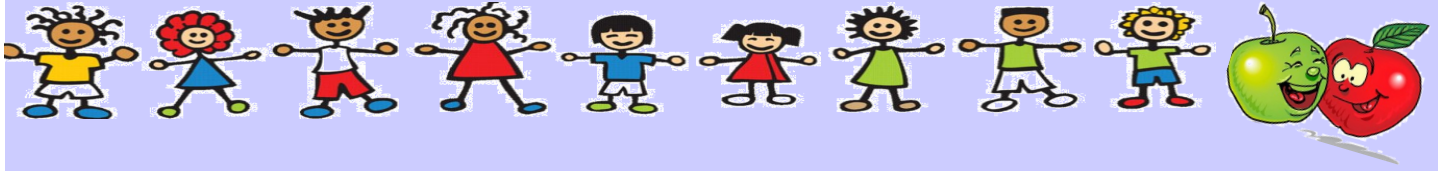
**Happy Eid to all our families that celebrate.**



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### 1M's trip to Woodcroft Wildspace

On 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1M trekked up to Woodcroft Wildspace in Winchmore Hill. The venue provided a variety of activities all exploring the wildlife in our local area. The children had the opportunity to go pond fishing, minibeast hunting and flower/herb searching. Each activity was thoroughly enjoyed by all children especially the pond fishing where we found water snails, larvae, slugs and even a newt!

Can-Kemal "I found the biggest snail"

Andya "bees collect nectar to make honey"

Lenny "the buttercup checks if you like butter"



### Woodcroft was 'WOW'!

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1P visited Woodcroft Wildspace and had an incredible time! They had the opportunity to go pond dipping and find different water creatures, explore a range of different trees and flowers and also went on a hunt for mini beasts!

Andreas: 'I find a really big newt and a leech!!'

Oliver: When I put the buttercup flower under my chin, my chin turned yellow...that means I love butter.'

Sebastien: I found so many different insects under the log...the big beetle was my favourite.'

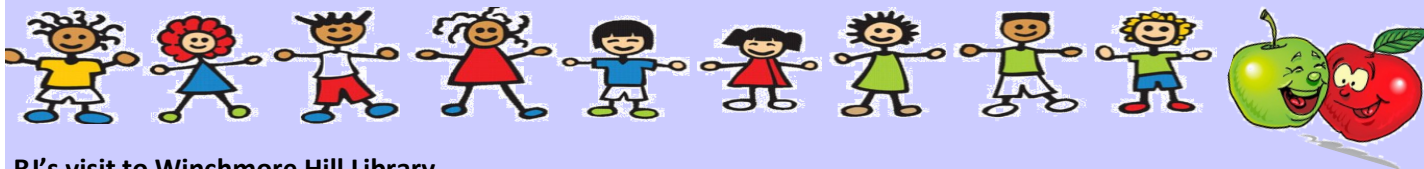
Rapahelle: I liked seeing the bees home and finding out how they make honey.'



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### RJ's visit to Winchmore Hill Library

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May RJ visited Winchmore Hill Library. Before visiting we discussed all the things we needed to do to keep safe. The children decided we needed to:

- Wear our hi-visibility jackets
- Hold our partners' hands
- Listen to the adults
- Stay on the pavement
- Not talk to strangers

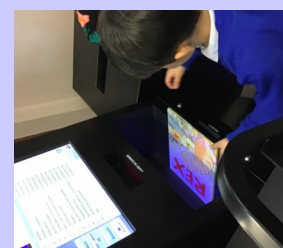


'We had to hold our partners hand when we were walking.' – Logan

When we arrived at the library we were read the book 'Grumpy Gertie' by Sam Lloyd and we were told all about owning a library card. RJ were given their own class library card which the children were allowed to choose and draw books out on. The children were able to check out the books they had chosen using the self-service machines. After all our books had been scanned, we were told about how May is 'National Share a Story Month' and that this year's theme is travelling tales. We listened and joined in with the much loved 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen.

'I liked when we scanned the books.' – Harriet

'I loved going to the library because I chose a book about the Lion King.' – Raffy



We would like to thank the parents who accompanied us on our trip and the staff at Winchmore Hill Library for making us feel so welcome.

### RH Library visit

RH recently visited Winchmore Hill library. They learnt what a library is and how they can join. RH were given a special class library card and everyone was able to choose a book to borrow and bring back to school to enjoy. The staff at the library read 2 books to the class and showed the class how the children's section is set up. As May is *National Share a Story* month, one of the stories they shared with us was one of our favourites! 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', we were able to join in with some of the words and even added in actions. RH were wonderfully behaved and are really looking forward to their next trip to the library next half term! Thank-you to our brilliant parent volunteers, without whom trips like this would not be possible.



"I liked when we did the actions" Solomon

"I asked the lady to help me find a book about the world, she showed me the non-fiction books" Finn

"I go to the library with my mum and dad" Bella

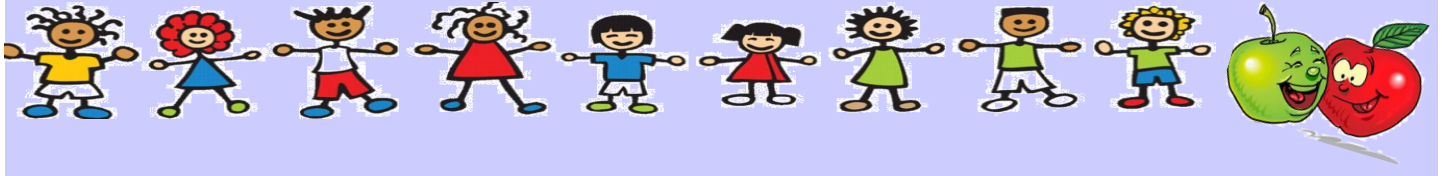


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### 1P Class Assembly - Performance of 'The Jolly Postman'

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1P did a wonderful performance of 'The Jolly Postman'. They re-enacted the story confidently and remembered all their lines. In addition, the children sang some beautiful songs with actions. The highlight of the performance had to be the class dance which they have been rehearsing in PE and choreographed all by themselves. Well done 1P, you have made Miss Petais a very proud teacher!



### 1M's Class Assembly

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1M put on an amazing production of 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. The story focusses on Duncan and his crayons who send letters to quit their jobs for various reasons including being used too much, not being used enough or because they want to be the colour of the sun. 1M also sang some fantastic songs to accompany their performance which were performed beautifully including True Colours and I Will Survive. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to watch!

Kaan: "I wish that we could do it again"

Archie: "My favourite song was I will Survive"

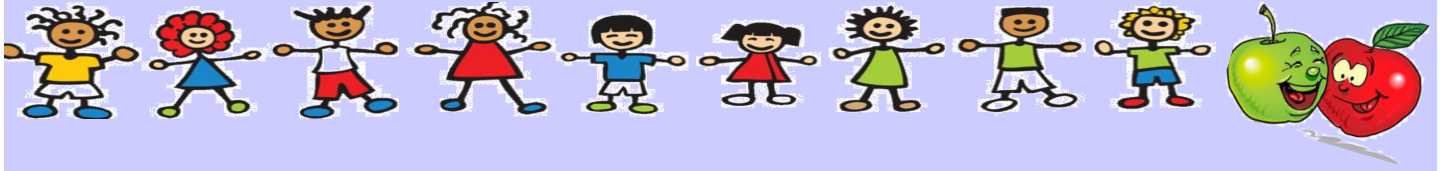
James: "I said my line the loudest!"



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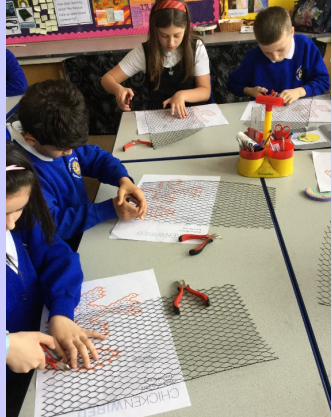
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### Sensational Chickenwire Sculpture

As this term’s whole school topic is ‘Sensational Sculpture,’ we were visited by a sculptor, William Ashley-Norman, who creates sculptures made from chicken wire. He worked with children in years 3 to 6 on individual sculptures and on a group sculpture. Have a look at the large sculpture he created with the children in the school office foyer. The children not only learnt a new skill but thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.



### Colour Me In

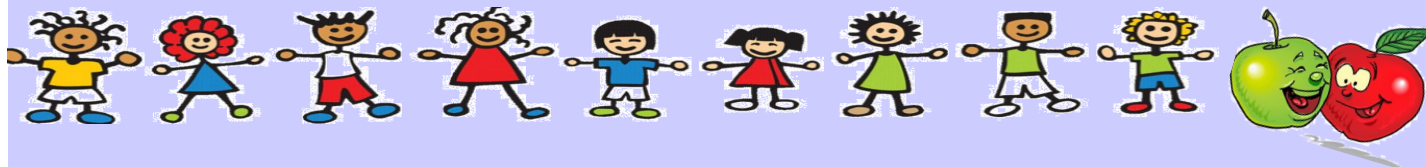
Highfield Primary School, along with other schools in the borough, have been fortunate enough to participate in a collaborative art project organised by Colour Me In Art School. This project celebrates the community of Enfield. Every child in the school was asked to colour in a bank note which included what they value about Enfield. These bank notes were then put together to create a sculpture of an ATM celebrating the fact that Enfield was the first place in the UK to get an ATM. Their work will be displayed at the Dugdale Centre in an art exhibition from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> July.



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## Joining Hands to Support our Children's Future Friends of Highfield Newsletter- May 2019



Hello  
Welcome to our May Newsletter!



### Quiz Night



Thank you to everyone who attended the Quiz night. This was our very first quiz and it was an overwhelming success, with a great time had by all. With your support, we managed to raise an amazing £737! We will certainly plan another Quiz Night after September.

### FOH Meeting

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:

9am- canteen

8pm - Orange Tree on Highfield Road

In order for us to be prepared for our summer fete, we really need as many parents and carers to attend this meeting as possible, particularly our class reps, as we will discuss important information about the planning and organisation of the class stalls. We also plan to do a walk around the school grounds to finalise the fete layout.

### Easyfundraising Reminder!



Just a reminder to sign up for 'easyfundraising' We still only have 55 members so far but have now raised a total of **£261.36**, so it's slowly creeping up! It's simple and easy to use and it doesn't cost you anything! Please google 'easyfundraising' or see posters on school gates for more info. By simply signing up to the easyfunding website, 1000s of companies donate funds to Highfield every time you shop online. Please take a moment to look into this incredible scheme, it makes the world of difference to the school's funds.

### FOH Website



[www.friendsofhighfield.org](http://www.friendsofhighfield.org)

We are currently working on a new FOH website which we hope will be up and running very soon. Thank you ever so much to one of our parents, Rich Mumford, for taking the time to help set this up.

# Waitrose

Thanks to all of you who shopped at Waitrose last month and took part in the 'green token' initiative as part of Waitrose's Community Matters. Your support managed to raise £195.00 for our school. Which has been donated by Waitrose. Thank you!

### Donate My School-Donation Page



So far, we have raised £138.50 from our Donate my school page. Especially with our fete on the horizon, any donations you make will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all the parents who have so generously contributed to this page so far.

To donate, please visit:

<https://donatemyschool.com/project/1752>

### Calendar of Events:

**\*June 29<sup>th</sup> 12-4pm-Summer Fete**

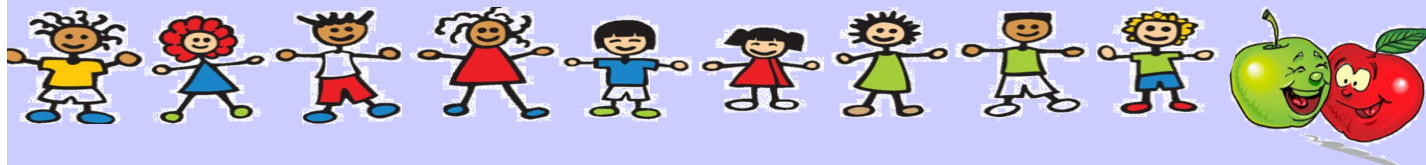


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## Summer Fete Update!



Preparation for our Summer Fete is now well underway.

### **PARENTS & CARERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

#### **Class Stalls**

We still need volunteers to help run the Class stalls, so if you haven't already done so please contact your class rep, email [friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com) or fill in the form at the office to let us know when you are able to help out on the day. If you are concerned about child care, maybe your child would be happy to help you for a short time. We really do appreciate your help as we wouldn't be able to run the fete without you.

A list of stalls can be found on our website. Choose from the following times:

**28/6/15 3:30 – 5:30pm** (set up the day before)

**29/6/19 9-10:30am, 10:30 – 12pm** (set up) **12-1pm, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm** (fete) **4-5:30pm** (pack away)

#### **International Food Hall**

Every year parents and carers are incredibly supportive and donate homemade and shop bought foods for us to serve in our food hall which is our most popular section of the fete. Due to the increase of guests each year, we struggle to keep up with the demand for food. Please email Jane [janewarrington@gmail.com](mailto:janewarrington@gmail.com) or Anastasia [aarvanitidou@gmail.com](mailto:aarvanitidou@gmail.com) if you are willing to offer a donation. Please also reach out to family, friends and local restaurants/cafes to find out if they are happy to donate. Remember, we are a nut free school!

#### **Swish**

Parents from year 2 and Reception are running a clothing stall. Please contact Hannah on 0753567040 if you are happy to donate good quality items of clothes.

#### **Dr Bike**

We are fortunate enough to have Dr Bike attend our fete once again this year. Parents and children, do not forget to bring your bike along with you. He checks wheels, brakes, gears, tyre pressure, lights, racks, pedals, saddles and more. By the end, your bike will feel loved and cared for.

#### **Donations**

Over the next few weeks, your class rep may ask for donations towards purchasing items for your class stall. Please help them to make your stall a huge success.

#### **Face Painters**

Please email Eleni [eleni.polycarpou@gmail.com](mailto:eleni.polycarpou@gmail.com) if you are able to offer your time face painting on the day of the fete. It is one of our busiest attractions that always puts a smile on the children's faces.

#### **Raffle Tickets**

Each child will have a set of raffle tickets in their book bag after half term. Please return all sold tickets in the envelope along with the money as soon as possible. All unsold raffles must also be returned to school please.

#### **Estate agent boards**

Thank you to Lokoom Estate Agent (formerly ETB) who have agreed to make a donation to the school for every board they place outside a property advertising the fete. Thank you to the families who have offered to get involved. It's not too late, email [friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com) to advertise on a board outside your home.



## Match Funding Reminder!

Calling all parents again! Just a reminder to ask, if you work for any of the following companies:

- \* Banks
- \* Building societies
- \* Insurance companies
- \* Supermarkets
- \* Utilities providers
- \* Phone companies
- \* Car manufacturers

**Please ask your employers if they offer 'Match Funding' and don't forget to mention that we are now a charity as this will have offset benefits for your employer.**

This is an initiative that is offered by some companies, whereby they pledge to 'match' funds raised by our school. This can dramatically increase our fundraising efforts and help towards improving our school and its facilities. Please get in touch....details in the box below!



#### **FOH contact information**

**Email-** [friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com)

**Facebook & Twitter-** 'The Friends of Highfield'

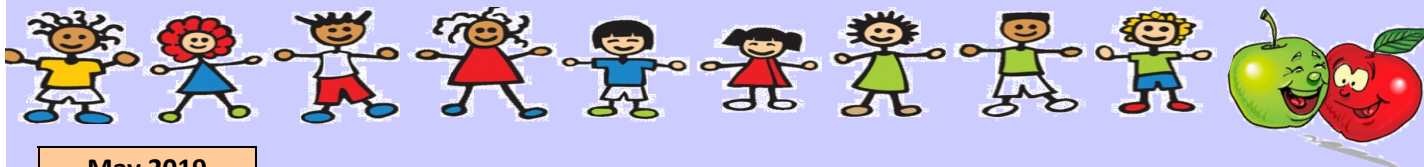
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## ATTENDANCE

Form	%
RF	95.81
RH	97.48
RJ	96.89
1J	94.78
1M	95.11
1P	94.79
2B	94.01
2D	95.37
2S	96.23
3CA	95.31
3I	95.73
3L	96
4A	95.9
4M	95.73
4MC	94.05
5B	95.89
5D	96.2
5M	95.26
6B	96.16
6P	96.48
total	95.79

## 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 affecting your child's development being **LATE** also has a big effect, please look at the table below.

Lateness = Lost Learning (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.

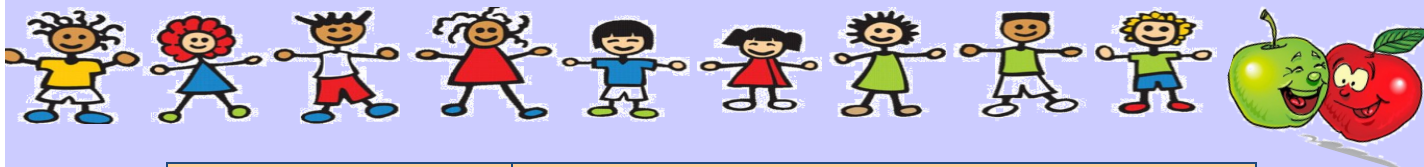


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June 2019	Diary Dates
Mon 3rd-Fri 7th June	Year 6 School Journey
Thursday 6th June	2S Visit to Library
Tuesday 11th June	6B Woodcroft Trip
Thurs 13th June	2D visit to Library
Mon 17th June	KS1 Sports Day
Tues 18th June	KS2 Sports Day
	6P Woodcroft Trip
Wed 19th June	Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 20th June	District Sports
	2B Visit to Library
Mon 24th June	Tate Project with Year 3
Tues 25th June	3CA Woodcroft Trip
Wed 26th June	3I Woodcroft Trip
	Highfield's Got Talent Auditions in the Hall
	New Reception Parent/Carer Meeting - 2.15pm
Thurs 27th June	3L Woodcroft Trip
	RJ Visit to Library
	Year 6 Sex Ed film to Parents - 2.45pm
Fri 28th June	Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park Trip

#### **DRIVING SAFELY & PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

It is absolutely vital that parents/carers DO NOT park over our neighbours' driveways or directly in front of the school gates. We appreciate that parking is limited, but the relationship we have with local residents is really important to the success of our school and for the safety of our children. Thank you for your cooperation.



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