



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER May 2023



Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This month has been very exciting. This week has been STEM week (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) at Highfield. The focus at the school has been on giving children hands on, practical learning experiences. These have been delivered by their teachers and also visitors with specialisms, to give children the broadest experiences possible. You will see more detail about this further down in this newsletter. We have also had Jim Clarke in from Winchmore cricket club doing workshops with classes in Year 2-6, which they have really enjoyed.

Our boys football team have also had a very successful season. In their final three games they won two but lost to Raglan (their only defeat of the season) which meant they came 2nd in the league. Well done boys!

I wish you all a lovely half term.

Mr Wilson



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

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending : 12/05/23

1S: Remy

1B: Rafe

1W: Benjamin

Week Ending : 19/05/23

2RM: Matilda

2BD: Alexa

2M: Rayan

Week Ending : 25/05/23

RF: Kyren

RJ: Aryaan

RL: Harry



Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending : 12/05/23

EYFS/KS1: 2RM 98%

KS2: 3J and 6RG 100%

Week Ending : 19/05/23

EYFS/KS1: 2M 99%

KS2: 4C 100%

Week Ending : 25/05/23

EYFS/KS1: RL/2M 99%

KS2: 6RG 98%



Goodbye to Mrs Hill

After working at the school since 2007 and being Site Manager since 2009, Mrs Hill will be retiring at the end of this month. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work over those years and wish her all the best in her retirement. All the best Mrs Hill!



Cycle Confident

FREE Half Term learn to ride and group sessions taking place at Kingsmead school this half term 30th 31st May 1st & 2nd June. Also FREE Dr Bike sessions around the Borough.

Details and Parents booking:

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/enfield/>



Cricket Club Workshops

Throughout May, Highfield's Years 2-6 have been treated to cricket workshops run by Jim Clarke from Winchmore Cricket Club. Each of the 40 minute sessions have been filled with fun, fast paced and active ways to learn the game. The children were enthusiastic and enjoyed learning a variety of cricket skills. It has been great to make links beyond the school community and into the local community. Many inspired children have signed up for the summer and half term courses at Winchmore Cricket Club already. Thanks Jim!

GIRLS
CRICKET TRAINING
ALL SUMMER
U12's - U15's
Thurs 6-8pm
U11's
Fri 6-8pm
All Abilities Welcome
Contact Jim Clarke on
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WHCC JUNIORS
SUMMER TRAINING
U13's & U15's
Thurs 6-8pm
U11's
Fri 6-8pm
U8's
Thurs & Fri 5-6pm
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3P Visit to Woodcroft

On Friday 12th May, 3P went to Woodcroft Wildspace. We had a fantastic morning identifying trees, minibeasts and pond life! Three knowledgeable volunteers guided the children around the grounds, asking questions and explaining life cycles and habitats. 3P showed their understanding by answering questions thoughtfully and explaining possible reasons as to why the animals thrived in certain habitats. Thank you to Woodcroft Wildspace and its wonderful volunteers.

3J Visit to Woodcroft

On Friday 19th May 3J visited Woodcroft Wildspace in Winchmore Hill. We were given a guided tour of the site and were able to explore the area which has an abundance of trees, plants, birds, insects, mammals and pondlife. The children were very excited when the guides took them to see the pond and allowed them to use nets to discover the different types of insects and creatures that live there. The children also had the opportunity to search for minibeasts under rocks and logs and enjoyed discovering different types of grass, trees and herbs and learning how to identify these. Everyone loved learning about how important bees are in the process of pollinating plants. 3J thoroughly enjoyed their time at Woodcroft Wildspace and a good time was had by all.

"I searched 3 different areas of the pond and found 3 newts when I did pond dipping. They were tiny." Tariq

"I enjoyed looking at the different plants and trees and naming them as we walked around Woodcroft Wildspace." Mira

"I learnt about the bees at Woodcroft and how they fly from flower to flower to collect nectar. When they have finished, they go back to their hives and they put it in the honeycomb." Zlati

1B Assembly

On Friday 19th May 1B performed their class assembly to all their families. The assembly was based around our Geography topic of oceans. All of the children performed with great confidence and positivity. There was amazing retelling of the story Tiddler by Julia Donaldson and wonderful singing and associated actions to their ocean related songs. The children also touched on our whole school topic 'Dare to dream' and shared the message with everyone watching that anything is possible, you just have to dream big and use your imagination. They were absolutely fantastic and they should all be very proud of themselves.



1S Assembly - Friday 12th May

1S proudly performed their class assembly all about the Hindu festival of Holi. The children spoke clearly and remembered their lines well. They thoroughly enjoyed performing their Bollywood dance and singing songs about Holi with sign language. Mrs Stewart and Miss Leal were very impressed with their confidence and delivery of the show. Well done 1S!

King Charles' Coronation

Nursery celebrated the King's Coronation in style. We made crowns, and a carriage, sang the National Anthem, and had a party.



Year 2 visit Kensington Palace - Friday 12th May 2023

Year 2 set off early on their coaches across London to visit Kensington Palace, the childhood home of Queen Victoria. The children engaged in a workshop which taught them about how she became Queen and then explored her childhood rooms to work out whether she was ready to be queen or not. At the palace there was an exhibition of Met Gala outfits, it was great to see so many beautiful pieces! We also visited the Princess Diana Memorial Playground, there was so much to see and play with, it was great fun! The coaches home may have taken longer than expected but the children continued to be full of good spirits, joy and fab behaviour. They all represented our school fantastically!



STEM Week at Highfield Primary School presents...

DARE TO GROW

In the week beginning 15th May, Highfield completed a fun-filled STEM week! Throughout the week all classes took part in a number of exciting activities relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Read on to find out more!



LEAF
LINKING ENVIRONMENT AND FARMING

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Highfield Primary School Science Week

As part of Highfield Primary School's Science Week, students took part in assemblies and workshops covering topics including soils, wool and where our food comes from. This linked into the children's science learning as well as the overall theme of growing.

The week started in Year 1 where the children learnt more about the wonderful world of wool. Following an assembly introducing children to the properties of wool and how it is processed to make clothes, children had the chance to ask questions about sheep farming as well as exploring the wool from different sheep breeds.


Where Food Comes from was the theme for Year 2 and 3, exploring where our food grows, how farmers grow on scale with a focus on British Strawberries. In a workshop in Year 2, the children extended their knowledge about which part of the plant we eat with lots of the children learning about vegetables they had not come across before.

In Year 4 and 6, energy was the theme, thinking about how we can generate energy on farm especially renewable energy. The children learnt more about anaerobic digestion and how this can be used to generate energy and fertiliser for farmers to use. Year 6 then considered whether we should be growing plants for energy generation which could take space away from food production.


Year 5 explored soils as part of their week thinking about plants. Everyone got stuck in exploring the soils and even found some worms and their tunnels. They worked out what soil type they had and what they would advise farmers to grow in it.



East of England and London Regional Education Consultant - Fiona





In the workshop we learnt what plants to grow in which soil, and if we didn't know that we could grow any plants in any soil, and they might not thrive. - Y5 Child.




Comments from lead teacher: The assemblies and workshops delivered by Fiona were great! When I initially got into contact with LEAF, Fiona quickly set up a meeting to discuss the needs of our school. We worked together to plan out 2 days of activities that linked to our school's STEM week theme of 'Dare to Grow'. Fiona's delivery during the assemblies was interactive, engaging and informative. The learning completed in the assemblies helped the children in their class work. The workshops were also a great hit! The children were enthusiastic to take part and keen to be involved in the session. The class teachers also commented how fantastic it was for children to learn through practical experiences. A huge thank you to Fiona!



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Maths Workshops

On Tuesday 23rd May we were very lucky to be visited by Simon, AKA Professor Brainwave, who taught all the children about different 2D and 3D shapes linked to the National Curriculum. Simon emphasised the importance of Year 3's current topic 'Dare to Make Mistakes' as we can learn from these.

Our Nursery, Reception and Berry children imagined they were on a mission to visit the moon (a sphere) and in small groups built rockets to take them there. Our Year 1 children talked all about squares, made cubes and explored how many of them could fit into a giant cube.

"I liked building the rocket. We made triangles and squares." - Frankie (RJ)

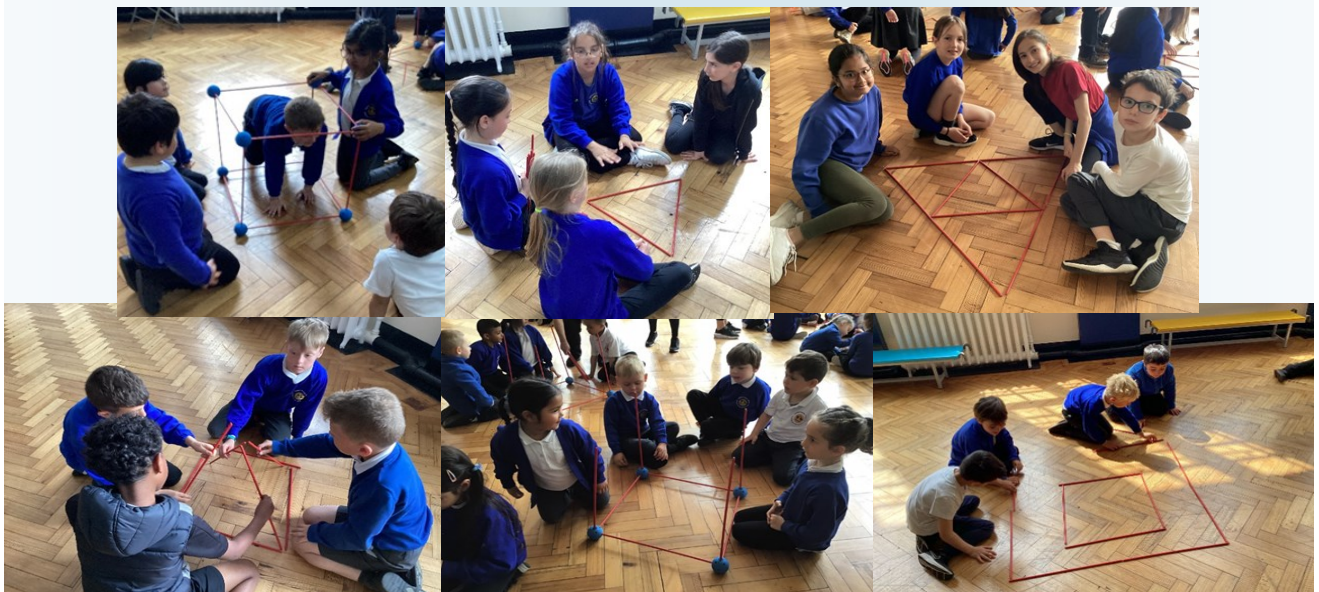
"It was fun because we got to make lots of shapes and we learnt that it's okay to make mistakes." - Lucinda (1S)

Further up the school, the children discussed and created different shapes including square based pyramids and tetrahedrons. Our oldest children even discussed how to make an octahedron.

"We had to make a shape with a certain perimeter and he also asked us questions." - Molly (3J)

"Finding shapes within shapes is really fun!" - Jet (6P)

Throughout the day the children were challenged to solve problems which involved issues such as perimeter and scaling. The children had to think critically and work as a team. They were also encouraged to use the correct mathematical language to describe 2D and 3D shapes. The children had lots of fun being able to practically and actively solve problems and displayed great teamwork. Simon also commented on how impressed he was with the children's behaviour. Well done to all the children!





FRONTLINE FOOTBALL CLUB

2023/24 TRIALS



TRIALS FOR OUR TEAMS IN THE WATFORD FRIENDLY LEAGUE



Girls Teams - Under 10 and 11 - Monday 5th June - 5pm - 6pm

Under 11 and 12s - Tuesday 6th and 13th June - 5 - 6pm

Under 13, 14 and 15s - Tuesday 6th and 13th June - 6 - 7pm

Under 7 and 8 - Wednesday 7th and 14th June - 5 - 6pm

Under 9 and 10s - Wednesday 7th and 14th June - 6 - 7pm

All sessions take place at Finchley PowerLeague, N12 0RF

All age groups are for the 2023/24 season

Wiser.

Decisions
Language
Knowledge
Experiences
Brain

Stronger.

ABCs
Technique
Execution
Mental Strength
Team Play

Better.

Understanding
Relationships
Mental Focus
Excelling
Insights

Register online for trial, football teams and girls teams

www.frontlinefootball.co.uk



the early bird catches the worm

Early Bird DISCOUNT



online at www.smithsschoolwear.co.uk

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This is your **last chance** for an online discount this Summer.

We don't want our customers to put themselves through the stress of the last minute uniform rush and miss out on savings. Parents are busy people, so we're offering an Early Bird Discount to work around your lifestyles. No matter when or where, you can place an order and save money at the same time.

By ordering between 1st and 30th June, you're ready for September in good time and you're **saving 10%** if you spend a minimum of £25. On top of this, we offer free delivery on all orders over £65 and next day delivery, click and collect in store, and click and collect from some school offices.

If you're worried about buying early, please be assured we have an **100 day exchange policy**.



Be prepared and beat the queues so you have more time to enjoy those summer moments we've all been looking forward to. **The early bird catches the worm - will you?**

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VALID 1ST JUNE 2023 - 30TH JUNE 2023

NOT A DOG FRIENDLY EVENT

M^ATHNASIUM
The Maths Learning Centre

JOIN US FOR OUR
**Summer
Fete**

FREE
ENTRY

SATURDAY 1ST OF JULY
12PM-4PM

Join us for lots of fun including
Inflatable Village • Usbourne
Books • Fairground Style Games •
Bubble Tea • Facepainting
• Street Food • Henna
and much much more!



HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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London Rivers Week 4th June 23, 10-3pm

Join us for Rivers week on the 4th of June to celebrate the Moore Brook. From 10-3pm, we'll be in the picnic field in Firs Farm with fun for all the family, with games, nature trails, pond dipping, citizen science and refreshments. It's a great opportunity to get out and get active in your local community and enjoy your local greenspace.



Celebrate the Moore Brook

for London Rivers Week at Firs Farm
Sunday 4th June, 10-3pm



Join the Friends of Firs Farm in celebrating our wonderful community wetlands.
Learn all about your local wetlands and the wildlife that lives nearby!



- Activities include:**
- Pond dipping,
 - Games
 - Nature trails
 - Wetland Tour 2:00-3:00pm
 - Refreshments



If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please email: friendsoffirsfarm@gmail.com- we have a variety of roles available and it's a great way to support and get to know the Friends of Firs Farm better.

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.

| May 2023 | |
|--------------|--------------|
| ATTENDANCE | |
| Form | % |
| RF | 93.95 |
| RJ | 93.56 |
| RL | 95.49 |
| 1B | 92.35 |
| 1S | 93.47 |
| 1W | 92.63 |
| 2BD | 93.46 |
| 2M | 94.12 |
| 2RM | 93.14 |
| 3J | 94.24 |
| 3L | 95.35 |
| 3P | 94.61 |
| 4AC | 94.88 |
| 4C | 94.24 |
| 4GF | 96 |
| 5C | 95.42 |
| 5M | 94.34 |
| 5NC | 96.22 |
| 6A | 93.27 |
| 6RG | 93.74 |
| 6P | 94.05 |
| Total | 94.28 |

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.**

| June 2023 | UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 29th May - 2nd June 2023 | Half Term |
| Monday 5th June 2023 | Inset Day |
| Thursday 8th June 2023 | Class 6A Science Workshop at Winchmore |
| Tuesday 13th June | Class Photos |
| Wednesday 14th June | Year 1 Trip to Capel Manor Gardens |
| Friday 16th June | Junk Orchestra Workshop for Nursery, Reception and |
| | Class 1S Woodcroft Visit |
| | Year 3 Visit to Cemevi in Wood Green |
| Monday 19th-23rd June | Year 6 Residential Trip to Croft Farm |
| Tuesday 20th June | Year 2 Science Museum Trip |
| Friday 23rd June | Year 5 Saxon/Viking Day |
| | Class 1W Woodcroft Visit |
| Monday 26th June | Year 5 Saxon/Viking Workshop |
| Wednesday 28th June—Friday 30th June | PE Skipping Workshops |
| Friday 30th June | Class 1B Woodcroft Visit |
| | Class 1W Assembly |