



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Message from Headteacher - November 2021



November has been a very exciting month at Highfield. We have had class assemblies, school trips, sports events, visitors in to speak to the children and fund raising events for charities and the Friends of Highfield.

I have also had the opportunity to meet many of our new parents at our coffee morning last week. We have raised money for children in need and have been celebrating anti bullying week. We are also continuing our community action plan, which this month has involved our Year 6 children writing to local care home residents and receiving replies.

It is heart warming to see the children living out our values of kindness, cooperation and respect.

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: 05/11/2021

6A - Myrsini

6C - Fransesko

6P - Anassa

Week Ending: 12/11/2021

5M - Mete

5P - Kyber

5C - Tzoana

Week Ending: 19/11/2021

4M - Leigharna

4C - Florence

4GF - Noomi

Week Ending: 26/11/2021

3L - Ayan

3J - Ishan

3D - Elizah



Reminders

Please remember not to leave unattended dogs by the school entrances when dropping off/picking up your child/ren. Thank you.

Please ensure your ParentPay account is up to date and there are sufficient funds to cover your child's school lunches. Please also ensure you select your child's school lunch via SchoolGrid so the canteen staff can cook enough of each meal. You can book up to a term in advance. Thank you.

4GF's Anti-bullying Week Assembly

On Friday 19th November, 4GF performed an assembly to their families. As it was anti-bullying week, the children's assembly was based all around this year's theme 'one kind word.' The children explored how one kind word can lead to another and presented a poem that they had written themselves around this theme. They also took part in their very own edition of 'The Chase' and sang 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and 'You've got a Friend' by Carole King.

We would like to thank the parents and carers for their support with helping the children prepare for the assembly. We are very proud of them! Well done, 4GF!

Year 5 Romeo and Juliet

On the 3rd and 4th November, Year 5 had an exciting morning learning all about William Shakespeare's play 'Romeo and Juliet' during a Young Shakespeare workshop.

Rob, the workshop leader, gave children different parts to play while he narrated the play. It was such a wonderful experience and the children were split into Capulets and Montagues to create a tense atmosphere. This really helped the children understand the play in depth as we are currently focusing on it in our English lessons.



Tag Rugby Festival

On Friday 12th November members of the Year 4 Tag Rugby club were invited to take part in a Tag Rugby festival at Enfield playing fields. They were taught skills and tactics by players from Enfield Ignatians Rugby Team, followed by a game of Tag Rugby. A number of other schools took part in this event and it was great to see the older teams competing in a tournament which Highfield will hopefully take part in next year. Many thanks to Miss Cadogan for bringing this sport to Highfield.



4C's Recycling and Climate Change Assembly

As part of our learning, 4C learned all about how to take care of our planet and the importance of recycling. 4C have really enjoyed rehearsing and performing our class assembly about recycling and climate change! They shared different ways to protect our planet and how climate change is affecting the world we live in. 4C then presented their recycling posters and enjoyed singing two fantastic songs!

"My favourite part of the assembly was singing the climate change song!" said Kaya

"I remembered when to stand up and all the actions for the songs!" said Phoebe

What an amazing assembly it was! Well done 4C!

Diwali Day

Year 2 celebrated Diwali this year by having a Diwali Day! During this term Year 2 have found out that Diwali is a Hindu festival known as 'the festival of lights.' During this festival, Hindus remember the story of Rama and Sita and that good triumphs evil.

To celebrate Diwali, year 2 wore their own clothes, did some dancing to traditional Indian music, made Diya lamps, designed mehndi patterns and Rangoli patterns.



Visit from Southgate Progressive Synagogue

Recently, Year 2 and Year 4 were lucky enough to have Rabbi Yuval, of Southgate Progressive Synagogue, come to talk to us about Judaism and specifically the festivals we have been learning about.

Year 2 - Talk on Hanukkah

Year 2 are currently learning about the festival of Hanukkah. We were shown the menorah and found out about the symbolism of the 8 candles. We were also shown the Torah which is the Jewish holy book. Each Torah has to be exactly the same and is written in Hebrew.

Lara "I was so interested in everything he said."

Laurie "They have a scroll and inside it doesn't just tell them special stories it also tells them what to do and what rules to follow."

Year 4 - Talk on Sukkot

Year 4 have been learning about the festival of Sukkot. Rabbi Yuval spoke to us about the rules around this festival, how big a Sukkah needs to be and he showed us a model Sukkah made completely from match sticks! We were shown a replica of a Torah Scroll and the Rabbi read an extract called The Burning Bush, which we have learnt about in class, in Hebrew. Year 4 asked questions and learnt new things about Jewish traditions, it was great.

Can-Kemal "I learnt lots of new things and liked hearing him read the Torah in Hebrew"

Raphaelle "We learnt what Kosher means and we saw how long a Torah scroll is when it is opened up!"



'The Christmas Pig' by J.K. Rowling

A huge thank you to the parents of Cecila, Margarite and Ourania who have kindly donated a signed copy of J.K. Rowling's latest book to the school.

The children learnt about J.K. Rowling's life, her struggle to get the first Harry Potter book published and the causes she now supports in her charity work in a school assembly. They then listened to the author reading an extract from the book. 'The Christmas Pig' now has pride of place in our school library.



Children in Need

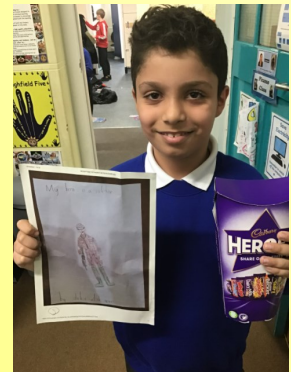
From Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November, Highfield raised money for BBC Children in Need. We raised a brilliant total of £971.45. Thank you for your generous donations throughout the week for keyrings, badges and donations and dress up. On Friday, the children came to school in their comfortable pyjamas and reflected on the lives of less advantaged children and young adults in the UK.



Heroes Day Competition Winner

School council had the difficult job of selecting the KS1 and KS2 winner of the Heroes competition winner.

We would like to say a massive congratulation to Dahlen in 4GF for his detailed illustration of a Soldier and Rosie in 1C who drew herself as a nurse in the future.



Fun Hair day

Thank you to Leon in 6P for coming up with the idea of having a fun hair day to raise money for the anti bullying ambassadors. The children enjoyed coming in with dyed hair, glittery hair, wigs and there were even a few children who had birds nests in their hair!

Overall we raised over £200. Well done to all those involved.



BAME review

At Highfield we really value the diversity of our curriculum and we want to ensure that our school remains inclusive and welcoming to everyone. With that in mind on 9th November we welcomed Marva Rawlins OBE to the school for a review particularly focusing on the experience of families from black African and black Caribbean heritage. Marva spoke to children, parents, staff and governors and it was a very positive experience.

She found the following:

- * *The governors and leaders are committed to using the review process to give a voice to the range of stakeholders and respond to identified needs and concerns.*
- * *The commitment goes beyond curriculum contents. There is a level of energy, excitement and joy within the staff teams which drives the inclusive, diverse, rich with knowledge experiences for the pupils.*
- * *The curriculum maps are available on the website. This will support other schools going through this change.*
- * *Pupils have the opportunity to develop their knowledge of each other's heritages and also have many opportunities for celebrations.*
- * *Pupils speak confidently of the teachers' commitment to their learning. They appreciate the opportunity to learn in small groups if needed and see this as a positive opportunity to improve their learning.*
- * *Parents spoke positively of the school. Some parents stated that they moved their children to Highfield to ensure they get the best quality of education for them. They all acknowledged that this is a partnership between the home and school and are keen to work closer together.*
- * *With this level of commitment and confidence also comes the school recognises that there is still work to be done to embed diversity, inclusion and anti-racism.*

Letters to care home residents

Our Year 6 children have been writing letters to the residents of one of our local care homes and have received many letters in return. Below is one of the letters they have written back:

To Brynley,

Thank you for the response back. Your story is amazing and we'd like to learn more about you. How was WW2 for you? Did it impact your life?

We read the news article and it was very brave of you to save the boy from drowning. During school did you learn how to protect yourself from bombs? Where were your parents during the war? Were they fighting too?

I think it is important to go to school because we need education in our lives. We all like school because as much as we get to learn, we get to see our friends. How was your time at school, did you like it and why? During your time as a radar service, were there any serious problems?

We hope to hear from you soon.

From Atila , Sindi and Klejdi

A Trophy for Highfield

On Thursday 25th November, Matilda 1S, Elliott 2M, Lawrence 3D, Eden 4C and Inaya 5C all represented Highfield Primary School in the Spelling Bee Competition at Garfield Primary School along with children from other Enfield schools. All children did amazingly well and we were all delighted when Highfield won a trophy in the Year 2 part of the competition. On our return from the competition the trophy was presented to Mr Wilson and now has pride of place in the school's trophy cabinet.

"I loved having the Spelling Bee competition experience and enjoyed the tie break round." Elliott 2M

"I enjoyed finding out who won the different rounds." Inaya 5C

"I enjoyed the part when we all got a certificate and when we all held it up to have a photo." Matilda 1S

"I liked being involved in the competition and representing the school." Lawrence 3D

"The scariest part was speaking in front of people." Eden 4C

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the competition. Well done to the above children we are all very proud of you for doing so well.

Miss Johnson - English and Phonics Lead



'Christmas Tales from The Shed'

On Friday both Nursery and Reception watched a performance by the Chickenshed theatre company. The children enjoyed joining in with lots of dancing and singing. They learnt lots of actions and even learnt some British sign language. They met lots of characters. We even all got to meet Santa, reindeers, a snowman and a lion and give them cuddles and high fives! The performers were super impressed with Highfield School and thought that the children were brilliant!

"I liked when Santa brought the Lion!" – Idris

"I liked dancing at the end, that was the best!" - Maiya

"I liked the flying monkey." - Mia



SCIENCE FUN AT HOME

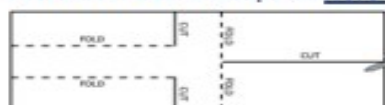
SPINNING SCIENCE

You will need

- * paper
- * paper clips
- * Scissors
- * different types of paper or card

1 TRY THIS INDOORS MAKE A SPINNER

1. Cut out the spinner - you can download a template [here](#).



2. **CUT** along the solid lines and **FOLD** along the dotted lines.

3. **PAPER CLIP** the three folded pieces of the tail of the spinner.



WHAT DO YOU NOTICE? Things to talk about ...

What happens when you let the spinner go?
Can you slow the spinner down? How?
What happens if you use different sorts of paper? Does tissue paper fall fast or slower than cardboard? What happens when you make the wings longer or shorter? What if you make a giant one? A tiny one?

4. **FOLD** the two 'wings' of the spinner in opposite directions. Hold the spinner high up, let go and watch what happens!

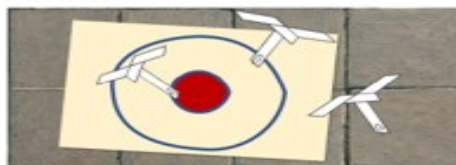
5. **MAKE** more spinners you could make different sizes, use different types of paper, use more paper clips or change the length of the wings.

2 TRY THIS OUTDOORS

Take your spinner outside. Make a target on the ground – you could do this by drawing a circle on a large sheet of paper, or you could use a big shallow bowl. Hold your spinner up and drop it, trying to get it to land on your target. Have ten goes and count how many times you hit the target. Try moving the target to a different place outside and see if your score increases or decreases.

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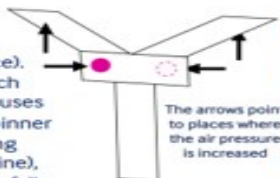
Where outside is it easiest to get the spinner to hit the target? Why do you think that is? What happens if you make the target bigger or smaller?



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WHAT IS THE SCIENCE?

The paper spinner spins as it falls. When it starts its fall, the air pressure under the wings increases (air resistance). This causes an upward force underneath the wings which slows the spinner down. The increased pressure also causes a sideways push on the vertical part at the top of the spinner (where the pink dot is). The same thing will be happening diagonally opposite under the other wing (dotted pink line), which causes the spinner to spin. The faster the spinner falls the greater the sideways push, and so the more it spins.



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)

New parents coffee morning

Last Friday we were able to invite our new parents in for a coffee morning. I know many of the families that joined the school during the covid restrictions would not have had the opportunity to meet some of our senior staff, Chair of Governors and the Friends of Highfield. It was lovely to have an informal event in which they were able to do so. I hope all that attended found it valuable and now feel more part of the Highfield community.

I would also like to thank the Friends of Highfield for helping with serving the coffee and biscuits. Your support, as always, is very much appreciated.

Mr Wilson

Key information from the Friends of Highfield

The Friends continue to do a great job supporting the school's push to improve our recycling efforts, as well as fundraising. Below are the key facts and figures.

Collections from the textile banks - thank you to everyone for supporting our commitment to a recycling culture.

* Bank collections

July: 205KG - £41.00

Aug: 186.75KG - £37.35

September: 338.25KG - £67.65

October: 161.25KG - £32.25

* Macmillan coffee morning on the 12th October raised £170.

* Second hand uniform sale Friday 8th October raised £261.25.

* Non uniform day 'Firework Friday' raised £808.

We also had the Christmas light switch on Friday that we hoped everyone enjoyed and raised further funds for the school. The Christmas tree was kindly donated by Next Generation, Men Shun Fireworks on Green Lanes. Thank you.



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