



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER February 2023



Message from Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers,

As always this month has been very busy at Highfield. We have had class assemblies for two of our Y3 classes (thank you to all the parents/Carers that attended). Two of our Y5 classes (5C are going next week) have visited Winchmore secondary school to take part in Science workshops, enabling children to access equipment and resources that are not available in primary schools. We have also successfully taken part in several inter school competitions. This has included a Maths quiz and football and netball matches. Our P.E team (Ms Major and Ms Cadogan) have done a brilliant job in ensuring as many children as possible get the opportunity to play competitive games and represent the school.

Unfortunately, events in the wider world have not been so positive. We know that some of our families have been directly affected by the events in Turkey and Syria and our thoughts and prayers are with them in this incredibly difficult time. As a school it was important that we contributed to those charities working in the affected areas. As a result of our non uniform day on 10th February we were able to raise £2,500 which we donated to the Red Cross. Thank you for your generosity.

Mr Wilson



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

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending : 10/02/23

5C - Dilan

5NC - Khaleel

5M - Dawud



Week Ending : 24/02/23

3L - Max

3P - Tselmuun

3J - Gagan

Week Ending: 03/03/23

2BD - Oscar

2RM - Jack

2M - Zoe

Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending : 10/02/23

EYFS/KS1: 2M 97%

KS2: 4GF 100%

Week Ending : 24/02/23

EYFS/KS1: 2M 97%

KS2: 3J, 4AC and 5NC 99%

Week Ending: 03/03/23

EYFS/KS1: 2RM 98%

KS2: 6P 100%



3J Class Assembly

On Friday 10th February, it was 3J's class assembly. The children talked about their learning and the amazing things they had done during their time so far in Year 3. The audience listened attentively as the children spoke enthusiastically about the History topic they had studied, 'The Ancient Egyptians', their Science topic on the study of rocks and their English work about the story 'Gregory Cool'. The children also went on to wow their audience with their beautiful singing as well as their wonderful performance of their rock poem with actions. Miss Johnson was very proud of the children and how hard they had worked to make the assembly such an amazing success. Well done 3J you were absolutely fantastic and all superstars!

Class 3P Assembly

On Friday 3rd February, 3P performed an assembly to their families and Years 3/4 about the Ancient Egyptians. We were inspired by our History topic, which focused on their daily lives and beliefs. The children discussed the ancient pyramids and even showed the audience how to mummify a body! The assembly ended with song and dance to describe the discovery of Tutankhamun.

Well done 3P for a fantastic assembly!



5NC Library Visit

On Tuesday 28th February, 5NC visited Winchmore Hill Library. The librarian greeted the children and spoke to them about how to join the library, how to take out books and how to find books in the library. The librarian also shared an exciting story with the children too. Later, the children were given time to browse the library and choose a book to take out. It was a lovely afternoon to share our passion and enjoyment for reading!

5NC Science Workshop at Winchmore

On Thursday 23rd February, 5NC took part in a very special and exciting workshop over at Winchmore Secondary School. The children were able to experience Science at secondary school level and had the opportunity to take part in different investigations which included exploring what happens to metal salts when they burn and testing many household items to determine their pH levels. The children were also treated to observe some special (and explosive!) experiments led by the Winchmore Science team. It was a very interactive and engaging morning.



5M Science Workop at Winchmore School

On Thursday 2nd February 5M visited Winchmore secondary school for a science workshop. They took part in several fun and interactive investigations including testing the pH of liquids and observing the colour change of salts when heated using a Bunsen burner. At the end of the session the teachers, lab technicians and 6th form students demonstrated a variety of 'wow' chemical reactions to heating and mixing.

5M had a fantastic learning experience and wish to thank the staff of Winchmore School.



Year 5 and 6 Inter-School Math quiz

Eight children from Year 5 & 6 were selected to represent Highfield at the annual Inter-School Math quiz at St Monica's. Ten schools from the Enfield borough were invited to complete complex reasoning problems and tasks. The Highfield children applied their mathematical knowledge to a range of questions and worked effectively as a team. You could see their brains buzzing!

We would like to say a massive congratulations to the Year 5 team for coming **3rd overall!!!** What a fantastic achievement!

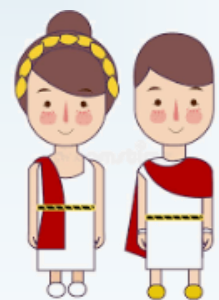
Year 5 Team: Anne-Charlotte, Orgita, Jay and William

Year 6 Team: Farida, Abdullahi, Argirios and Sarah



Year 4 Roman Day

Year 4 were very lucky to take part in Roman Day as part of their learning in History. We took part in a carousel of activities including creating our own mosaic patterns inspired by the Romans. Year 4 also had the opportunity to design and create their own Roman coin using clay and special tools to engrave Roman numerals. During the afternoon, Year 4 put together a Roman banquet where they tried a selection of foods that the Romans would have eaten such as grapes, cheese, bread and olives. What a fantastic and memorable day Year 4 had!



Football News

On Wednesday 8th February the **Highfield girls football team** went to Edmonton Power league to play two matches for the second round of the football league. Their first match was against Bush Hill Park. It was a tough game with both teams battling to get a goal, but the match ended 0-0. The second game was against Edmonton County. Both teams itching to get a goal. Edmonton county scored a goal but that didn't stop Highfield to keep going until that final whistle. Then the unbelievable happened.. Edmonton county scored an own goal. Ending the game 1-1. An amazing team effort from Alice, Satya, Anisa, Sloane, Georgia, Maisie and Kamea. Well Done Girls!!



On Wednesday 22nd February the **Highfield 5/6 boys football team** took part in the second round of the Years 5/6 football league that takes place at Edmonton County Power League. The first game was against Prince of Wales, where Goalkeeper Manny got a clean sheet, and Highfield ended the game 6-0. Goals scored by Theo x2, Dylan x2 and Paul x2. The second game was a bit more challenging but that didn't stop the team from persevering. The Game ended 2-1 to Highfield, both goals scored by Paul with a lovely assist by Theo on the second goal.



Excellent Team work!! Well Done Theo, Manny, Zak, Dylan, Paul, David, Kevin, Seb and Nyah!

On Tuesday 7th February, two of the **Highfield boys football teams** took part in a friendly competition at Churchfield. Despite their best efforts both teams lost their matches but that didn't stop them from keeping their heads up high and fighting until that final whistle. As it was a mini tournament Highfield managed to finish as runners up!

Well done to Manny, Theo, Dylan, Paul, Seb, Kevin, David, Zak, Arman, Jackson, Nyah, Ziven, Uthman, Alexander and Nicholas.



On Monday 27th February one of the **Highfield boys 5/6 football team** took part in a mini tournament at Raglan primary school. They played 5 difficult games while battling the cold as well as their opponents. Alexander made some amazing saves and they worked great as a team showing good sportsmanship .Their best score was a 0-0 draw against Eversley.

Well Done Uthman, Ziven, Franco, Khyber, Adam, Alexander, Elisha and Arman for giving it your all and not giving up!



On Tuesday 28th February the Highfield Netball team took part in the second round of the league. They played two games. The first game was against Houndsfield who are a tough opponent which resulted in a 2-1 win to Houndsfield. The second game was against Hazelwood, despite Highfield's best efforts they were unable to become victorious with Hazelwood taking the win 3-1.

Well done to Anisa, Kayla, Farida, Sloane, Amerie, Maisie, Olivia, Sarah and Minnie for amazing teamwork and determination!!





Autism-friendly relaxed performance

Sunday 12th March 2023 at 3pm

The winner of Best New Musical at the Olivier and WhatsOnStage Awards – Back To The Future The Musical – will play its first ever relaxed performance, at the Adelphi Theatre.

When Marty McFly finds himself transported back to 1955 in a time machine built by the eccentric scientist Doc Brown, he accidentally changes the course of history.

Now he's in a race against time to fix the present, escape the past and send himself... back to the future.

WHAT IS A RELAXED PERFORMANCE?

Relaxed Performances are specially adapted to be accessible to a wide range of audiences such as those on the autism spectrum, those with a learning disability, or anyone with additional sensory needs.

Changes will include:

- Significant adjustments to sounds and lighting, however there will still be parts of the show that generate 1.21 gigawatts of spectacle. Some of which will be loud and bright, and may still be challenging.
- House lights will be kept on (but low) during the performance
- Building adjustments and chill out zones around the theatre
- Trained and friendly staff, cast and theatre teams
- Relaxed theatre rules
- An invitation to come and be as you need to be, and enjoy the show

Please click on the link for tickets and more info:

<https://www.backtothefuturemusical.com/london/access/>



Artist Focus & Easter Themed Art Holiday Workshops

3rd/4th/5th/6th April 2023
Highfield Primary School, N21

AM Session: Artist Focus - 9 till 11:45am

Mon: Vincent Van Gogh and the Colours of Springtime:

Create a canvas whilst mastering the 'Impasto' technique with acrylic paint.

Tues: **The Art of Hokusai:** Discover the Japanese art of woodblock printing by creating your own press printing masterpiece.

Weds: **Art Nouveau with Alphonse Mucha:** Create a stained-glass-style artwork taking inspiration from this pioneering Victorian era artist.

Thurs: **Georgia O'Keeffe: Flowers like you've never seen them before!** Focus on shade, tone & blending with acrylic paints to create your own canvas.

PM session: Easter crafts & clay - 12:30 till 3:15pm

Explore 'Easter around the world' through different artistic and cultural customs. Create your own Faberge Egg, craft a bunny or chick ornament or model one out of clay! The afternoon session will be all things 'Easter!'



About Alex

- BA Hons & MA in History of Art.
- PGCE - Fully qualified teacher & arts specialist.
- 10+ years working with children in Primary and Secondary schools.

ALL DAY: 9am - 3:15pm; £45 per child / £85 siblings.

HALF DAY: 9am - 11:45am **or** 12:30 - 3:15pm;
£25 per child / £45 siblings.

10% off for any additional day.

Ages 4 - 11 from all schools welcome.
All staff DBS checked.

Materials and resources included in price.

Please contact Alexandra to book:

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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.

February 2023	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
RF	93.38
RJ	93.68
RL	95.41
1B	91.32
1S	94.01
1W	91.07
2BD	93
2M	94.3
2RM	92.62
3J	94.07
3L	94.46
3P	94.17
4AC	94.24
4C	93.85
4GF	96.47
5C	96.02
5M	94.81
5NC	96.37
6A	93.05
6P	93.93
6RG	94.21
Total	94

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.**

March 2023	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Thursday 2nd March	5C visit to Winchmore Hill library
Friday 3rd March	World book day
	Class 2RM assembly
Tuesday 7th March	5M visit to Winchmore Hill library
Thursday 9th March	4C visit to Winchmore Hill library
	5C Science workshop at Winchmore school
Friday 10th March	Gruffalo Park trip for Reception
Tuesday 14th March	4AC visit to Winchmore Hill library
Thursday 16th March	4GF visit to Winchmore Hill library
Friday 17th March	Red Nose day
	Class 2BD assembly
Tuesday 21st March	Berry class visit to Winchmore Hill library
	Parent's Evening 4.00-6.30pm and HCL parent taster session in the hall
Thursday 23rd March	RF visit to Winchmore Hill library
	Parent's Evening 4.00-6.30pm and HCL parent taster session in the hall
Friday 24th March	Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks
	Class 2M assembly
Tuesday 28th March	RJ visit to Winchmore Hill library
Thursday 30th March	RL visit to Winchmore Hill library
Friday 31st March	Last day of term—early finish
Monday April	First day back at school and the normal times