



# Highfield Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



### Message from Headteacher - April 2022



Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. We have had an exciting start to the summer term with both boys and girls football matches, class trips to Woodcroft wildlife area and a visit from OFSTED.

This term the children will be linking their learning to our theme 'Healthy body, healthy mind'. The children will be exploring how we can improve our physical and mental health. With the weather improving it will be a great opportunity for children to more outdoor learning as well.

We are also looking forward to marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and each year group will be focusing on a decade of the Queen's reign and the significant events that have taken place during the last 70 years.

The value the school council have chosen for the term is 'confidence'. We will be encouraging children to discuss the importance of confidence and self-belief as well as our other values (Kindness, Cooperation and Respect).

David Wilson  
Headteacher



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

**This term's value is Confidence**

## **Headteacher Awards this month:**

**Week Ending: 22.04.2022**

6A - Nasteexo

6P - Laert

6C - Edward

**Week Ending: 29.04.2022**

5P - Unaysah

5C - Leana

5M - Anisa

**Week Ending: 06.05.2022**

4M - Elif

4GF - Lorraine

4C - Rea



## **Attendance Class Awards this month:**

**Week Ending : 22.04.2022**

KS1 RJ- 99%

KS2 6A- 99%

**Week Ending : 29.04.2022**

KS1 2RM - 98%

KS2 4GF - 100%

**Week Ending: 06.05.2022**

KS1 1C - 98%

KS2 3D - 99%



## **ScholarPack Parent/Carer App**

We are delighted to inform you that we are now using the ScholarPack Parents App. This app will give you up-to-date information about your child's attendance and your contact details, as well as receiving messages directly from us. Please check your emails for more information.

## Year 6 SATs

Next week, our Year 6 children will sit their SATs tests for maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of all the children in 6C, 6A and 6P for their hard work, effort and sheer determination to achieve beyond expectations. You are all truly the 'bounce-back' kids and even a global pandemic could not stop you!

The Year 6 team and Highfield staff have witnessed you all grow and flourish both academically and socially-something the SATs test doesn't acknowledge. You have learned, practised, recapped, explored, built, devised, planned and questioned, even when faced with more difficult challenges.

We have no doubt you will shine next week and will continue to make everyone at Highfield proud. You are true role models and an asset to our school. Good luck!





## Healthy Mind, Healthy Me

We are excited to introduce our summer term whole-school topic 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Me'. Good mental health helps children develop socially, emotionally, mentally and physically. Across all year groups, we aim to promote a healthy mindset and healthy lifestyle through our PSHE, Science, Art, PE, Music and D&T curriculum.

What could you do at home to encourage your child? Could you make delicious fruity inspired snacks? Could you walk or scoot to school? Could you create your own fruit art on a plate? Could you decorate rocks using positive affirmations and hide them in the local area/park for others to find?

We look forward to sharing all the fun and creative lessons activities planned for this fun whole-school topic!



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The time has almost arrived for us to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. On Thursday 26th May, children can come into school wearing red, blue, white or royal attire.

The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when she was only 25 years old. To mark this historic occasion, each year group will study a decade and engage in a range of fun activities: cooking, arts and crafts and creative writing. They will also learn about the Queen's legacy in Britain and her role as the head of the commonwealth states.

Of course, we need to celebrate in true Highfield style, so the whole school will have an outside party with bunting, food, music and of course dancing in the afternoon.

Class teachers will be sending out further information on ways you can support the celebrations.



### Top tips to support your child's reading:

1. Encourage your child to read

- \* Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.

2. Read aloud regularly

- \* Try to read to your child every day. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures.

3. Encourage reading choice

- \* Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, nonfiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more.

4. Read together

- \* Choose a favourite time to read together as a family. This might be everyone reading a book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other.

5. Create a comfortable environment

- \* Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

6. Make use of your local library

- \* Libraries in England are able to open from 4 July. Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and eBooks to borrow.

7. Talk about books

- \* Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas.

8. Bring reading to life

- \* You could try cooking a recipe you've read together, or playing a game where you pretend to be the characters in a book.

9. Make reading active

- \* Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words.

10. Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them

- \* You know your child best and you'll know the best times for your child to read. What matters most is that they enjoy it.





### **Enfield Borough Football League Round 3**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April Highfield Year 5/6 football team played 3 matches at Edmonton County Power League in the Enfield Borough league. The first game, against Houndsfield was a thrilling end to end game with the final result being 3:2 to Highfield. In the second game, against Prince of Wales, the team played skilfully but no goals were scored until the final minutes when Highfield scored a deserving winner. Final result 1:0. In the last game, against Edmonton County, Highfield again dominated but this time unable to find the winning goal. After a good team performance the end result was 0:0.



A fantastic afternoon of football, well done Manny, Theo, Qalam, Keyon'Dre, Ivan, Adem, Elishua, Marcus, Jayden and Kyran.

### **Girls Football Friendly vs St Monica's**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Highfield Girls' football team played their first match. It was a home game, a friendly against St Monica's. Highfield girls welcomed their opposition and the teams warmed up together. The matches began: Highfield whites playing St Monica's greens and Highfield blues playing St Monica's yellows.



In both games, the teams started cautiously but by the end of the first half they were gaining confidence and working together, finding space and moving the ball closer and closer towards the back of the net. By half time, both Highfield teams were 1:0 down and yet enjoyment and motivation never left the field. In the second half Highfield were much stronger and goals finally came. The end results were 1:1 in the Highfield whites match and 2:1 to St Monica's in the blues match.

The girls were a shining example of sports-person-ship and team spirit. Well done to Emily, Elena, Elin, Cassidy, Inaya, Violet, Myrsini, Melissa, Aarya, Nikol, Anassa, Humera, Sloane, Satya, Alice, Amerie, Georgia, Esme and Anisa.



### **5M's Visit to Woodcroft**

On Wednesday 4th May, 5M went to Woodcroft Wildspace. What a fantastic morning we spent identifying trees, minibeasts and pond life! Many of the class had not visited this wonderful Wildspace since they were in Year 2 and for others new to the class, this was their first time. Three knowledgeable volunteers guided the children around the grounds, asking questions and explaining life cycles and habitats. 5M showed their understanding by answering questions thoughtfully and explaining possible reasons as to why the animals thrived in certain habitats. Thank you to Woodcroft .



### **3L's Adventure to Woodcroft**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, 3L went on an exciting trip to Woodcroft Wildlife space. The children enjoyed a variety of activities including pond dipping, discovering micro-habitats and identifying different types of trees. All of which support our science topic this term. 3L's favourite part of the trip was finding newts in the pond and under logs.



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

<b>April 2022</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>Form</b>	<b>%</b>
RF	95.76
RJ	95.54
RL	94.57
1B	91.79
1C	94.86
1S	94.37
2BD	92.23
2M	93.54
2RM	95.08
3D	95.65
3J	94.28
3L	94.54
4C	93.88
4GF	94.03
4M	92.69
5C	92.99
5M	94
5P	92.44
6A	91.69
6C	94.15
6P	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.08</b>

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.

<b>TIME ABSENT FROM SCHOOL</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
0	100% attendance
10 DAYS	95% attendance
<b>19 DAYS</b>	<b>90% attendance</b>
<b>28 DAYS</b>	<b>85% attendance</b>
<b>More than half a term</b>	<b>80% attendance</b>
<b>9 + weeks</b>	<b>75% attendance</b>

### **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.

<b><u>Lateness = Lost Learning</u></b> <b>(figures below are calculated over a school year)</b>	
5 mins late each day	<b>3 days lost</b>
10 mins late each day	<b>6.5 days lost</b>
15 mins late each day	<b>10 days lost</b>
20 mins late each day	<b>13 days lost</b>
30 mins late each day	<b>19 days lost</b>

**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.**



May 2022	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
10/05/22	Year 5 Athletics at Lea Valley
13/05/22	5P Woodcroft Visit
13/05/22	1S Class Assembly
17/05/22	3D Woodcroft Visit
20/05/22	4M Park Event at Broomfield Park
20/05/22	1C Class Assembly
23-26/05/22	Winchmore Cricket Workshop
23-24/05/22	Reception Hearing Tests
26/05/22	Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
27/05/22	Inset Day
30/05-03/06/22	Half Term