



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Message from Headteacher - October 2021



Dear Families,

We have had a very exciting month here at Highfield with children being able to take part in many activities for the first time in a long while. We have had class assemblies, school trips, a netball tournament and some of our Y4 children were able to deliver food parcels to a local hospice. It has been great to also invite visitors in to the school to speak to the children including Emma Rigby the founder of Love your Doorstep.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school. I hope you have all had a lovely half term.

Mr Wilson

Headteacher



Our three core values are Respect, Co-Operation and Kindness.

This term's value is Teamwork.

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week ending 08.10.21:

Kerem 2RM

Mekeila 2BD

Khaleya 2M

Week ending 15.10.21:

Artemis 1S

Leo 1B

Ruby 1C

Week ending 22.10.21:

Benjamin RL

Lachy RF

Ourania RJ



Dan Greenwood (Parent Governor):

As you will now know after serving his term as a parent Governor Dan has decided to step down from this role. On behalf of myself and the Governing Body, we would like to thank him for his support and advice over the last 4 years. He is someone that always thought about the needs of the school and was committed to ensure Highfield continued to offer the best to our pupils. In his role as Governor he was Chair of the Finance and Premises committee and was also Vice Chair.

thank
you!

School Council

What the School Councillors do?

We make sure the school is safe by making rules and regulations and we make changes to ensure the school community is a happy one. We also have fortnightly meetings where we come up with ideas to improve the school.

Aim for this year

- To ensure children enjoy school.
- Make Highfield a place where people can openly talk about any issues.

School Councillors 2021-2022

Year 3: Isla, Lawrence, Martyna, Luca

Year 4: Tyler, Klia, William, Orgita, Kevin, Rea

Year 5: Logan, Isabel, Farida, Dexter, Jonny, Sarah

Year 6: Robin, Isabelli, Haaris, Sindi, Adem, Robyn



Place2be coffee morning

Thank you to all the parents who joined our coffee morning. Katie was delighted to meet you and has also provided the following info regarding the new Place2be parent hub.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour. All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families. Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.

Learn more at: www.place2be.org.uk/parentingsmart.

If you would like any further information about the place2be service at Highfield please contact Katie via the school office email address.



Highfield Heroes Day

Highfield heroes day shines light on those in our local and wider community, who go above and beyond for those in need. The day was spent celebrating the various heroes that have made a difference in society.

Our children and staff chose to dress up as frontline workers, unsung heroes, inspirational figures (both past and present) and superheroes.

Highfield children were also on a mission to start completing their community action plan. With some classes writing letters to care home residents, recycling paper, collecting food for local food banks around the school and planting butterfly friendly buddleia seeds around the school grounds. We hope this inspires our children to use their voice to bring about change and take an active role in the community.

Adem (Year 6) - "I chose to be Mustafa Kemal, the first elected Turkish president. He introduced the current 29 letter Turkish alphabet"

Tilly (Year 1) - "I am Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman astronaut to go to space"

Zeynep (Year 5) - "Today, I have come as a vet. They help animals and educate the owners on how to take care of their pets"



LOVE YOUR DOORSTEP FOUNDER EMMA RIGBY VISITS YEAR 4

On Tuesday 12th October, Highfield Primary School was visited by 02's Everyday heroes award winner, Emma Rigby. The Enfield-based business owner founded 'Love Your Doorstep' and used her platform to bring together over 600 volunteers to deliver medication and over 60,000 meals to those in need. Emma shared her story with the Year 4 children and the importance of working together to build a deepened sense of community spirit and belonging. Highfield children were truly inspired by the local hero and as part of their class community action plan, they are on a mission to collect enough food to share amongst their chosen foodbanks and charities.



5P Assembly

On Friday 15th October, 5P performed an assembly to their families about the Vikings. We were inspired by our History topic, which focused on the battle for Britain between the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. The children discussed the Viking's blood-thirsty reputation and shared how they travelled from Scandinavia on long ships. The assembly included a song and dance to 'Do You Hear the Vikings Sing?' and as well as visits from the Viking Gods - Thor, Loki and Odin! In the end, it was revealed that the Vikings weren't as vicious as their reputation suggests, with many looking for a new place to call home, grow crops and work for their family.



Well done 5P for a fantastic assembly!

5C Assembly

On Friday 8th October, 5C performed an assembly to their families about Black History Month. This year's theme for Black History Month, in the UK, is 'Proud To Be.' All of the children reflected on what they are proud of; whether it be their own achievements, their families or within the world.

They focused on inspirational and significant black people in history and modern day. They shared knowledge about the achievements, movements and how these inspirational individuals have shaken and shaped our world. These individuals included Mary Seacole, Marcus Rashford and Malorie Blackman.

The assembly was well received by the children's families and it ended with a song and dance to 'Shake It Off' because sometimes inspirational people must 'shake off' the criticisms. Well done 5C!



4M Class Assembly

Well done to 4M on their amazing class assembly! It was an informative assembly all about volcanoes, how they are formed and why people choose to live next to them. You all read your lines clearly and acted really well, you made Miss McGrath and your parents proud!

Year 4 Charity Donations

Year 4 donated numerous items of long-life food to members of the Winchmore Hill community. Inspired by our visit from Emma Rigby, founder of Love Your Doorstep, we gathered a range of goods that we could give back to others. Some children from Year 4 went with Miss McGrath and Mrs Giarnese to donate some of the goods, we went to the North London Hospice and Anastasia Lodge. The staff at Anastasia Lodge were very thankful and said that their residents appreciated us thinking of them and donating so much food to them. Also the North London Hospice staff were amazed at all the food we had donated and told us that it would be perfect for their patients to cheer them up.

A massive well done to Year 4 for donating so many items of food, the local community of Winchmore Hill and all your teachers are extremely proud of you!



Parking

We have regular issues with parking by parents. The vast majority of you do a good job, however sadly, a small minority do not. The following things are obvious but need stating:

- **Please do not park over or in the driveway of a local resident. Park sensibly away and walk the last part of your journey**
- **Do not drop your child off outside the school including on the zigzag or zebra crossing**
- **Do not drop your child in the middle of the road**
- **Do not park on the corner junctions**
- **Turn off your engine when waiting**
- **Please be courteous and polite to others**

You can report any parking violations by contacting parking services on 0208 379 6406 Monday to Friday from 9am to midday or call 0203 856 0036 outside of these hours.

PE News

On Friday 8th October Highfield's Cross-Country Team took part in an Enfield Borough competition at Forty Hall. The course was muddy, hilly and about a mile long. The day was fine and perfect for running. The girls' team did well. All 5 girls completed the tough course and collectively came 16th out of 21 schools taking part, approximately 100 girls. The boys' team cheered the girls on and then prepared for their own race. The boys started well and continued a steady pace throughout the course. Robin in Year 6 ran a fantastic race coming 9th overall. His team mates were close on his heels ensuring that Highfield boys came 5th out of the 21 schools taking part. What a fantastic race! Collectively the Highfield team came 11th. A huge WELL DONE to Robin, Andreas, Dexter, Jayden, Oscar, Sophia, India, Sienna, Scarlett and Myrsini.



On Wednesday 6th March Highfield Y5/Y6 football team played their first 2 matches ay Edmonton County Power League in the Borough league. The first game was against Garfield and despite starting well, playing closely as a team they lost 4:1. The boys kept their heads up and stayed positive for their second match of the day. This time they played St Edmunds and this time their excellent team work worked wonders winning 7:3. Excellent goals from Theo, Alex and Adem. Brilliant saves by Manny, and a wonderful team effort by Dion, Ben, Qalam, Ivan, Lachlan and Kal-el.

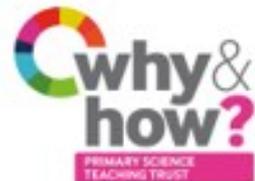


On Wednesday 13th October the first Y5/Y6 netball fixtures took place at Highfield. Six local schools attended including Hazelwood, Raglan, St Pauls, Edmonton County Primary, Houndsfield and of course Highfield. This was the first match played at Highfield for two years due to Covid-19 and it was fantastic to see all the teams playing skilfully and enthusiastically. The Highfield team, made up of mainly Y5 girls with just one Y6 player, ("They're so much taller than us!" said the girls.) played hesitantly to start with in their match against Hazelwood, but they gained momentum and despite losing, they managed to score 2 excellent goals. The end result was 6:2 to Hazelwood. Great teamwork Highfield and better luck next time.

SCIENCE FUN AT HOME



Have some fun at home with these science activities from **Science Sparks** and the **Primary Science Teaching Trust**



SCIENCE FUN FOR WORLD SPACE WEEK

1 TRY THIS INDOORS ... Earth, Sun, Moon

You need three people for this: one to be the Sun, one to be the Earth and one to be the Moon. Together you can act out part of our solar system. Use paper or card to make a band to fit around your head and secure it with staples or tape. Stick on a circle of card and colour it to show if you are the Sun, Earth or Moon. The Sun stands in the middle, the Earth orbits (goes round) the sun and the Moon orbits the Earth. You could do this indoors or outside.

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

It takes just over 365 days (one year) for the Earth to orbit the Sun and it takes just over 27 days (one month) for the Moon to orbit the Earth. Can you act out one year as the Sun, Earth and Moon?

You will need

- * A shallow dish
- * Sand, soil or flour
- * Marbles (or other small round objects)
- * A ruler
- * Paper or card
- * Colouring pens
- * Staples or tape



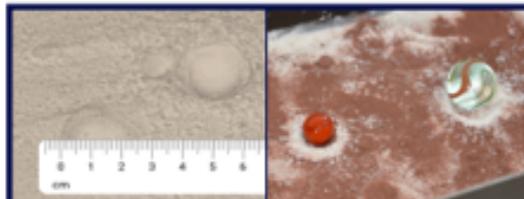
2 TRY THIS OUTDOORS ... Meteor craters

Fill a shallow container with sand or earth (or you could use flour) and smooth the surface. Hold a marble above the tray, let it go and watch it fall and make a crater in the sand. Try it again, dropping the marble from higher up, or using a different sized marble. Use a ruler to measure the sizes of the craters you have made. **Warning: this activity can get messy!**

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

What happens to the size and shape of the craters if you change the size of the marble? What about when you drop the marble from different heights? What if you use other small round objects? When and how did the craters on the Moon form? Do they have names? Are there any craters on Earth?



You can try using sand, earth, flour or anything soft and powdery. The picture on the right has a dusting of cocoa powder over the flour so you can see more clearly what happens to the surface when the marble hits it. Use a ruler to measure the size of the craters.

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WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

The further a planet is from the Sun, the longer its orbit (how long it takes to go round the Sun once). Earth's orbit is just over 365 days. Mercury's orbit is only 88 days, while Neptune's orbit is 165 years!

Meteoroids are pieces of dust or rock floating through space. If they enter the Earth's atmosphere and start to burn up, they become a meteor (or shooting star). Craters are made when a meteor crashes into the surface of a planet or a moon. There are millions of craters on the Moon – over 5,000 of them are more than 12 miles wide!

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MORE ACTIVITIES YOU COULD TRY

LEARN MORE ABOUT ORBITS - <https://www.science-sparks.com/stars-planets-moons/>

EXPLORE THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION!

<https://wowscience.co.uk/resource/the-international-space-station/>

THE UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING - <https://www.science-sparks.com/how-does-the-universe-expand/>

HOW MUCH WOULD YOU WEIGH ON ANOTHER PLANET?

<https://wowscience.co.uk/resource/your-weight-on-other-worlds/>

Had a great time completing these fun activities? Why not share some pictures by emailing the School Office at office@highfield-pri.enfield.sch.uk (FAO Miss Panchal)