

HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Together we can achieve more"

Newsletter - June 2019



Dear Families

As ever Highfield has had a month filled with learning!!

Alongside the Sports days, Maths day, International day and The Year 6 school Journey, our wonderful Year 1 children undertook their Phonics Screening Tests. I have to say they did it with great big beautiful smiles on their faces!!!

Mr Wilson and Mrs Halil - Docherty held a welcome meeting for our new Nursery and Reception Families whose children will be starting at Highfield in September 2019. The meetings were very well attended and extremely informative. All the information received at the meeting can be found on the school website.

For our September 2019 reception intake our catchment this year was 0.42 miles (0.46 miles last year) and we received 435 applications (last year 455) for the 90 spaces available. We do have a waiting list of 94 (last year 107) with many families going through the appeals system.

I do hope you are as delighted as we are that you are joining our school! We very much look forward to working in partnership with you all in September.

Maria Kemal
Headteacher



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Headteachers Award

Week: 3rd June

Deniz RJ for always following our class rules, being helpful and a kind friend. Deniz's confidence has developed no end this year.

Krishan 1M: For always producing amazing work in every subject.

Brouklin 4A: For showing great resilience as a learner and also working on becoming a better peer in class.

Week: 10th June

Liat RH: for progressing in all areas in the Curriculum across the year, especially in writing in Phonics. Her confidence has grown and she puts her hand up to answer questions. She is also an incredibly kind and caring friend to others!

Isla 1J: For doing really well with her writing and always trying her very best. Always being very kind and caring to all her friends and for being a very honest member of the class.

Ellis 4M: for an excellent approach to his learning this year and a great improvement in his timetables knowledge. Ellis has flourished in Year 4, working with everyone in the class and always trying his best.

Lego Winner!



And the winner is

Ms Wren drew the lucky raffle ticket on Friday.

Congratulations to Kaiden in 3I who is our Lego winner for this year .

Thank you to all of you who brought a ticket the money raised will go towards our next set.



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Year 3 and 4 Able Writer's Workshop

On Tuesday 4th June, five Year 3 and 4 children attended an Able Writer's Workshop at Eversley Primary School. The children had the opportunity to engage in a range of exciting activities with author Neal Zetter. We started the day by listening to some of Zetter's fantastic poems. Following that, the children were given the task of writing their own poems around the theme of 'Walking on the Moon'. Zetter discussed the importance of editing our work to make sure it is the best it can possibly be. After lunch, the children worked in groups to create their own performance poems around a range of themes. They watched each group perform their poems and provided constructive criticism. At the end of the day, the children took part in a Q and A session with the author. It was a fun, engaging and informative workshop.

Year 6 Residential Trip

The highly anticipated school residential took place last week! 500 acres of forestry and lakes at Rookesbury Park in Hampshire awaited our excited and enthusiastic Year 6 children. In addition to the beautiful surroundings, Rookesbury boasted a range of brilliant facilities, including a lake for water sport like kayaking; a large hall for fencing and team challenges; fields for sensory trials and archery; an outdoor pool for raft building and a massive 500 foot wall for abseiling and rock climbing. This is just a taste of some of the fantastic activities our children experienced and absolutely LOVED! The ultimate aim of this 5-day residential trip was to enjoy the great outdoors and to provide children with the opportunity to engage in activities that challenge their physical and mental agility. All children were brave, fearless and embraced new challenges. Even some of the teachers would never have done what they did! We are very proud of the individual achievements and wonderful memories made during their trip.

Talya 6P " I wish I could of stayed a few more days!"

Freddie 6B " I loved climbing on the low ropes!"

Miss Brown "All the children blew us away with their behaviour, their interaction with each other and their determination to try new things. They were a pleasure to have!"



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Nursery trip to Broomfield Park.

On Tuesday, 11th June, our Nursery classes went to Broomfield Park. All the children, parents and staff had a marvellous time, playing together, talking and having lots of fun! We were especially fortunate with the weather, picking the only dry day surrounded by many very wet days. The children behaved perfectly, being a real credit to both their parents and our school.

Cecilia: "I did a picnic in the park. I eat biscuits and crisps."

Musa: "I was climbing and I was going down the slide, and I was running, and I was going around and around and I was fast and then I went inside the bushes and the leaves."

Seth: "I ran and I went down the very big slide."

Sofia: "I liked the spinning around circle thing because it goes really fast."

Rayyan: "The best bit is going on the biggest slide because it was so fast."

Lara: "I went on the big slide again and again because I liked it so much. It wasn't so scary at the top."

Essia: "I was sitting on the swing and it made me go up really high."



2B's Library Trip

2B had a wonderful time visiting Winchmore Hill Library on Thursday 20th June 2019. They were greeted by the librarian who kindly read them a variety of stories which the children all really enjoyed. They then got the opportunity to explore the library and choose a book to borrow. The children had the chance to scan out their own book on the computer which they were very excited to do! 2B have been reading all of the books that they borrowed in class and have been sharing their book recommendations with their friends.



Nystagmus Awareness Day

Thank you for all your support with Jet's (class 2S) cake sale on Nystagmus Awareness Day which was on 20th June.

The school community really got behind it to help raise £206.75 on the day. Along with some other donations that has been received since, the total from the event now stands at £240.75. We are delighted! Thank you so much.

Jet (class 2S) and his family



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Winchmore Art, Graphics and Textiles Exhibition

Winchmore Secondary School kindly invited us to attend their GCSE and A Level Art, Graphics and Textiles Exhibition. Children from RH and years 3 and 4 visited and were inspired by the Art work that they saw. It was really lovely for them to see what Art they could be producing when they go to secondary school. Thank you to Winchmore Secondary School for inviting us to attend your exhibition. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit.



RH Visit to Winchmore School

Today RH visited Winchmore Secondary School. The children were able to look around the A-level and GCSE art exhibition. The work was of such a high quality and the children were very impressed. They also learnt that it was where Mrs Hitchens had done her art GCSE and A-level. The children particularly enjoyed seeing the more colourful works of art and were fascinated by the work inspired by animals-they were very realistic! We also found all the different materials that had been used interesting and have been inspired to try some new ideas out! We wish the students at Winchmore good luck in their results!

“I want to be like these children when I’m bigger” Lovelle

“I liked the field collage because there was a view of a city” Evie

“I liked the pretty shoes because they looked sparkly” Liat

“I liked the Chinese clocks because they were hanging” Lawrence

Colour Me In Art Project

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. Following the in school workshop, two children from year 3, Anya and Kuzey, along with Mrs Giarnese attended a sculpture morning at De Bohun Primary School. They decorated a sculpture of an ATM which will be exhibited at the Dugdale Centre along with all the bank notes that the children coloured in, from 30th June to 6th July.



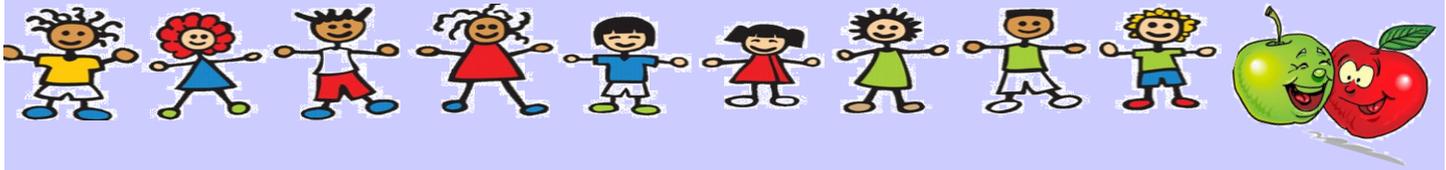
One of our students Olivia visited the exhibition with her family and thought all the art was amazing!



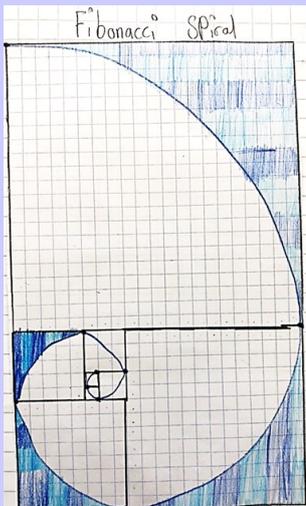
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On Friday 14th June Highfield Primary took part in a whole school **Maths Day**. The aim was to bring maths into the spotlight and develop children's enjoyment for the subject. Throughout the day, the school was abuzz with excited chatter as children worked collaboratively to solve complex challenges. Despite the intermittent rain, classes navigated the field and playground to find number cards and worded clues that would help them solve a range of problems. Down in EYFS, children were exploring number sequences using milk bottles and up in year 6, children were using their algebra skills to find the nth term. The day both consolidated and extended children's problem solving skills and a fun time was had by all.



Highfield Hosts Geodesic Dome Day

Future civil engineers gathered from around the borough to engage in the highly anticipated Dome building event. Twelve schools visited Highfield on Tuesday 25th June, ready to learn about STEM, identify different STEM occupations and to work collaboratively with others to engineer a product.

This fun-filled day was a construction based activity involving Year five children, who needed to construct 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.



"Well Done to Harrajan and Marli for working cooperative with others"!

Harrajan (5M) "I had so much fun building massive domes bigger than us. I am also happy that I got to make new friends from different schools."



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Summer Fete poster winners



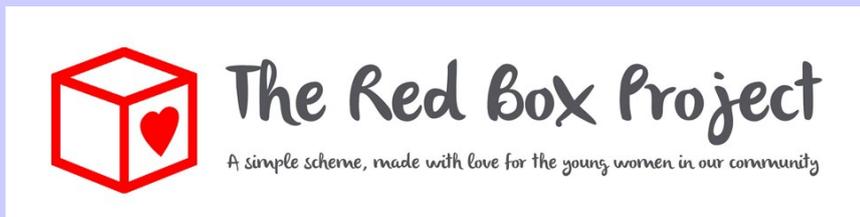
Sofia 4A



Maya 4MC



Katerina 3L



Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm writing to let you know that Highfield Primary School has recently joined the Red Box Project, a national community organisation committed to giving young people access to free menstrual products in schools.

As a result, we now have a selection of menstrual products available for students to access during school hours. This includes a range of pads in all absorbencies, night pads (and tampons). It also contains clean underwear, should it be needed. The box is stocked from donations from our local community, who support the project and its aims.

Any student who needs to receive items from the box, whether it's one item to get them through the day or several packs to ensure they're able to attend school throughout their period, will be able to access it from **The Thinking Room**. Students should come to any member of staff and ask for the Red Box where they will be able to take away whatever they need.

We will be speaking to students about the box but you may also want to take this opportunity to talk to your children about their needs and how the box might be able to help them. Kind regards, Mrs Lynch.



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SPORTS NEWS

KS1 Sports Day

Monday 17th June was a perfect day for our KS1 Sports Day. Not too hot, not too cold, just right! The classes rotated through a range of sporting activities including the Egg and Spoon race, mini javelin and a quite complicated relay!! The children performed wonderfully, full of energy and enthusiasm, and a whole lot of fun. Thanks to all Teachers and TAs for their organising and refereeing and thanks to all our parent spectators.

KS2 Sports Day

On Tuesday 18th June the rain kindly held off until KS2 had completed their sports day. The children competed in a variety of running, throwing and balancing events including shot put, the sack race and the hurdles. Their enthusiasm and energy was amazing, making the event thoroughly enjoyable. The relay race was won by the Red team and in fact after the scores were counted, the whole event was won by the Red team with the Yellow a close 2nd. Blue team came 3rd and the winners from last year, the Green team came in fourth. A big thanks to those who took part in the parents' and teachers' races, and to all who helped and supported the morning.

Borough Athletics

Highfield's fastest runners from Years 3 - 6 took part in the Borough Athletics match at Lee Valley on Thursday 20th June. The races were mainly sprints from 50m to 150m, however there were also hurdle events and a longer race of 600m for the older year groups. Huge congratulations to Christiana in 6B and Stefan in 5D for winning their 150m races. Joshua in 4MC, Evie in 4M and Adem in 3L all came second in their races and the Y6 boys relay team ran an excellent race taking 3rd place. Congratulations also to Victor 6B and Carmen 5D for running perfect 600m races and coming 3rd and 4th respectively. A great big well done to the whole team whose energetic efforts helped to give Highfield 9th place out of 16 schools, a great improvement on previous years.



Book Fair

We raised a total of £1,603.00 at the book fair! The 60% commission of £902.00 has gone to our Year 4 classes for books. Once again a huge thank you to our lovely Mrs Oskis and lovely Mrs Neal for their hard work.



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National STEM Learning Centre

As Design and Technology lead within the school and having recently attended a course at the National STEM Learning Centre, I wish to gather information regarding our parent's and carer's views on STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

I have created a questionnaire which you can access at <https://forms.gle/aJcqWXWQB4ZRvcA26>.

This questionnaire is anonymous, although any parents/carers wishing to offer support with STEM subjects would be welcomed and can either get in contact by coming to see me (Miss Johnson) in RJ or by emailing the school office.

Thank you to all who have already completed this.

Miss Johnson

International Day

On Friday 21st June, Highfield celebrated its annual International Day! Each year group chose a country to learn about and took part in a range of interesting, enriching activities!

In Nursery, the children explored Cyprus and learnt a Greek dance. They also learnt some Turkish and Greek phrases! Reception learnt about Italy and made delicious pasta salads. They also made sculptures out Playdough based on Italian architecture. In Year 1, they learnt about Greece and tasted some delicious food. Year 1 also learnt the Greek alphabet and numbers. In Year 2, the children made Chinese lanterns, tasted some Chinese food and wrote their names in Chinese script! In Year 3, the children learnt all about Kenya and played djembe drums! In Year 4, the children had a French café. They also learnt about the history of the Eiffel Tower. In Year 5, the children explored Mexico! They created fact files and sugar skull masks. In Year 6, the children looked at Jamaica and created finger-print artwork of some Jamaican animals.

The day ended with an outdoor assembly for the whole school, whereby each year group sung a song in a different language. At the end, everyone sang a song about unity. The singing all sounded wonderful!

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Julia in 5B. She recently sang in the Enfield Vocal Recital Concert at the Dugdale Centre. This concert is usually only for secondary school children! Julia did a marvellous job representing Highfield school and sang beautifully! Well done!

Miss Sutton



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Young Carers in Enfield

On Tuesday 25th June 2019, Gino and Shelby from EPIC (Enfield Young People in Caring) visited our school. They took assemblies in KS1 and KS2, highlighting young carers in Enfield. Did you know there are over 500 young carers in Enfield alone? EPIC is a registered charity that offers advice, support, social opportunities and skills workshops for young carers. They give a listening ear to Young Carers and Young Adult Carers and support them. They provide assistance to access help from other organisations and service providers and they also empower Young Carers and Young Adult Carers to get their point across and be heard. The charity gives opportunities for young carers to meet other Young Carers, make new friends, learn new skills and have fun through workshops, days out, respite activities and training opportunities.

The assemblies were very informative and gave children the opportunities to ask many questions.

A child from KS1 said, "I liked the quiz and the carers do lots of nice activities with EPIC!"

Year 6 Sex Education

On Tuesday 2nd July 2019, Year 6 will be taking part in a puberty talk. This is an essential part of the PSHE curriculum. They will separate in to boys and girls and watch a video. This is based around puberty and growing up. The children will then have the opportunity to ask questions.

Year 6 Gang Workshop

On Wednesday 24th April, Year 6 took part in a Weapons/Gangs Awareness Workshops- Making the right Choices. This was run by the Edmonton Schools Together Collective and in partnership with the local Police. These workshops have been running for year six pupils in Primary schools for over five years with great success. We believe early education is key to prevention in this area. The "Gangs - Making the Right choices" workshop is designed to educate and equip our young people, to avoid the risk of being caught up in violent crime/gangs.

The workshop was interactive and very informative. One Year 6 children said, "I have learnt never to join a gang and not to get involved in any bad things; it really inspired me to get a good qualification"

Another said, "The workshop was fun and we had to make choices. It gave me lots of information and I have learnt about the law. I want to get a good job and work hard."

Miss Stoughton said, "We really felt that the whole morning was very successful and that our children, have been led to think about the choices they have ahead of them."



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Summer Reading Challenge

During the Spring and Summer terms this year all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed visiting our local library. I have recently been informed of 'The Summer Reading Challenge' that our local library is running.

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure event for children aged four to eleven. It is run by the national charity The Reading Agency in partnership with the UK public library network.

The aim of the Challenge is to encourage children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays. The Challenge offers children and families an enjoyable activity in the six-week summer break from school when reading skills and confidence can dip, commonly known as the 'summer slide'. Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

Every year there's a different theme. The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Visit your local library during the summer holidays to sign up – the sooner you go, the longer your child will have to read six books! Library staff will register your child for the Challenge and give them some fun materials to get them started.

At Highfield, the children will be receiving an assembly promoting the challenge. You can also pick up a leaflet from the school foyer, visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in> or pop into our local library to find out more.

It's fun, it's free and it's local!



The Reading Agency and Libraries Present
SPACE CHASE
Summer Reading Challenge 2019



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June 2019	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
RF	95.82
RH	97.47
RJ	96.91
1J	94.8
1M	95.12
1P	94.73
2B	94
2D	95.4
2S	96.26
3CA	95.3
3I	95.7
3L	95.99
4A	95.87
4M	95.73
4MC	94.08
5B	95.89
5D	96.2
5M	95.2
6B	96.09
6P	96.48
Total	95.78

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.

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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July 2019	Diary Dates
02.07.2019	Reports out to parent/carers 2B Woodcroft trip
04.07.2019	2S Woodcroft trip RH visit to Library Parent/Carers Evening
08.07.2019	Year 3 visiting Cenevi
09.07.2019	Year 6 Pizza Express visit
10.07.2019	3CA Pizza Express visit Year 6 play
11.07.2019	2D Woodcroft trip RF visit to Library
17.07.2019	Year 6 disco
19.07.2019	Class games morning Year 6 leavers whole school parade LAST DAY OF TERM—EARLY FINISH

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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