

# Highfield Primary School NEWSLETTER January 2023





## Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers, I would like to wish you all a belated happy new year.

This term our theme is 'Extra! Extra! Read all about it!'. The children have been writing their own newspaper reports and looking at the changing role of media over time. Our older children have also been discussing media bias and misinformation.

Our termly value is 'integrity' and children have been discussing what it means. We have had assemblies where we have explored what this value means. Doing the right thing even when no one is watching, is how one child described the value.

We have also had our first class assembly this term. 3L were very proud to show us what they had learnt – from grammar and timetables to the Ancient Egyptians and creating sculptures. They even quizzed some of the parents watching. Well done 3L!



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

## Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending: 06/01/2023

2BD - Athena

2M - Azaro

2RM - Sienna

Week Ending : 13/01/2023

1S - Ayden

1W - Viktoria

1B - Jessica

Week Ending : 20/01/2023

RL - Abukar

RF - Hugo

RJ - Conor

Week Ending : 27/01/2023

6P - Eemani

6A - Zak

6RG - Minnie

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

Week Ending : 6th January

EYFS/KS1: RL 98%

KS2: 4C & 5M 98%

Week Ending: 13th January

EYFS/KS1: 2RM 98%

KS2: 3L & 5NC 99%

Week Ending : 20th January

EYFS/KS1: 1S 98%

KS2: 5NC & 6P 99%

Week Ending: 27th January

EYFS/KS1: 1W 97%

KS2: 4GF 100%



Week Ending : 03/02/2023 4C - Aiden 4AC - Berkin 4GF - Lawrence



Week Ending : 03/02/2023 EYFS/KS1: RF 100% KS2: 3P 98%



#### **Goodbye Ms Edwards**

Ms Edwards was at the school for just over a year and in that time supported various children at the school. She has been a very dedicated member of staff and always showed the upmost care for the children she supported. We wish her all the best and we will still see her around as her children attend the school.

#### **Conversations with staff**

The core values at Highfield are kindness, respect and cooperation and these should be shown by staff, pupils and parents/carers alike. I would like emphasise the vast majority of interactions between staff and parents follow these values and we have particularly good relationships with parents/carers at this school. However, unfortunately we have found that there is an increasing number of incidents where staff have been spoken to rudely or aggressively. Please be mindful that all staff want the best for the children at the school and any concern is best resolved through constructive and respectful dialogue.

Many Thanks David Wilson Headteacher

#### **3L Assembly**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 3L performed their class assembly to Year 3, Year 4 and their parents. The assembly was a resounding success and the children had lots of fun.

Faye 3L exclaimed, 'I liked reading my paragraphs about the Egyptian Gods that I wrote in English.'

The class showcased the learning that Year 3 has done so far this year. It also required the participation of the parents much to their surprise as their children asked them questions about the songs and mnemonics from the assembly.

Rafi said happily 'I liked when my parents had to answer questions.'

#### 2M's Library Trip

On 26th January, 2M took a trip to their local library in Winchmore Hill. They walked carefully away from the road with their partner and were extremely sensible both inside and outside the library. Once we arrived the librarian showed us what books were available to use and how to use a library card which is free! We then listened to a story before choosing books to keep at school. 2M were fantastic examples of students at Highfield and were eager to take out even more books!

#### Year 5 - A Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, Year 5 were treated to a wonderful afternoon of drama and entertainment. The Young Shakespeare Company performed a version of a Midsummer Night's Dream which included audience participation and actors from across the year group. By the end of the session the children had an



excellent understanding of the play and insight into the world of Shakespeare.

#### Year 4 Girls Football team

The girls Year 4 football team took part in a friendly tournament at The Raglan primary schools. They played a total of 4 matches against Hazelwood, Raglan and St James. Despite this being their first ever tournament, let alone their first match, that didn't stop their confidence and determination.

Their first match was against St James with Highfield winning 4-0 goals scored by Ayla, Sena and Isla. The second game was against Hazelwood where Highfield conceded one goal ending the match 1-0 to Hazelwood. Game three was against one of the Raglan teams, the match ended 5-1 to Highfield with a lovely hat-trick scored by Isla and goals scored by Harriet and Bella. The last match was against the other Raglan team with Raglan winning 2-1. Ayla scored an amazing goal for Highfield.

Well done to Natalia, Harriet, Miray, Emilia, Sena, Isla, Ayla, Bella and Gabby!!!



#### Language of the Term - Arabic

At Highfield we are proud of our diversity. Currently the children speak 36 different first languages.

This term two assemblies were held to find out more about the Arabic language and the Arab world. The children learnt about famous landmarks such as Petra and the Burj Khalifa Tower and some basic Arabic greetings.

A huge thank you to Farida, Yara, Nadine, Yasin, Carla and Mrs Omar who led the assembly, sharing their knowledge of Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Arabic language and culture. The children also enjoyed listening to a song by Algerian artist Soolking, which made us all want to get up and dance!

#### Literature in Colour

We are thrilled to have applied for and received over 100 new Penguin books by authors of colour. These books will become part of our class libraries from the Early Years to Year 6, and some, such as the Extraordinary Lives series, will be in our school library for all children to enjoy. Thank you Penguin Books!



#### EXTRA! EXTRA!



#### We would like to introduce the families of Highfield to our Spring whole-school topic

#### 'Extra! Extra! Read Al About It!'

News is information about current events. This may be provided through many different medias: word of mouth, printing, broadcasting, electronic communication, or through accounts made by observers or witnesses to events.

Common topics for news reports include politics, education, health, the environment, fashion, entertainment, and sport, as well as quirky or unusual events like'

Throughout the term, children will be learning about the history, purpose and impact of news. They will be writing their own features like articles, headlines, advice columns, problems/puzzles and comic strips.

In March, there will be a special addition Highfield publication of some work children have been completing.

If any parents work in the industry of media and would be interested in speaking to some children about their occupation, then please get in-touch through the office.







# Safeguarding and Child Protection information for parents/carers

# Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February 2023

#### The theme for Safer Internet Day 2023 is...

# 'Want to talk about it?'

### Making space for conversations about online.

# As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. Our advice and resources are here to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibility and positively.

# Please use the following link for guidance <u>https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers</u>

Have a conversation	•	Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation		What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?
starter suggestions can help.		Ask them about how they stay safe online.
		What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
		Ask them if they know where to go for help.
		Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?
	•	Think about how you each use the internet.
		What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

#### Friends Of Highfield—Monthly Newsletter

"Come join us for a coffee morning and a friendly chat in the school canteen on February 9th between 9am to 10am and have a chance to meet our sponsors, Time For Change Kids and Mathnasium Winchmore Hill. Pre-school aged little ones welcome.

# FRIENDS OF HIGHFIELD INVITE YOU TO

Coffee & Chats

Stop by for a hot drink, say Hi and exchange ideas with Mr Wilson & Friends

9th Febuary 9am-10am School Canteen

#### **Class Reps**

Class Reps, whilst not obligatory, play a key role in the efficient circulation of school updates and without one your class might be missing out on important information.

The role of a Class Rep is to act as liaison between school and parents. If your class currently does not have a Class Rep but would like one, please discuss with your class who would like to take on the role and send their Name, Child's Name and Class to us at <u>friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com</u>

#### Our annual AGM meeting is due in February (Date TBC)

For those wishing to get more involved and join the Friends of Highfield team, this is your opportunity to put yourself forward to be voted in for a role. Further details as to the application and voting procedure will be released in due course. In the meantime, take this opportunity to consider whether you'd like to come. onboard as a pro-active member of the Friends committee and work with us to fundraise for our school"



## 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.

ATTENDANCE wellbeing. Children who miss school are		wellbeing. Children who miss school a	t school is very important for your child's are missing out on essential social interaction which s. If your child doesn't attend school regularly, they			
Form	%	are less likely to do as well as other children.				
RF	93.06	At Highfield we are committed to working together with parents to increase the				
RJ	93.68	attendance and punctuality of all our pupils.				
RL	95.63	Although being absent cannot always be helped, at Highfield School we expect all our				
1B	91.09		each half term and to be on time every day, every			
15	93.21	week! Take a look at the table below to show you exactly what your child could be missing over the year.				
1W	90.72	TIME ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	ATTENDANCE			
2BD	92.85	0	100% attendance			
		10 DAYS	95% attendance			
2M	93.92	19 DAYS	90% attendance			
2RM	93.17	28 DAYS	85% attendance			
3J	93.76	More than half a term	80% attendance			
3L	94.3	9 + weeks	75% attendance			
ЗP	93.92	EVERY MINUTE COUNTS				
4AC	93.79	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.				
4C	93.78	<u>Lateness = Lost Learning</u> (figures below are calculated over a school year)				
4GF	96.12	(Tigures below ar	e calculated over a school year)			
		5 mins late each day	3 days lost			
5C	96.17	10 mins late each day	6.5 days lost			
5M	95.13	15 mins late each day	10 days lost			
5NC	96.16	20 mins late each day	13 days lost			
6A	92.79	, 30 mins late each day	19 days lost			
6P	93.54					
6RG	93.68		om school affects their education! You will at the odd day off really does mount up.			
Total	93.92	Please be aware that Highfield So	e interest of your child's education.			

February 2023	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Monday 6th February	Year 4 'Roman' day
Tuesday 7th February	1W visit to Winchmore Hill Library Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9th February	1B visit to Winchmore Hill Library FOH Coffee Morning in canteen
Friday 10th February	Class 3J Assembly
Monday 13th-Friday 17th February	HALF TERM
Monday 20th February	First day back at school at the normal time
Tuesday 21st February	3L visit to Winchmore Hill Library
Thursday 23rd February	2RM visit to Winchmore Hill Library
	5NC at Winchmore Science Workshop
Tuesday 28th February	5C visit to Winchmore Hill Library World Book Day
Friday 3rd March	Class 2RM Assembly