



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER December 2022



Message from Headteacher

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 the Reception children have performed their nativity plays. It has been such a joy to see the children's excitement and enthusiasm and I know they have loved performing in front of their siblings and parents/carers. I know all the children have also been enjoying their Christmas parties and even had a visit from Santa.

At the start of the month we had the Christmas light switch on, organised by the Friends of Highfield. As well as the lights being switched on, our choir performed Christmas carols and there were various stalls selling food, drinks and gifts. I am sure everyone who attended will agree it was a thoroughly enjoyable event. Our school choir have also been out in the local community. On Sunday morning they performed at Winchmore hill Baptist church. Thank you to all the children and families who attended and for Ms Moody for organising the event with the church.

Finally thank you for the support that you have given the school over the last year. 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 our children.

Together we can achieve more.

Mr Wilson



**Our three core values are Respect, Co-Operation and Kindness.
This term's value is Being Supportive**

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending : 09/12/2022

3L - Maria

3P - Brigel

3J - Chara



Saying goodbye..

Miss Christou

Miss Christou is leaving us at the end of this term. She joined the school in 2019 and has taught Years 5 and 6. She has been an excellent teacher and I know she will be missed by staff and pupils. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Lynch

Mrs Lynch will be leaving the school after an incredible 27 years! For most of that time she has been a learning mentor and has done a brilliant job in supporting hundreds of pupils over the years. Some of our current parents remember Mrs Lynch when they attended the school! She has always shown warmth and kindness to pupils, staff and parents and has been an integral part of the Highfield family. The longevity of her time at the school is to be commended. It is a wonderful achievement. We wish her every happiness in her well-earned retirement.



Santa and his elves visit to Highfield

Santa and his elves came to visit Highfield on Thursday 15th December and gave each of the children a gift....



Unity InThe Community
Year 5 & 6 Poster Competition

Year 5 and 6 were set a challenge to create a poster to represent our 'Unity In The Community' whole school topic during the snow day. The children could use any medium and resource of their choice, to represent diversity, togetherness and unity.

Thank you to all the applicant's for entering. There were many beautiful examples submitted and it was incredibly difficult to choose a winner.

Congratulations to...

VICTORIA IN YEAR 5



6P Science Workshop at Winchmore Secondary School

On Thursday 8th December, 6P were invited to Winchmore Secondary School to take part in a practical Science workshop. The session included a number of investigations for the children to try out, including: flame tests, identifying and comparing acids and alkalis, and understanding how a microscope works. The children learnt about different key words, such as: atoms, electrons, particles, photos and methane. At the end of the session, the Science technician demonstrated three WOW experiments: methane bubbles, elephant toothpaste and screaming jelly baby. Children and staff adhered to all health and safety rules during the session.

6P truly had a great time and learnt lots in the process. We look forward to completing more workshops with Winchmore.



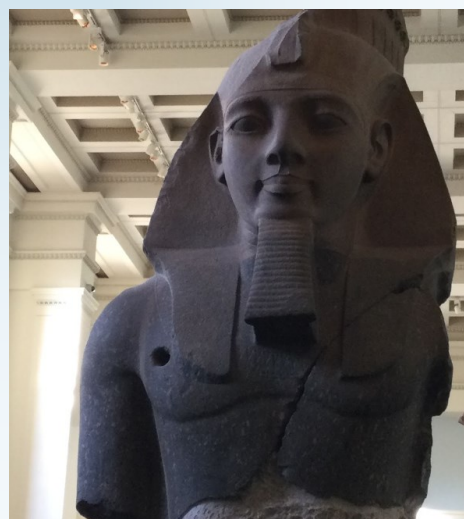
Year 3 trip to British Museum

On Wednesday 7th December, Year 3 went to the British Museum to visit the Ancient Egyptian exhibitions! The children had the chance to see about statues, tombs, the Rosetta Stone and even mummies! Despite a cancelled train, we had a brilliant day and the children loved seeing their learning come to life!

"I saw lots of mummies, tombs, statues, gold coins and hieroglyphics. My favourite part was the mummies!" **Leo, 3P**

"We went to the exhibition to see the special Rosetta Stone, which was written in three languages!" **Lara, 3P**

"We saw some hieroglyphics and it was very dark! Then we saw canopic jars, the Rosetta stone and heard what the river Nile sounds like. I had a lovely day with my class." **Dominic, 3L**



Gymnastics Competition

On 30th November the girls gymnastics team took part in the intermediate Year 5/6 competition at Edmonton Leisure Centre, where they had to perform a floor routine and a jump on the vault twice to a set of different judges each time. The girls worked hard to memorise the floor routine and to perfect their vault jump. Big well done to Elin, Olivia, Ezgi, Isabel and Scarlett!!



Highfield Choir

On Sunday 11th December, Highfield's KS1 choir ventured out into the community to sing at Winchmore Baptist Church in their all age service. During the service we learnt about how Jesus is the light for Christians, some of the children then got to light the advent candles. The choir were able to get up on stage and sing confidently to members of the congregation. The members of the church were very appreciative of the time the children took to learn the songs and praised their lovely singing! Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their super singers!

Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 9th December

Thank you for all your contributions. Highfield raised £297.00 for 'save the children UK' charity

Class 1B in their Christmas jumpers:



'Christmas Tales from The Shed'

On Wednesday 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!" – Suhana

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

"I liked the flying monkey." - Ilin



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.

A huge congratulations and well done to RJ for your amazing Nativity performance. You were all fantastic and we are so proud of you! Thank you to all the families who came to watch RJ. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! RJ Team.



Year 5 Visit to Rumi Mosque: Wednesday 7th December 2022

On Wednesday 7th December, Year 5 visited Rumi Mosque in Edmonton. The children were welcomed by the imam. He spoke to them about the mosque being a centre of the community; helping the homeless, teaching English, Maths and Arabic to local Muslims and providing cooking classes which are open to all. The children enjoyed the experience and were very respectful during the session. They were even treated to a fruit snack before they left!



3J Learning About Sikhism

At the beginning of November, we were very lucky as Gagan's mum was able to visit our class and talk to us about Sikhism. She brought in many different objects to show us and explained what they were.

"When Sikhs go to the golden temple and the gurdwara they show respect by covering their heads." - Molly

"During Diwali, Sikhs eat special food that they wouldn't usually eat." - Millie

"Sikhs have special knives which are part of the 5Ks. This is a symbol of protection." - Kerem

"They wear a bracelet called a Kara and it reminds them to always do good things." - Harvey

A big thank you to Gagan's mum for coming in to talk to us and sharing her knowledge.



Reading & Writing Achievements for Autumn

Congratulations to the following children for their excellent effort and progress with their literacy skills. We are very proud of you all. Keep up the great work! Have a lovely holiday. Miss Johnson



Class	Names
Nursery AM	Aggelos
Nursery PM	Sophia
RF	Emily
RJ	Layla
RL	Alex
1B	Naima
1S	Jessie
1W	Emeka
2BD	Yusuf
2M	Darian
2RM	Gulsum
3J	Lucy
3L	Mekeila
3P	Amari
4AC	Kabir
4C	Martyna
4GF	Elizah
5C	Dilan
5M	Elif
5NC	Kaya
6A	Leana
6C	Alice
6P	Mia
Berry	Simeon



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

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.

December 2022	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
RF	92.51
RJ	93.69
RL	95.6
1B	89.67
1S	93.03
1W	90.03
2BD	93.9
2M	94.73
2RM	92.87
3J	94.32
3L	94.48
3P	93.77
4AC	93.73
4C	93.92
4GF	96.36
5C	96.59
5M	94.62
5NC	96.17
6A	94.24
6C	95.01
6P	93.85
Total	94.04

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, 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.**



January 2023	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Monday 2nd January	Bank holiday, school closed
Thursday 12th January	A Midsummer Night's Dream in school hall
Friday 13th January	Year 1 and 2—supporting parent's Maths workshop -
Friday 27th January	3L class assembly



HAF Enfield Winter 2022

19th – 23rd December and 28th – 30th December

FREE* places available in Enfield's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this winter, visit <https://hafenfield.co.uk/> to book today or email haf@enfield.gov.uk for more information

Ages 4-16

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Arts & Crafts

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Cooking

Day Trips

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