



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER November 2022



Message from Headteacher



Dear Parents and carers,

November has been another action packed month at Highfield. Our wonderful year 4 children have performed their class assemblies, and thank you to all the parents and carers who attended. I know the pupils really enjoyed performing them. We have had several extra curricular trips this month including a Year 6 trip to a local synagogue and Year 5 visiting the London Aquarium as part of their Geography topic, Oceans of the World.

We have also marked Show Racism the Red Card day and anti -bullying week. As well as dressing in red and wearing odd socks for a day, children took part in activities and had discussions to deepen their understanding of the issues these days focus on.

We are now sending out a curriculum spotlight each month to show you what the children are learning in school. This month the focus was Art and History. Keep an eye out for next month's spotlight.

You will also notice in this newsletter that the Friends of Highfield now have a section. It details upcoming events, how you can donate and how you can get involved. Today will be our Christmas lights switch on, one of several events they organise throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you there.



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

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending : 04/11/22

1S: Orestis

1W: Zane

1B: Idris

Week Ending : 11/11/2022

RL: Melissa

RJ: Raphi

RF: Paisli-capri

Week Ending: 18/11/22

6P: Asmin

6C: Zak

6A: Oliwier

Week Ending: 25/11/22

5M: Klia

5C: Elsie

5NC: Uthman

Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending : 04/11/22

KS1 RL: 99%

KS2 4GF: 100%

Week Ending : 11/11/22

KS1 RF: 98%

KS2 4GF: 98%

Week Ending : 18/11/22

KS1 1S/1W: 96%

KS2 4AC: 99%

Week Ending: 25/11/22

KS1 1S: 95%

KS2 5M/6P: 98%

Week Ending: 02/12/22

4AC: Harriet

4C: Evin

4GF: Nia



Week Ending: 02/12/22

KS1 RJ/2BD: 94%

KS2 4GF: 98%



Book Fair

As always, thank you to Mrs Oskis, Mrs Neal and Mrs Ferrari for all their help during the book fair.



Afterschool school run outdoor clubs:

These school run clubs have now finished until the last week in January due to the lack of light.

Monday football with Miss Cadogan,

Tuesday cross country with Mrs Major

Wednesday girls' football with Miss Cadogan

Thursday tag rugby with Miss Cadogan

Friday netball with Miss Cadogan.

4GF's Class Assembly

On Friday 18th November, 4GF presented their Anti-bullying week assembly to their parents and Year 3 and 4. The theme this year was 'Reach Out' and the children portrayed the message well. They showed they had an excellent understanding of what bullying is and how we can help those who need help. The children wrote a class poem which they performed from memory with actions. They also performed two songs 'Reach Out (I'll be there)' by The Four Tops and 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars which they learnt the sign language for.

The children performed with enthusiasm and confidence and we are all very proud of what they achieved. Well done 4GF.

4C's Recycling and Climate Change Assembly – 04.11.22

As part of our learning, 4C found out about how to take care of our planet and the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. We have extremely enjoyed rehearsing and performing our class assembly about recycling and climate change! 4C shared the different ways to look after Highfield, our community and how protect our planet. 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 Ariana

"I think our assembly was amazing, we all done well and were able to remember our lines and the songs !" said Aiden

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



4AC's Class Assembly - Black History Month

As part of our learning, 4AC performed an assembly based on Black History Month. The children spoke about why we celebrate Black History Month. The children recited a poem about Martin Luther King, they also shared information about many other significant figures who are remembered during Black History Month. 4AC ended the assembly by singing 'We are Unity'.

Show Racism the Red Card

The school took part in Show Racism the Red Card day. The pupils took part in activities that explored what racism is, explored our similarities and differences and we celebrated our special school diversity. The choir also sang a song called, "We are Unity" to KS1 and Berry Class. The playground was washed with red as we supported stamping out racism.



The choir singing to KS1.
Year 1 pupils made a rainbow fish to explore similarities.

Odd Socks Day! – Monday 14th November 2022

We kicked off Anti Bullying Week at Highfield with Odd Socks! Our staff and children wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This was an initiative laid out by the Anti Bullying Alliance. Children across the country were encouraged to wear odd socks to promote difference.

The theme this year was 'Reach Out'. Anti-Bullying Week give us the opportunity to learn how we can stay physically and mentally healthy and stay safe, as well as celebrating what makes us all unique.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Odd Socks Day during the week.

Updates from Friends of Highfield

Upcoming events ...

Our next event is the annual **Highfield Christmas Tree Lights Switch On** which will be taking place in the school playground from **3:30pm on Friday the 2nd of December**

There will be mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and other sweet treats to enjoy, as the school choir entertain us with a selection of Christmas songs prior to the main event - the illumination of the Highfield Christmas tree! Second hand uniform will be available for sale in addition to a small selection of gift stalls – everyone welcome!

2023 Highfields Calendar

As most of you will be aware, as in previous years we have produced a **School Calendar for 2023**. There are 2 versions, Key stage 1 (Reception – Year 2) and Key stage 2 (Years 3 – 6). Children were asked to draw a picture of themselves to be included in the relevant calendar in the month of their birth. **The calendars will be available for purchase** (£6 each or 2 for £10) at the Christmas Lights Switch On and on select mornings/ afternoons before and after school thereafter

Sponsoring Friends of Highfield

We're always on the lookout for sponsors to support our fundraising efforts. If you (or anyone you know) is interested, please contact us at friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com to discuss. We're looking to significantly increase the number of events/ activities we organise in 2023, so there should be plenty of opportunities!

Donations

We appreciate many parents can't always volunteer or attend events. However, if you would like to donate we have a quick and easy way to do so via "InvestMySchool". Anyone can make **one-off or regular donations**, every penny of which goes towards FoH fundraising target. **Please use the QR code below to make a donation:**



About Friends of Highfield ...

For those who don't know, Friends of Highfield are Highfield Primary Schools parents/teacher association. We are a small committee of parents who volunteer our free time to coordinate fundraising for the school.

We are a registered charity, working closely with Mr Wilson and the team to put on events and raise funds for things that can't be covered by the school's budget. For more information about Friends of Highfield, here is a link to our website - <https://www.friendsofhighfield.org/>

Year 6 Synagogue Trip

On Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November, Year 6 visited the Cockfosters & Southgate Synagogue as part of our RE learning. We studied Judaism last half-term and this was a fantastic way to see first-hand the significance of the synagogue to Jewish people. Rabbi Meir Shindler talked to Year 6 about Judaism, his role and different aspects of the synagogue. The children were keen to ask a number of questions linked to our previous learning. It was a very informative trip.



Y5 trip to the London Aquarium

On Wednesday 23rd November, Year 5 travelled into London to Visit the Sea Life centre. It was a fantastic day. We explored the creatures that live in our seas, rivers and oceans. We walked through Pacific Ocean tunnels, tropical rainforests, and experienced a shark reef encounter. Two huge green turtles swam gracefully amongst the smaller creatures in another enormous tank. We were fascinated by the deep sea 'alien' world of jellyfish. This trip helped to consolidate our learning about ecosystems, environmental changes, evolution and marine conservation. What an amazing trip!





Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the
Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps,
please visit **rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal**



To Highfield primary

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £200.28



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.

November 2022	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
RF	94.91
RJ	93.45
RL	96.99
1B	91.16
1S	94.14
1W	91.67
2BD	94.45
2M	95.72
2RM	93.38
3J	95.59
3L	94.87
3P	93.68
4AC	93.8
4C	95.38
4GF	96.67
5C	97.24
5M	95.05
5NC	96.67
6A	95
6C	95.47
6P	94.84
Total	94.75

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.**

December 2022	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Friday 2nd December	Christmas lights switch on
Wednesday 7th December	Year 5 visit to Rumi mosque
Friday 9th December	Christmas jumper day
Monday 12th December	Chicken Shed visit for Nursery and Reception classes
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas lunch being served in the canteen
	RF Nativity
Thursday 15th December	RJ Nativity
Friday 16th December	RL Nativity
	Last day of term—early finish
Monday 19th December 2022 - Monday 2nd January 2023	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	First day back at school

