



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER March 2023



Message from Headteacher

What a wonderful month we have had at Highfield! We have welcomed visitors to the school, had special days for the children and taken part in many extra curricular events.

The children all enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and on 17th March we had a visit from the author Sufiya Ahmed. We also had a visit from Farmer John who told us all about what it is like to run a farm and Y4 had the pleasure of hearing from one of our parents, Rosa Silverman, who is a newspaper journalist. Our Y1 children have had a brilliant month, not only having a Victorian day but they also had lots of fun experiencing the celebration of the Hindu festival of Holi.

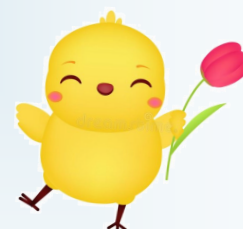
All of our Y5 and Y6 children have visited Winchmore Secondary school for a Science workshop and this month it was the turn of 5C. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We have also competed against other schools in football, netball and cross country and all of the children who have represented the school have made us proud. Our Y4 children also took part in the Enfield Singing festival at Firs Farm school.

This week I had the pleasure of watching our Dancers perform at the Milfield Theatre as part of the Enfield Dance festival. They were absolutely amazing! I know how hard they have been practicing, supported by Ms Stoughton.

There are many other events that I have not mentioned that you will find in this newsletter and please do read our Curriculum spotlights to see what the children have been learning in English and Maths.

Finally I wish all the best for those who are fasting for Ramadan and I wish everyone who celebrates a happy Easter. We look forward to seeing all of you after the holiday.



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

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending : 10/03/23

1S - Ivy

1W - Leia

1B - Ourania



Week Ending : 17/03/23

RF - Rodin

RL - Aidan

RJ - Aleksander

Week Ending: 24/03/23

6P - Ayaan

6A - Alejandro

6RG - Argirios

Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending : 10/03/23

EYFS/KS1: 1S 99%

KS2: 4AC 100%



Week Ending : 17/03/23

EYFS/KS1: RF & 1W 96%

KS2: 4C 97%

Week Ending : 24/03/23

EYFS/KS1: 1B & 2BD 99%

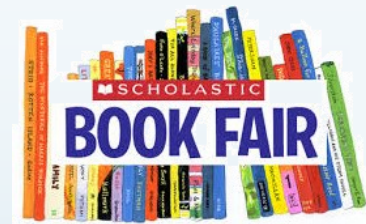
KS2: 3J, 3L, 4GF and 6RG 99%



Scholastic Book Fair - March 2023

This term's book fair was another huge success. A total of £3,462.00 was spent on books and the school was given £2,077.00 worth of books from the commission made. This time round the books went to Year 2 and 3.

A huge thank you yet again to Mrs Oskis and Mrs Neal for all their hard work during the book fair!



Red Nose Day 2023

On Friday 17th March, our school celebrated Red Nose Day by unleashing our inner comedians. We embraced this year's Comic Relief theme "Coming together, spreading joy and having the best day ever" and took part in several activities throughout the week to put a smile on someone's face. For example, children wrote some jokes to share with their classes and some classes even held stand-up comedy shows on Friday! This day was a wonderful reminder of the importance of a smile and coming together to have fun.



'Whisper Me Happy Ever After'

Face Front inclusive theatre performed 'Whisper Me Happy Ever After' in front of ninety Year 5 children. They raised some important questions and suggestions for children living through troubled times at home. The play follows a family experiencing domestic abuse and explores the effects on the mental health of children who witness it. It is both humorous and thought-provoking.

The Year 5 audience shared lots of practical and emotional thinking about what they could do if they were in a similar situation.

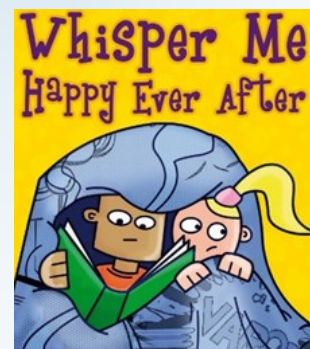
After the theatre piece, pupils interacted with the characters and considered what they could have done to get the help they needed and deserved.

The children also had the opportunity to speak to a counsellor to discuss personal issues raised by the play, if they needed to.

One child from Year 5 shared, *"I loved the show! I felt like I learnt a lot!"*

Aims of the performance:

- To improve the emotional health and wellbeing of people aged 9 - 11 years old
- To develop strategies for dealing with violence in the home to increase resilience, reduce stress and improve general emotional wellbeing.
- To raise awareness about domestic violence, teaching peer support skills and informing children about how to get help and support.



A visit from Farmer John!

On Tuesday 14th March, John (who is a farmer from Yorkshire) visited children at Highfield to talk about how he runs his farm. John showed us pictures of the different animals in his farm and the jobs that they do. The children also learnt about what the farm is like in different seasons and the impact this has on the harvest. Some children in Key Stage 2 were also involved in a mock auction to win a bag of Maltesers - well done to Dexter in 6RG for winning! Farmer John used this analogy to show how farmers bid for different cattle at an auction. This visit was organised to kick-start the children thinking about GROWTH, as this is what this year's STEM Week will be about.

A big thank you to Farmer John for coming down to London to share his experiences of being a farmer!

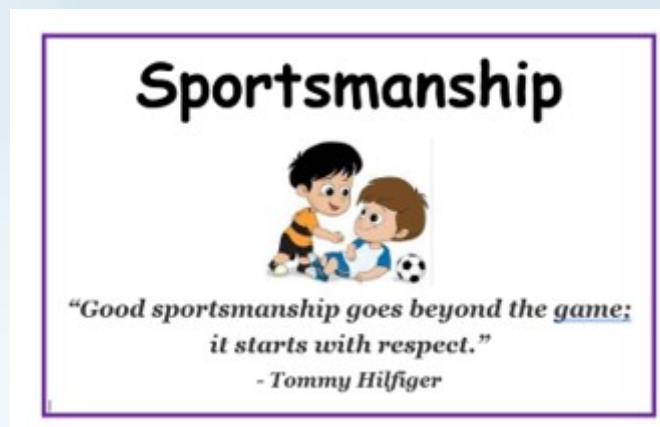
Journalist Visit in Year 4

This term, our topic has been 'Extra! Extra! Read all about it!' Year 4 were extremely lucky to have Rosa Silverman, a parent from 4GF, come and talk to us about her job as a newspaper journalist. We learnt about the important skills needed to become a journalist and what the job entails. She also had some top tips for children wanting to become a journalist. We wanted to say a huge thank you to Rosa Silverman for coming and speaking to us about her interesting job. We learnt a lot and you answered so many of our questions. Thank you.

School Council News

On Tuesday 28th March 2023, our School Council met to decide and vote for our new Summer Term value. Our Summer Term Value will be '**Sportsmanship.**' This will encourage children to respect each other and be more supportive.

We also discussed issues that classes have reported to their School Council members. Some of these included behaviour in the playground and canteen and school dinners. These will be addressed with relevant staff members and actions will put forward during the Summer Term.



5C Science Workop at Winchmore School

On Thursday 9th March, 5C 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. 5C had a fantastic learning experience and wish to thank the staff of Winchmore – I'm sure we have inspired some future Scientists!



2M's Class Assembly

This half term, 2M have been working hard to prepare for their assembly all about Emperor Penguins. On the big day they remembered their lines perfectly and sang their songs beautifully! Good job 2M.

Reception Gruffalo Trip

Reception braved the cold and had a fantastic time at 'The Gruffalo Trail'! We had a lovely time finding all of our favourite characters from our core book 'The Gruffalo' and enjoyed lots of fun activities guided by the volunteers at Thorndon Country Park. Thank you to all the parents who joined us!



Sports news

On Monday 13th March the Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team took part in a tournament at the Raglan Schools. They played a total of 5 matches. With this being their first Tag Rugby tournament of 2023 and despite not having any practise, they managed to win an amazing 4 out of 5 games. They came second in the tournament. A massive well done to Logan, Harriet, Lawrence, Dylan, Tariq, Essia, Laila and Sefa!!



On Tuesday 14th March two of the Highfield netball team took part in a friendly competition against Raglan primary school. Both teams played well representing their school. Well done to Anisa



On Monday 13th March, the Highfield netball team took part in a friendly match against Firs Farm, before they challenged them again for the final match of the league. Highfield were victorious winning 9-0 goals scored by our amazing goal shooter and goal attacker Anisa and Kayla. Well done to the netball team Anisa, Kayla, Sarah, Sloane, Olivia, Minnie, Farida and Amerie!!



Sports news

On Tuesday 21st March the Highfield Netball team took part in the final round of the league. They only had one game left to play against Firs Farm who they previously played in a friendly. Highfield won 4-0. An amazing team effort and congratulations as they came third in the league.

A huge well done to Anisa, Kayla, Sarah, Maisie, Olivia, Sloane, Farida and Minnie!!!



Y4 Borough Cross Country Competition at Lee Valley Athletics Centre

On Friday 3rd March, Highfield's Year 4 Cross-Country team took part in an Enfield Borough competition at Lee Valley Athletics Centre. It was an exciting event with teams from 19 schools across Enfield.

The girls' race started at 2pm. The course was tough, once round the outdoor athletics track and twice more around the outside of the track on rougher terrain. They ran approximately 1300m in total. The Highfield team set a steady pace with Harriet and Hiranur finishing 11th and 12th out of around 100 children. Martyna was close on their heels and Shenae and Zara quickly completed the course and the girls' team finished 6th over all.

The boys race began straight after the girls had finished. They followed the same course, running steadily and confidently. Lawrence came an incredible 4th overall with Zak and then Logan close behind him. Abdulrahman and Faris both completed the course with stamina and style. The boys' team also finished 6th overall which meant that Highfield's final position was 6th in the borough. This was an excellent result from a talented team of



Year 1 News

Wednesday 15th March 2023

As part of our learning in RE, Year 1 celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi. The children had lots of fun experiencing this colourful festival to consolidate what they have been learning about.



Singing festival Thursday 23rd March 2023

Year one was invited to take part in the Enfield school's singing festival at Firs Farm school. The children learned 4 songs that we sang with Firs Farm and Hazelwood pupils. We also performed our own song 'Reach for the Stars' to the other schools and ended the festival with a biscuit and orange juice. The children really enjoyed learning the songs and performing them with other schools.



Friday 24th March 2023

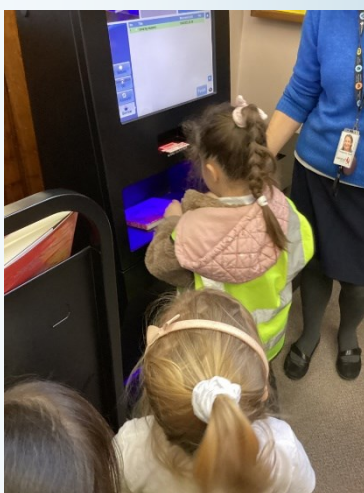
The year one children came to school dressed as a person from the Victorian era to experience what it might be like to attend school at this time. We had a morning hand inspection, before writing our letters and alphabet with chalk and slate. We adhered to rules such as standing up when an adult came into the room and asking for permission to speak. We learned about what schooling was like in

Victorian times compared with today. We were also lucky to have a visit from a year 6 parent who talked to the children about what Highfield was like in the past as she, her father and grandfather are all former pupils.



RJ's Visit to Winchmore Hill Library

On Tuesday 28th March, RJ visited our local library in Winchmore Hill. Before the trip we talked about our journey and how we needed to keep safe by walking sensibly and the importance of listening to our adult. We also spoke about how we needed to keep quiet in the library as other people would be in the library doing work. At the library, the librarian read us a story all about Easter and then we got to pick our own book to take back to school. We got to use the scanning machine and listened to another story. Miss Johnson then read us a story called 'Quick Quack Quentin' which was written by the same author as 'Oi Dog!' and 'Oi Frog!'. RJ were very sensible, showed great respect and behaviour and made Miss Johnson and Miss Taylor very proud. A big thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on our visit.



Berry Class trip to 'Jump In'

Last week, Berry Class took a trip to 'Jump in' Enfield. This allowed the children to explore their sensory needs and allowed them to let off some steam. They explored the trampolines, soft slide and the airbag where they could also try their balancing skills. They have worked very hard in class this term to produce some amazing pieces work and have earned this reward trip. There was lots of laughing from not only the children but the adults too. And as you can imagine, we all slept very well that night!

A massive thank you to all the parents for their support and for Winchmore Secondary School for allowing us to borrow their minibus and a driver to take us there and back again.

Quotes from the children:

'I love jump in' - Sotiria

'I am having so much fun' - Muhammed



World Book Day 2023 and Author Visit

As part of our World Book Day celebrations this year we all came to school dressed up as our favourite book characters. During the day the children completed a range of exciting reading activities in their classrooms. We also started a sponsored Readathon to raise money for books for children in hospital.

"We dressed up because it was Book Day. I dressed up as a witch." Kaitlyn Nursery AM

"On World book day we talked about our favourite books. Miss Johnson read them to us." Maya RJ

"I liked dressing up on World Book Day. I was the same as Remy - the cat in the hat. I like that story because it is funny." Hudson 1S

"We made a bookmark, created a fact file on the character we dressed up as for World Book Day and we read books to Reception children." Millie 3J



On Friday 17th March, we were also fortunate enough to have a visit from the author Sufiya Ahmed. Sufiya told us all about her own reading journey and how, having worked at the House of Commons, she decided to become an author. She gave a presentation to each phase and worked with all the children on a range of activities. Sufiya spoke about what an author is and where she gets the ideas for her stories from. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the author and are really looking forward to reading her books.



"She told us a story about a monkey who made a new friend but then she tricked her. In the end they became friends again." Jessica 1B

"We had fun writing our own story." Octavia 1W

"I learned that to be a better writer you need to read." Dominic 3L

"The whole experience was really fun and I enjoyed it. Best author visit ever!" Rheo 4C

"I really enjoyed listening to Sufiya Ahmed talking about her new book. It sounds really interesting and I might even buy it." Nicolas 5NC

"I really enjoyed the visit as I liked learning about Sufiya Ahmed's life." Ayshe 5C



Curriculum Spotlight

English

Nursery



In Nursery we have been learning about Humpty Dumpty. We thought about how Humpty Dumpty got onto the wall, how he fell off, and also what might happen if he did not fall off the wall. We built a wall for Humpty Dumpty, and then sat on the wall to sing the nursery rhyme. William: "Humpty Dumpty climbed up the wall with a ladder." Aiko: "it was slippery, that's why Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall." Kushi: "So Humpty Dumpty could dance on the wall."

Reception

In Reception we have been learning all about the story 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. We were very lucky to bring the book alive this month by making Gruffalo crumble and visiting the Gruffalo trail. We have been using adjectives to describe the Gruffalo, writing sentences to recount our trip and using a story S to recall and sequence the key events. We have also looked at non-fiction recipe texts.



Year 1



In Year 1 this month the children have been learning about the story 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. They wrote sentences about what the Lonely Beast did using the past tense and had lots of fun creating their own versions of the story about the Lonely Beast visiting Highfield. The children have also been exploring different text types in the book 'The Jolly Postman'. They have been hot seating characters and writing letters.

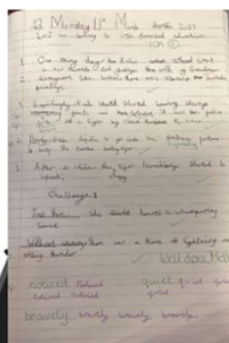
Year 2

In March, the children in Year 2 have been studying the story 'Grace and Family' by Mary Hoffman. As part of their learning, the children wrote a character description about Grace's appearance and personality. The children have also been identifying the key features of an informal letter and then used this knowledge to aid them when writing their own informal letter from Grace's perspective to her mum back home. In addition, the children have been looking at the importance of instructions and how to use imperative verbs in sentences appropriately. This then helped the children when they wrote their own set of instructions.



Year 3

In Year 3 this month, the children have been learning about the story 'Katie's Picture Show' by James Mayhew. The children acted out and created a plan for the part of the story where Katie entered the painting 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' by Henri Rousseau. The children wrote a narrative including dialogue using their plan. Additionally, the children in Year 3 have also been studying Mary Anning linking their learning to their Science topic on rocks and fossils. As part of this, the children learnt about the features of a newspaper report, how to write headlines that capture the reader's attention and learnt about the differences between facts and opinion and how to identify these. The children also used drama and hot seating to develop their ideas of the key events in Mary's discovery and created a plan, all of which aided them with their writing of their newspaper report.



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English

Year 4



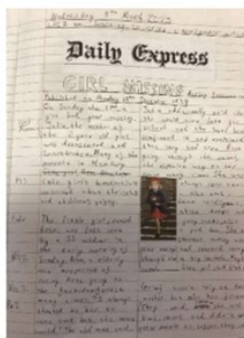
As part of their English work, the children in Year 4 have been studying the book 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and have been describing the characters from the story using expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors. The children also wrote sentences using varying starters and considered how to edit and improve a descriptive paragraph. The children were then given the opportunity to create a new character using expanded noun phrases and metaphors and used these ideas to help them to write a description on their newly created character.

Year 5

In March, Year 5 have been learning about the text 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick and made a plan detailing what they would include in an instructional text all about floods and flooding. The children then created a leaflet using their plans and included information on how to prepare for a flood, flood safety and how to act during and after such a devastating natural disaster. Additionally, the children have also considered how authors advance action and create an atmosphere within a narrative and created a word bank describing the character Dooby from the story focussing on his personality, appearance and actions. The children then wrote a character description using the concept 'show not tell' in their writing.



Year 6



In Year 6 this month, the children have been studying the story 'Rose Blanche' and have been exploring how to use parenthesis and active and passive voice in their work. The children also learnt about the features of a newspaper report, how to write a catchy headline and an introductory paragraph. Using the plan that they created, the children wrote a newspaper article reporting the disappearance of Rose Blanche carefully selecting interesting words and phrases. The children have also been learning about the Windrush and generated vocabulary banks about the emotions explored throughout this topic. To prepare them for writing their own diary entry, the children learned about the features of a diary entry, wrote sentences using emotive language in the context of a Windrush diary and created their own plan for their diary.

Berry Class

In Berry class for our core text 'From Head To Toe' the children were learning about the different body parts that the animals used. They acted out the story by thumping their chest like the gorilla, bending their neck like the giraffe and kicking their legs like a donkey.



Curriculum Spotlight

Maths



Nursery

In Nursery we have been learning about the number 3 and making patterns with shapes and different Maths resources. Yahya: "I was doing a circle of spiders and bugs." Siyana: "I was making a picture of patterns and line-ups."

Reception

In Reception we have been learning about number bonds to 10. We have been using lots of practical equipment, particularly Numicon, to find the bonds to 10. We have also had lots of fun making different patterns using actions, objects, colours, shapes, sizes, numbers and letters.



Year 1



In Year 1 this month, the children have been learning about place value to 50. This has involved them partitioning 2-digit numbers into tens and ones, ordering numbers and saying one more and one less than a given number. They have also started to learn about lengths and heights. The children have had lots of fun comparing and ordering different objects, including themselves, according to length/height. They have also been measuring using non-standard units and been learning about centimetres.

Year 2

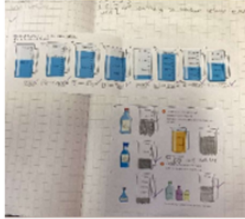
Year 2 have been learning a lot about measuring this month. The children have been using lots of different equipment to measure and compare. The children have used scales to measure ingredients to make play dough and balancing scales to compare the mass of objects. They have been learning about temperature and used thermometers to check their predictions of the temperature of different places around our school. The children have also been comparing volume and capacity and learnt how to measure in millilitres and litres.



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Maths

Year 3



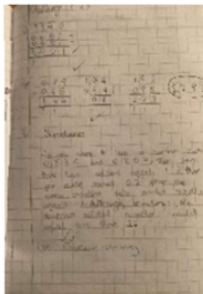
This month in Maths, Year 3 have been continuing their learning on fractions and started their new unit on mass and capacity. The children have been learning how to count, order and place fractions on a number line. In addition to this, the children have been finding equivalent fractions using number lines and bar models. As part of their unit on mass and capacity, the children have been learning about how to read and use scales, measuring and comparing masses in kilograms and grams, measuring and comparing capacity and volume in millilitres and litres. They have also been exploring addition and subtraction using mass and capacity.

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning to partition mixed numbers, use number lines with mixed numbers and how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children have been learning to find equivalent fractions using a number line and explored equivalent fraction families to solve problems. They have started to add fractions, including proper fractions and mixed number fractions.



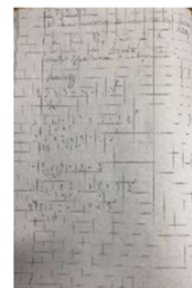
Year 5



In Year 5, the children have been continuing to learn about decimals. They have been subtracting decimals within 1, adding decimals crossing the whole and adding and subtracting numbers with the same and different number of decimal places. They have also been sequencing decimals and learning to multiply decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. The children have been using their understanding of this to solve problems and reason to explain and prove their answers.

Year 6

In Maths, Year 6 have been consolidating their learning of fractions, decimals and percentages. They have been learning to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers and convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. They have also been solving problems involving these topics. The children have also begun to explore BODMAS and the order of operations.



Berry Class

The children in Berry have been learning about place value to 20 and understanding what the numbers are. They have found many different numbers all the way to 20.



Reading & Writing Achievements for Spring

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 holi-

Class	Names for Spring 1	Names for Spring 2
Nursery AM	Kaitlyn	Kaia
Nursery PM	Ariella	Aiko
RF	Ece	Ediz
RJ	Baris	Camilla
RL	Arthur	Zatara
1B	Dionis	Sumi
1W	Benjamin	Khalise
1S	Lucinda	Filippos
2BD	Oscar	Rosie
2M	Tashfin	Cerise
2RM	Zena	Tilly
3P	Bella	Margarite
3J	Alvaro	Tariq
3L	Rose	Dionysis
4C	Joseph	Zara
4GF	Naila	Etienne
4AC	Ben	Deniz
5C	Sebastien	Christine
5M	Sophia	David
5NC	Alexandra	Bentli-rae
6A	Logan	Israail
6RG	Sofia	Ahmet
6P	Jonny	Marlon
Berry	Ashwaq	Sotiria

Millfield Dance Festival

On Wednesday 29th March, the Y5 Highfield DanceTroupe performed **Strike A Pose** at the Millfield Dance Festival. Dressed in silver and black, they took to the stage with confidence, energy and style. The dress rehearsal went well and the performance was fantastic! Since November the troupe have been learning, practising and perfecting their dance with Mrs Stoughton who choreographed the routine.

The annual festival included performances from many primary and secondary schools across the Borough of Enfield. The children of Highfield danced to the dynamic beat of Madonna's **Vogue** making their school, parents and families proud. Well done Highfield's Y5 Dancers and thanks so much Mrs Stoughton!



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.

March 2023

ATTENDANCE

Form	%
1B	91.65
1S	94.35
1W	91.85
2BD	93.53
2M	94.67
2RM	92.65
3J	94.25
3L	94.94
3P	94.36
4AC	94.58
4C	94.2
4GF	96.09
5C	96.23
5M	94.71
5NC	96.27
6A	93.13
6P	94.34
6RG	94.31
RF	93.48
RJ	92.97
RL	95.18
Total	94.27

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 affecting 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.

HAF Enfield Easter 2023

3rd – 6th
April and
11th – 14th
April

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

**Ages
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PARKING

Please be reminded that if you drive to school, please ensure you park both safely and considerately. If there is nowhere to park please use the Sainsbury's carpark and walk over.

For safety of all children and families it is essential you do not park on the yellow zig zags or double park. **Please do not park across people's drives.**

We would also ask you not to leave the car engine running while stationary, this is not only polluting the immediate environment outside the school, but is also illegal.





April 2023	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Monday 3rd - 16th April 2023	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	First day back to school for all years at the normal times
Friday 21st April	Class 2BD Assembly


Miss Loizana's School Of Dance!

After school dance classes at Highfield Primary school
Ballet and Modern Jazz
Starting 18th April

Every Tuesday at 3:25pm until 4:25pm
for reception, years 1 & 2 Ballet and Modern Jazz
£60 per 6 week term. Fees paid in half term blocks
(teacher will collect children from classrooms and take them to the hall to dance)

Please contact Loizana to book
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Email: loizanadance@hotmail.co.uk
www.danceschoollondon.com



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Examinations Offered

