



HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - "Together we can achieve more"

NEWSLETTER - January 2020



Message from the Headteacher:

Welcome back to a new term, may I start by wishing you all a Happy, Healthy New Year.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, thank you very much for your good wishes and kind gifts/cards, last year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and the children returned rested and ready for the busy term ahead.

It was wonderful to see all the children eager to start their learning!

We are ready to start the Spring term with our exciting topic – *Secret spaces* and our value this term is *Selflessness*.

Although it's a short term, we have plenty happening to keep everyone busy!

Thank you for your continued support.

David Wilson



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Year 6 Knife and Gangs awareness workshop

On Friday 10th Year 6 were visited by two Police constables who talked to them about ways to stay safe when they are out by themselves. The children watched an interactive film produced with the Metropolitan police which allowed the children to choose what to do at various key points, by making the right decision the main character was able to stay safe and out of trouble. The PC's also showed the children what could happen if people make the wrong decisions and how the character in the film ended up in a lot of trouble with the police because of making the wrong choices.

Year 6 were able to discuss how to stay safe and all made the right decisions - well done Year 6. Year 6 children also found out about issues like joint enterprise, how to avoid becoming involved in gangs and who to contact if they feel unsafe in public. The workshop was very informative; P.C. Charlotte and P.C. Graham presented a challenging topic in a sensitive and engaging manner. The children were able to discuss the issues raised with confidence.

Tara "Knowing how the police can help, helps me feel safe."

Jessica "I feel like we have been warned of what happens in our world and that we have people there to keep us safe like teacher and the police"



4A's Trip to Winchmore Hill Library

On Thursday 23rd January, 4A visited Winchmore Hill Library. We were welcomed into the peaceful building by one of the librarians, Suzanne. Suzanne read a picture book by Michael Morpurgo. Then, she explained how the library works and how the books are organised. We were then allowed to explore the library and choose a book to borrow. Once everyone had picked a book, we sat down and Suzanne read some poems from the Highfield Poetry Book. We had a lovely experience at the library and would love to be invited back.



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UCL GeoBus Space Workshop – STEM Activity



On Wednesday 18th December Years 1 and 2 were very lucky to be visited by Dr Amy and Esme from the Earth Sciences Department at UCL for workshops about Space.

The sessions started with the children explaining their existing knowledge about Space. We then looked at the order of the planets and saw how the planets differed in size.

The children were then able to handle a range of real meteorites and were encouraged to use their senses to describe them.

"It smells like metal." - Joseph

"It's silvery and very shiny." - Holly

"It's so heavy!" - Sonny

"It has a pattern." - Rheo

We were then shown some pictures and talked about how some meteorites are very fragile and are handled using gloves to protect them.

After we used 3D glasses to look at pictures of the surface of Mars and identified different features such as craters, dunes and possible rivers.

"It's like we're scientists." – Alicia

"The 3D glasses make the pictures look real, it's like we're really on Mars!" - Aiden

"I liked the 3D glasses." – Abdi

"I liked talking about Space." – Martyna

The children were able to get their questions answered including

"Why is Pluto a dwarf planet?" and "Why is Mercury not a dwarf planet when it's the same size as our moon?".



We would like to say a big thank you to Dr Amy and Esme for delivering this fantastic hands on experience.

Chinese New Year Assembly

Reception had a lovely assembly about Chinese New Year given by Milli's mum in RF. She also bought in resources to make traditional red envelopes with gold coins. She put a lot of effort into it and there was enough resources for all 90 children in the Reception classes. A huge thank you to Milli's mum! Thank you!



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Highfield Primary are Rockstars!

During the 13th – 17th January, Highfield Primary took part in a Times Tables Rock Stars ELC Inter School competition. Years 2-6 diligently played Times Table Rockstars for 10 minutes a day, where every correctly answered question contributed to their class and school's final point score. Highfield went up against 9 other schools from around the borough and gave their very best efforts towards the exciting competition. There was a buzz around school as children were eager to use their times table knowledge to help our school win against our skilled competitors.

Their hard work paid off as Highfield were the most successful school in the competition!

The following awards were won during the competition:

- 6M won the Year 6 class award
- 4A won the Year 4 class award
- Mustafa in 4A was the highest ranking Year 4 player
- Thomas in 6GC was the highest ranking player in the whole competition!

A big thank you and well done goes to all the children that took part- You are all Rockstars!



Reception Phonics Meeting

On Thursday 23rd January a Phonics meeting was held in the hall for all Reception parents. It was explained what Phonics is, its importance and how we teach it at Highfield.

The parents were given a handout suggesting a variety of ways in which they could help their children at home with this very important aspect of the curriculum. From the feedback the presentation was very well received by the parents who said they found it very useful.

"Great coverage of the tools on the web and the different phases."

"I really enjoyed learning about the songs that the children use. It is something that I will use at home with my child. I think it makes learning warm and fun. A very informative insight into what phonics is all about."

"Phonics was very well explained especially as this was not something I learnt at school."

"It was great to hear about the different stages of learning and different technique of home learning."

"Very good slides."

"Good overview. Well presented."

Thank you once again to all the parents who came along to this meeting.

There will be follow up practical Phonics workshops for Reception parents on the following dates:

Thursday 30th January 2020 at 9.15am

Thursday 13th February 2020 at 9.15am



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Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week 2020.

Wednesday 5th February 2020

Coffee Morning 9am-10am in the canteen



All welcome!

The theme for this year is:

**FIND YOUR
BRAVE**



Any questions, please contact Becca Bomford, Place2Be School Project Manager

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JANUARY ISSUE 2020

FRIENDS OF HIGHFIELD

Welcome back everyone!
Hope you all had a great Christmas and
New Year..... 2020 is here!!!

The Friends of Highfield welcome you all back to school
after the festive break. We hope you had fun 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep your eyes peeled for
events that will be announce for
the year ahead!
You will see posters around the
school and receive notifications
via your class 'whatsapp'
groups!

Can you help?

If you are new to the school, or even if you
are not, please get in touch if you are able to
volunteer or help out in any way, or even if you
have any great ideas that you would like to
put forward:
You can get in touch with us at:
friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com



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Highfield School when making purchases on
Amazon. They still donate when purchasing from
thousands of other stores online, however, when
buying through amazon, please go to
www.smile.amazon.co.uk, log is as normal and
then search for Friends of Highfield Winchmore
Hill. Whenever you log on in the future, Amazon
will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible
products to Highfield which means your're raising
funds for your children simply by shopping online
at no extra cost to you!

Off the Leash Disco's

A huge thank you to the Kings Head Pub who hosted 2
'Off the Leash' events last term donating ticket sales to
Highfield Primary School.

The first event generated a donation of **£800.00** for our
school and the second event generated a **£500.00**
donation. This is such a generous show of support for our
school, so we just wanted to give a big shout out to the
Kings Head Pub in recognition of this support. Thank you
so much!

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AGM

Annual General Meeting

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The Friends of Highfield are holding an annual AGM on 10th February at 19.45pm in the school canteen.

We welcome everyone to join us on this evening, where we will be electing new committee members.

If you would like to nominate yourself please do so by completing the online form. You should have received a text message from the school and a letter sent home with all the relevant details.

This is your chance to get involved and make a difference to our school!

We hope to see you all there 😊

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We had a great start to this school year. From September to December we held 5 successful events and managed to kick start our fundraising by over £2500.00. This is a massive achievement for our first term but we could not have achieved this without your support. So thank you. Include examples and costs of purchased items, how much was raised etc.

• Bag-2-School- raised	£193.00
• Christmas Lights Switch On	£579.95
• Christmas Quiz Night	£1,807.90
• Off the Leash Discos x 2	£1,300.00
Total	£3,380.85

Farewell Chair...

The Friends of Highfield would like to take this opportunity to thank our Chair, Kirsty Tindle, who has been an asset to the Friends since she joined as Chair at the end of 2018.

She has worked so hard to ensure that all our events are well organised and run smoothly. And she has been an integral part in the growing successes of the Friends of Highfield.

Kirsty has now stepped down as Chair of Friends of Highfield, and we all want to wish her well in what will be a very busy year ahead. Thank You Kirsty and good luck for the future!

Wishing you
All The Best
For The Future ★

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

The School Canteen
19.45pm 10th February 2020

parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!

- ✉ friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com
- 👤 Facebook, Twitter & Instagram @ 'The Friends of Highfield'
- ✉ Chair- To be confirmed at AGM

Thought of the month.....

'Education breeds confidence.
Confidence breeds hope.
Hope breeds peace'

Confucius

Parentkind
Member Association

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MAKE EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNT At Highfield Primary - Attendance & Punctuality

Jan 2020	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
Form	%
RB	93.97
RF	97.29
RH	96.66
1D	95.92
1J	96.38
1M	95.93
2J	96.32
2M	95.33
2S	93.71
3CF	96.13
3L	95.79
3M	96.2
4A	95.31
4C	96.59
4MC	95.95
5B	95.35
5D	94.88
5P	96.3
6B	97.28
6GC	94.4
6M	95.88
Total	95.91

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.

<u>Lateness = Lost Learning</u> (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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February 2019	Diary Dates
Wednesday 5th February	Year 4 Trip to the Tate
Thursday 6th February	NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops all day in the hall
	4MC Winchmore Hill Library Trip
Friday 7th February	Class 3M Assembly
Thursday 13th February	Phonics Workshop for Reception parents
	3L Winchmore Hill Library
Friday 14th February	Class 3CF Assembly
Monday 17th-21st February	Half Term
Wednesday 26th February	3M Pizza Express WH Visit
	Whisper Me Happily Ever After Workshop

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.



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ACROSS RESIDENT'S DRIVES!



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