



# Highfield Primary School NEWSLETTER



## Message from Headteacher - January 2021

During these very challenging times it is important that we support each other as much as possible. Pupils, staff and teachers alike. I know there will be many of us struggling right now and it is important that we take time to still have times of joy in our lives; a trip to the park, building a snowman, talking to friends and family. Children and adults both need to be able to take a break and have fun.

Empathy is our value for the term and I thank our school council for choosing it. I think it is a very important value to have at the moment. Understanding other people's very different situations and the challenges we will have is more important than ever and as a school community I know we will do that.

I also want to thank parents and carers for once again stepping up to play such a central part in your child's education. I have spoken about it in more detail in my video but please do not feel guilty if your child does not finish every piece of work set. While it is important that children regularly engage with the online learning, every families situation is unique and you need to do what is best for your family in the circumstances you find yourself in.

Mr Wilson



**Our three core values are Respect, Co-Operation and Kindness.  
This term's value is Empathy**

### **Free School Meals and vouchers**

For the first two weeks for the school closure those families whose children are entitled to free school meals were offered weekly food parcels. These were not as inadequate as some you may have seen on social media and were fine as an emergency measure but as it became clear that schools are going to be closed for an extended period it was important that the voucher scheme was reintroduced. It is a far more effective measure at supporting families. This scheme should continue over the half term and will be funded by Enfield council. As soon as details of this are sent to the school we will let families who are entitled to this support know.

### **Devices for Families**

To date, we have so far loaned devices to over 60 Highfield families to ensure all of our children are able to access the remote learning on Tapestry / Google Classroom. Some of these devices were provided by the Government's 'Get Help With Technology Service' and some are our own in school devices that our IT Team have set up securely to be used off the premises. As many of our children have not been in school for quite some time now, engagement with remote learning is essential. If you are struggling to access the remote learning provision because of lack of access to devices, please email [office@highfield-pri.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:office@highfield-pri.enfield.sch.uk) and we will be happy to assist you.

### **Move iT Enfield**

The pupils and staff of Highfield have all been invited to take part in the borough Move iT challenge.

The challenge is to convert exercise minutes to miles (15 minutes = 1mile) and to see how long it takes us to reach Enfield, Connecticut USA, virtually (3,343 miles). Many schools in Enfield are taking part in this motivational challenge. The children and staff send in their exercise minutes via a google form to Sally Porter at the Enfield PE Team. So every time we walk the dog, run, do a Joe Wicks work out, go for a bike ride, practise jujitsu, we are a step closer to our goal.

Last week Enfield covered 1500 miles, nearly half way there. It's a fantastic way for our children and staff to stay active.

### **Year 2'S Perfect Penguin!**

This term, Year 2 have been studying 'The Emperor's Egg'; a story about Emperor Penguins! We have written fantastic non-chronological reports with lots of penguin facts AND have written wonderful penguin poems!

We've even got a penguin egg that we have been observing while it has hatched over the past two weeks and have made guesses about when we think it will hatch. Year 2 have loved learning about Emperor Penguins and are in the process of voting for a name for the chick!



# Miss Johnson's Monthly Maths Challenge



## EYFS (Nursery/Reception)

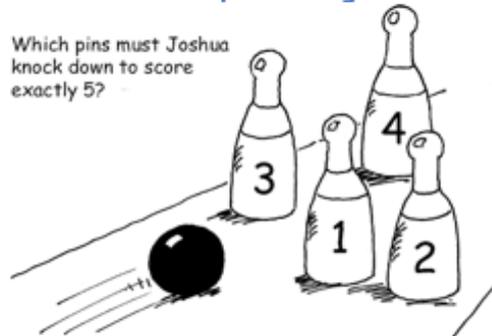
Count how many trees are on your street.  
 Count how many cars are on your street.  
 Can you add these two numbers together?  
 Practise writing these numbers at home.



## KS1 (Year 1/2)

### Four pin bowling

Which pins must Joshua knock down to score exactly 5?



Find 2 different ways:

- to score 5
- to score 6
- to score 7

## LKS2 (Year 3/4)

### Rows of coins



- Take five coins: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p.  
 Put them in a row using these clues.  
 The total of the first three coins is 27p.  
 The total of the last three coins is 31p.  
 The last coin is double the value of the first coin.

- Take six coins: two 1p, two 2p and two 5p.  
 Put them in a row using these clues.  
 Between the two 1p coins there is one coin.  
 Between the two 2p coins there are two coins.  
 Between the two 5p coins there are three coins.

What if you take two 10p coins as well, and between them are four coins?

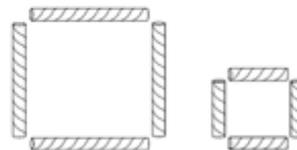
## UKS2 (Year 5/6)

### Square it up

You need six drinking straws each the same length.  
 Cut two of them in half.

You now have eight straws, four long and four short.

You can make 2 squares  
 from the eight straws.



Arrange your eight straws to make 3 squares, all the same size.

(You could use 6 strips of paper to do this challenge.)

## Answers

### KS1 (Year 1/2)

#### Four pin bowling

Score 5 by knocking down 1 and 4, or 2 and 3.

Score 6 by knocking down 2 and 4, or 1, 2 and 3.

Score 7 by knocking down 3 and 4, or 1, 2 and 4.

### LKS2 (Year 3/4)

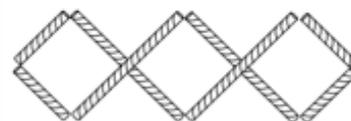
#### Rows of coins

- 5p, 2p, 20p, 1p, 10p
- 2p, 5p, 1p, 2p, 1p, 5p, or its reverse  
 When two 10p coins are also used:  
 2p, 5p, 10p, 2p, 1p, 5p, 1p, 10p, or its reverse

### UKS2 (Year 5/6)

#### Square it up

For example:



## **HIGHFIELD'S LOCKDOWN BAKE OFF**

Boys and girls, take part in Highfield's Bake off. Submit a photo of you baking and your finished product to [friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com)

Prizes to be won! For more info visit:

<http://www.friendsofhighfield.org/event/highfiledlockdownbakeoff>



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**Prizes to be won, thanks to Creams!**

**Deadline**  
**8/2/21**



## WOULD YOU LIKE HELP MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR?

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### FREE ONLINE TWO-PART WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Join an Educational Psychologist and the Children's Wellbeing Practitioners to learn how to:

- Build on your relationship through play and attention
- Improve behaviour through praise and rewards
- Agree on family rules and boundaries
- Use effective requests to build co-operation

#### **Session 1: Tuesday 2nd February 8-9pm**

In this session we will share the strategies and give you the tools to put them into practice.

#### **Session 2: Tuesday 16th February 8-9pm**

An opportunity for you to feedback your progress, ask questions and troubleshoot

**All parents & carers of children aged 5-10 who live in or attend school in Enfield are welcome.**

To book, please email:  
[eps-sews@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:eps-sews@enfield.gov.uk)  
or telephone 0208 379 2000

