



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER April 2023



Message from Headteacher

Dear Families,
I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break.

This term the children will be linking their learning to our theme 'Dare to...'. The theme is all about us daring to do something to achieve our goals and be the best that we can be. The children have already decided in their year groups what they dare to do and you will hear more about this in the coming months.

We have also been marking the King's Coronation. Each year group has learnt facts about the King, engaged in some creative writing, completed an art activity and a scavenger hunt for royal artefacts. The children also listened to our choir, watched our dance troop perform and had a picnic.

The value the school council have chosen for the term is 'sportsmanship'. We will be encouraging children to consider what sportsmanship means, and how that means we act, as well as our other values (Kindness, Cooperation and Respect).

David Wilson
Headteacher



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

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending : 21.04.2023

5C - Sebastien

5NC - Nadine

5M - Derin



Week Ending : 28.04.2023

3L - Rose

3P - Imran

3J - Sofia

Week Ending: 05.05.2023

4AC - Emilia

4C - Holly

4GF - Lovelle

Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending : 28.04.2023

EYFS/KS1: RL 99%

KS2: 5NC 99%



Week Ending : 05.05.2023

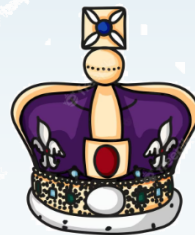
EYFS/KS1: 2BD 99%

KS2: 5NC 100%



The King's
CORONATION

MAY 6, 2023



School Council Assembly

On Wednesday 3rd May, the School Council members held an assembly for Key Stage 2 children. They discussed why 'Sportsmanship' was chosen as our whole school value for this term and the importance of being a 'good sport.'

Children were given the opportunity to watch a short video showing footballers being 'good sports' and then they had to feedback about the 5 ways they had seen these sports personalities being good sports.

"It doesn't matter if you win or lose; it's how you play the game."

2BD Assembly - 21.4.23

2BD transported everyone back to 1666 at their class assembly where they retold the story of the Great Fire of London. The children's superb acting brought many familiar characters of the time to life! King Charles II looked very regal in his wig and crown as he promised to rebuild the city bigger and better than ever. Samuel Pepys told the story of how the fire took hold and went to the King for help when the fire took hold (but not before hiding his best cheese and wine).

The whole class entertained us with three rousing songs about the disaster, finishing with a performance of "London's Burning" in the round. Well done 2BD!

World Daily Mile Day(s) at Highfield

On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th April, Highfield took part in World Daily Mile day. Children from Reception to Year 6 ran up to 8 times around our Blue line or 4 times around the perimeter of the field, to celebrate what has now become a world event. Both routes add up to a mile and the children ran, jogged, walked and chatted their way happily around. The Daily Mile, which at Highfield we call Fit in 15, is a regular part of our school day. The 15 minutes exercise is built into our weekly timetable to improve children's physical, social and mental health.



'Dare to...'

We are excited to announce our summer term whole-school topic '**Dare to...**'

The children will self-reflect on their personal strengths, skills and future aspirations.

Each year group have chosen a topic to explore:

Nursery- Dare to **Dream**

Berry Class- Dare to be **Unique**

Reception- Dare to **Be**

Year 1- Dare to be **Dream**

Year 2- Dare to **Try**

Year 3- Dare to **Make Mistakes**

Year 4- Dare to **Be You**

Year 5- Dare to **Do (Let's Get Active)**

Year 6- Dare To **Change**

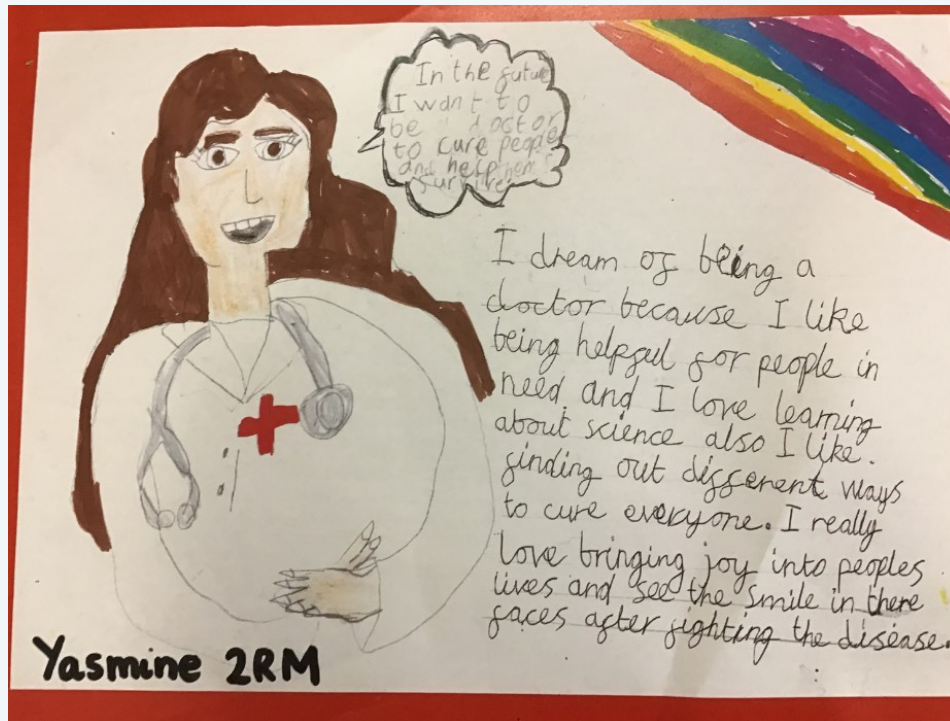
As a whole-school (teachers included!), we '**Dare to...Learn a new language**' like British Sign Language (BSL).

If there are any parents or carers willing to come in and talk about something they have 'Dared to... and Succeeded**', then please email the office. We would love for you to come in and share your experience!**

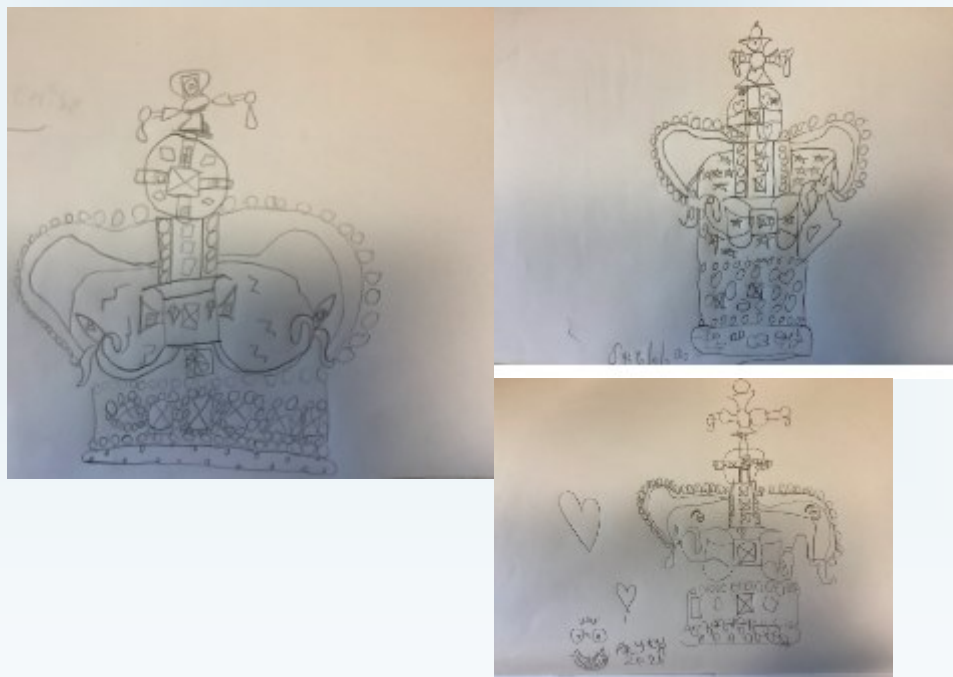


Year 2

Dare to Dream ...Homework Project:



For the King's Coronation, Year 2 joined a draw along with author and illustrator Rob Biddulph. In celebration, they drew the King's crown. He helped us draw along by breaking it down into shapes and lines.



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.

April 2023 ATTENDANCE

Form	%
RF	93.43
RJ	92.83
RL	95.25
1B	91.82
1S	94.31
1W	91.97
2BD	93.66
2M	94.72
2RM	92.82
3J	93.99
3L	95.11
3P	94.29
4AC	94.5
4C	93.91
4GF	96.1
5C	96.12
5M	94.74
5NC	96.21
6A	93.25
6P	94.16
6RG	94.06
Total	94.25

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.**

May 2023	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 5th May	Kings coronation celebrations
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 12th May	Junk Orchestra workshop for Nursery, Reception and Berry class in the hall
	Year 2 Kensington Palace trip
	3P Woodcroft trip
	Class 1S assembly
Monday 15th May	Climate change workshop for Year 1 and 3
Thursday 18th May	6RG Science workshop at Winchmore school xx
Friday 19th May	3J Woodcroft visit
	Class 1B assembly
Tuesday 23rd May	Maths Workshop in the hall
Friday 26th May	3L Woodcroft visit
Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June	Half term
Monday 5th June	INSET DAY— SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Tuesday 6th June	First day back at school for the children