



Highfield Primary School NEWSLETTER



Message from Headteacher - January 2022

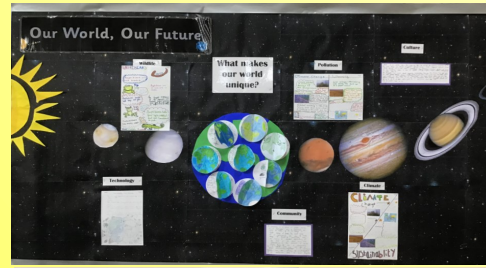
Dear Parents/Carers,



I would like to wish you all a belated happy new year. This term our theme is 'Our world, our future'. The children have been thinking about how they would like the world to change and what they can do to make those changes happen. They have produced displays showing their wishes and thoughts.

Our termly value is equality and children have been discussing what they think equality means. Does it just mean we treat everyone the same, or do we actually treat people according to their needs so everyone has an equal opportunity to follow their dreams. It has led to some very thought provoking discussions.

We have also had our first class assembly this term. 3D were very proud to tell us about what they had learnt this year including about the stone age, magnets and designing and creating puppets. Well done 3D!



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



This term's value is Equality

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending: 14.01.22

Mya RF

Finn RJ

Zane RL

Week Ending: 21.01.2022

Theo Nursery AM

Ediz Nursery PM



Attendance

Each week we will be celebrating two classes with the best attendance for that week (one from EYFS/ KS1 and one from KS2).

Week Ending 21.01.22

RL for 98.62 %

5P for 98.97 %

Week Ending 28.01.22

2RM for 98%

5P for 95%



Reading Road Map

At Highfield, we encourage reading for pleasure through 'The Reading Road Map' initiative which is aimed at broadening children's reading horizons.

We believe that the best way to increase literacy levels in school is through reading for pleasure and having a strong reading culture across the school. Research shows that the children in schools who participate in the Road Map read a wider range of books and discuss reading with their peers more than they would do otherwise. The Reading Road Map is an initiative that has been created to help encourage children to develop a new passion for reading. It is a tool for children, parents and educators to recommend different up to date books, authors and genres.

Every Year 3 and Year 5 class has a set of the Reading Road Map books.

The Year 3&4 Road Map features 40 titles and authors. By having the Map with its 40 titles and 8 genres and with easy access to the books on the map, children have the ability to explore different books and share recommendations with their peers.

The Year 5&6 Reading Road Map has 60 titles and authors. By having access to the Map and all the titles on it, children have the ability to explore all the different titles and discover new authors and genres they may not have tried before.

For the UK Reading Road Map Years 3/4:

Each child in the class will receive a copy of the road map.

When a child has read 5 books they receive a Bronze certificate

When a child has read 10 books they receive a Silver certificate

When a child has read 15 books they receive a Gold certificate

When a child has read 25 books they receive a Platinum certificate

For The Reading Road Map Years 5/6:

Each child in the class will receive a copy of the road map.

When a child has read 5 books they receive a Bronze certificate

When a child has read 10 books they receive a Silver certificate

When a child has read 20 books they receive a Gold certificate

When a child has read 40 books they receive a Platinum certificate

3D Assembly

It was class 3D's assembly last week, they showcased all they have learned from Year 3 and spoke about the challenges they faced when entering Year 3. During the assembly, they sung a song about the Stone Age, showed their puppets that they created in design and technology, danced their puppet dance which they learned in P.E and spoke about the importance of magnets. Miss Dust is really proud of the whole class and their efforts of learning their lines so brilliantly and the effort they put into the performance.



Covid-19

Remember you can get LFD tests from your local pharmacy to use regularly at home if your able to. Further details can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapidcoronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Self-isolation guidance

Self-isolation guidance changed on Monday 17th January.

If your child tests positive on a PCR or LFD test (Day 0), their self-isolation period is initially 10 full days but this could now be reduced to 5 full days. To see if this is possible, your child should take LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period. If your child receives two negative test results, they can stop their self-isolation. The first LFD test must be taken no earlier than day 5 and tests must be taken 24-hours apart. If both tests are negative and your child does not have a high-temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 6. They should not take any further LFD tests.

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.

Infection Guidance for Schools

Please see the Welfare page of the school website in the Parents and Carers section for information regarding the symptoms, possible spread, school exclusion and advice regarding common childhood infections such as headlice, threadworm and chicken pox.

Parking

Unfortunately we continue to have issues with a number of our parents/carers parking in areas that are illegal and endanger children. Please do consider the safety of children above convenience when parking to drop off your children.

The school has applied to be part of the School streets scheme in Enfield (which would prevent through traffic at drop off and pick up times) but until we are successful we strongly request that all parents consider the safety of the children and the local residents when parking near the school.

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

January 2022	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
RF	96.51
RJ	95.78
RL	94.67
1B	91.38
1C	94.97
1S	94.12
2BD	92.19
2M	92.94
2RM	94.15
3D	96.37
3J	93.65
3L	94.05
4C	93.88
4GF	94.11
4M	92.2
5C	92.16
5M	93.48
5P	93.91
6A	92.16
6C	93.26
6P	95.08
Total	94.01

While the majority of pupils at Highfield do have good attendance and are only absent when absolutely necessary, we want to remind our families about the importance of attendance and punctuality.

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. 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, particularly with the self-isolation rules in place for covid, 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.**

February 2022	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Tuesday 1st February	Reception Junk Orchestra
Friday 4th February	3J Assembly
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11th February	3L Assembly
Monday 14th - Friday 18th February	Half Term
Monday 21st and Thursday 24th	Year Natural History Museum Workshop

Friends of Highfield 2022 AGM

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