



# Highfield Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



### Message from Headteacher - December 2021

Dear Highfield families



As we end the term I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This week I have been to watch the Reception nativity plays. It has been such a joy to see the children's excitement and enthusiasm and it has definitely been the highlight of my week.

Much has been achieved this term by the pupils and staff. Children are accessing a full and exciting curriculum (please have a look on our website in the curriculum area) and the enthusiasm for learning, nurtured by our teaching staff, can be seen in every classroom. It has been great to get back to having trips, visitors in the school and class assemblies, with parents attending. The Christmas light switch on, which brought our school community together felt very important after such a long time and I thoroughly enjoyed the event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Governors for the support they have given the school over the past term. Please do read the Governor newsletter as it sets out what Governors have been doing and the impact they have had.

Finally thank you for the support that you have given the school. The support that we get from our parents and carers is gratefully received by all the staff and makes a real difference. We know that by working together we achieve the best for the children.

Together we can achieve more.

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: 03/12/2021

Max 2BD

Millie 2RM

Furkan 2M



### Week Ending: 10/12/2021

Georgina 1B

Elison 1C

Ashwin 1S

### Reminders

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.



A massive thank you to the Highfield children, parents and staff for raising a massive £400 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. The money raised from the festive decorations and generous donations will help children who are seriously unwell make the most of everyday, support end-of-life care and ensure families create life long memories in the short time they have together.

Noah's Ark Hospice are truly grateful and thankful to have been voted by Highfield children to be their chosen Christmas charity.

It is also important to say a special thank you to Dexter (5P) Eleftherios (6P) and Maisie (5C) for raising almost £90 from shaking the giving buckets after school.



### **Father Richard's visit to Nursery and Reception**

Father Richard, from Holy Trinity Church, visited Nursery and Reception to tell us the Christmas story. Reception welcomed Father Richard with a beautiful rendition of one of the songs from their Nativity. Father Richard told us about angels being used as messengers to deliver the message of love at Christmas, and asked some children from each class to dress up as angels and Mary and Joseph. The assembly finished with Reception singing another wonderful song from their nativity performances.



### **Music in 2RM**

This term in music we have been learning to play the xylophone. As a class we have been playing twinkle, twinkle little star using a xylophone and we then moved on to playing jiggle bells. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing to the beat and finding the correct notes.



### **Reception children Nativity performance**

A huge well done to RL for a beautiful Nativity performance, we are very proud of you! It was so lovely to see so many families come along to watch, thank you for all of your support this term. RL Team.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the children in RF for their amazing performances during their Nativity. You all surpassed our expectations on the day. We are really proud of you all. It was also really special to see all our parents. Well done our little SUPER STARS. RF Team.

Huge congratulations and well done to RJ for their amazing Nativity performance . We are all so proud.







### **News from the Friends of Highfield**

At our wonderful Christmas lights switch on we were able to raise £750.80, with over £80 raised by Elliot in Year 1 selling sunflower seeds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



We also collected 180.65kg worth of clothing raising £51.75. Thank you for your contributions.

### **Y6 Local River Walk - Geography Fieldwork**

As part of our Mountains and Rivers topic, we took a walk to two different parts of the New River near our school. We carried out some observations on the wildlife, atmosphere, noise pollution etc. In groups, we used callipers to measure the length of some of the rubbish and then counted the amount of litter in both locations and drew a bar chart to display our findings. We had a great time!



### Year 6 Knife and Gangs Awareness workshop

Year 6 were fortunate to have two police constables from the Metropolitan police visit to discuss gang prevention, awareness and their role as officers. They gave the children insight into the age of legal responsibility, how to avoid becoming involved in a gang and explained who they should contact if they feel unsafe in public. We were very proud of the many questions asked and how inspired some children were by the work the police do to protect the Enfield community.



### Our World, Our Future

The 'Movers and Shakers' Autumn theme was a great success. Children studied different trailblazers in society, movements and focused on ways they too could make a difference.

Moving onto our Spring term, we are excited to announce our new whole school topic is, 'Our World, Our Future'.

Across the school, we will be celebrating diversity and differences, study different global phenomenon's and will reflect on our own aspirations and future.

On google classroom, children will find the project homework ideas.



**'Our world, Our Future' Homework Project Ideas:**

- Research sustainable fashion and make a piece of clothing from recycled material.
- Create a timeline of your life and include your past, present and future self. What are your aims and ambitions? Will you go to Cambridge University at 21 years old? Will you become the next Prime minister at 30 years old? Will you develop a vaccine at 40 years old?
- Create a video on ways we could promote a 'Greener Highfield'.
- Make your own time capsule. Write notes on your predictions in the future, take pictures, and record events happening in the wider world.
- Research artists who create political statements about what they would like to change about the world like Banksy and LS Lowry. Create your own interpretation of their famous pieces.
- Imagine a world where we only had electricity for one hour a day. What would you do? What are the advantages and disadvantages? Create mind maps of ideas and thoughts gathered from friends and family.
- Write your own 'Promise to the Planet Poem'
- Plant your own seeds, bulbs or plants. Take a photo of your plant's growth and then write your own plant diary.
- Research why Wangari Maathai believed replanting in the local community was important.
- Design your own eco-friendly product. What material would you use? What is it for? How will it help the environment?
- Use recycled materials to create your own interpretation of Michelle Stitzlein's 'Butterflies of the Trash'
- How does 'mutual respect & tolerance of different faiths and beliefs' help us to become a kinder world? What makes our world special? Draw your own poster or symbol to reflect this British Value.
- Imagine you could interview a significant eco-warrior like Greta Thunberg or David Attenborough. What questions would you ask?

**Or come up with your own 'Our world, Our Future' project**





January 2022	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Spring term begins
Wednesday 12th January 2022	Sibling photographs
Friday 28th January 2022	3D Class Assembly

