



Highfield Primary School

NEWSLETTER June 2023



Dear children and families,

June has been a brilliant month at Highfield. The children have continued to enjoy lots of exciting activities including the Year 6 School Journey, Highfield's Got Talent and the first two of our three Sports Days.

We have also had various school visits and been involved in inter school's sports competitions. The Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their end of year play and getting ready for their transition to secondary school while some of our younger classes have performed their class assemblies to their parents and siblings.

I also want to thank the Friends of Highfield and all the volunteers who helped put on the school fete. It was a lovely day for all who attended.

Mr Wilson

Headteacher



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

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending 09.06.23:

6A Beren

6P Ezgi

6RG Unaysah

Week Ending 16.06.23:

5C Ada

5NC Florence

5M Rabia

Week Ending 23.06.23:

4C Ariana

4AC Logan

4GF Armin

Week Ending 30.06.23:

3L Ezra

3P Amelia

3J Leyla



Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending 09.06.23 :

EYFS/KS1: 2BD 100%

KS2: 4C and 6RG 100%

Week Ending 16.06.23:

EYFS/KS1: 2BD 100%

KS2: 3L, 4GF, 6RG and 6P 100%

Week Ending 23.06.23:

EYFS/KS1: 2M 99%

KS2: 5C 100%

Week Ending 30.06.23:

EYFS/KS1: 1B 97%

KS2: 5C 96%



Eco Council

Eco-Council children have been busy gardening this month. They started by clearing flower beds outside the Year 4 entrance and moved on to Gaudi Garden and the main entrance of the school. The children were passionate about clearing up the long gone daffodils and taking out the weeds. After clearing up the flower beds and tidying up, they put new compost in and planted field flowers. Some of the flowers have just started to emerge and we are all looking forward to seeing them grow, adding colour to the school.



Book Fair

We made a total of £3,213.00 from the latest book fair at Highfield thanks to all the children and parent/carers. We received 60% commission which is £1800.00 of which the school bought books for Nursery and Year 4.

As always thank you to Mrs Oskis and Mrs Neal for their hard work during book fair week.



Year 6 Residential Trip to Croft Farm

On Monday 19th June, 51 Year 6 children embarked on their journey to Croft Farm Water Park in Tewksbury, Gloucestershire. During the week, the children enjoyed completing a range of exciting and adventurous activities, including: kayaking, paddle boarding, katanuwing, archery, abseiling and much more! The children supported each other so well and gave excellent encouragement to one another. A number of children persevered through their fears and had a good go at the different activities. A lot of time was spent in the lake and the children loved splashing each other (even the teachers!!). During our visit, we had delicious meals and comfy beds to rest in. We are so incredibly proud of the children and what they achieved.



6A's Science Workshop at Winchmore School

On Thursday 8th June, 6A visited Winchmore Secondary School for a Science Workshop. They took part in several fun and interactive investigations. The children tested the pH of liquids and decided if the liquids were acid, alkaline or neutral. They observed the colour change of salts when heated using a Bunsen burner. At the end of the session the teachers, lab technicians and a 6th form students demonstrated a screaming jelly baby experiment and a rocket in a bottle experiment. 6A had a fantastic learning experience and wish to thank the staff of Winchmore!



"The best experiment in my opinion would be the screaming jelly baby as it was very exciting and I had never heard of it before. It tried to jump out the window!" Ziven.

"I liked the experiments that we did. They were shocking and exciting in their own unique way!" Aarya.

Year 2

In year 2, we have been learning about positional language and direction. The children gave each other instructions of how to move forwards, turn right and left.



4AC at the Broomfield Park Event

On Friday 9th June 4AC took part in this year's first 'Park Event' at Broomfield Park. The Enfield PE team run these events throughout the summer term for schools across Enfield. 4AC had a fantastic time practising and developing their skills in a range of activities including golf, football, dancing and guided running. 4AC had a fantastic day!



'It was such a fun day and I learnt so many new skills' Emilia 4AC

Year 5 – Viking Day

On Monday 26th June, Year 5 had a Viking Day. Children dressed up as different tiers of the Viking hierarchy. Some were warriors whilst others were 'common people.' We took part in a Viking feast, where children sampled a variety of foods such as berries, honey, kale and flat bread. They even had a taste of a special Viking drink. The day also consisted of a workshop carried out by Epping Forest District Museum. Children were given replicas of Viking artefacts to explore and analyse. They absolutely loved this...one artefact was real!



Class 1W Assembly

On Friday 30th June 1W performed their musical assembly to KS1 and their parents. Re-telling the story of Traction Man with their own alternative endings and linking all of their learning to explorers and polar expeditions. 1W worked so hard and loved performing the show for everyone to see!



Year 2 trip to the Science Museum

On 20th June Year 2 travelled by bus and tube all the way to South Kensington to the Science Museum. They were very excited but still sensible and respectful of all the other people travelling at this time.

Inside the museum they explored the 'Into Space' area - there were replicas of the Apollo 11 moon landing, artefacts from rockets and holograms of different planets. It was very cool!



The children had a booked time in the pattern pod in which they could explore patterns around us. Whether it be patterns on spirals, in our bodies or on fish - patterns are everywhere! The children explored happily and loved dancing to patterns in music which moved according to their actions!

In the area of 'The Secret Life of the Home' - we found out how homes have changed over time, how furniture, fashion and technology has developed. The children could identify what they did and didn't have in their homes.

Year 2 were brilliant representatives of our school and we had a great day out!

Year 3's Trip to Cemevi

On Friday 23rd June, Year 3 visited the London Alevis Cultural Centre & Cemevi. The children were shown around the Cemevi and shown the different religious items used in a 'Cem' ceremony. They were able to share their own knowledge about Alevism and participated in a 'Semah'. We had a great time visiting and want to say a big thanks to the wonderful volunteers!



Year 1 Capel Manor trip

On 14th June, Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Capel Manor Gardens. Despite the hot weather we had a wonderful time exploring the beautiful gardens and enjoying a workshop where we pretended to be honey bees and successfully found our way out of the maze. We had time to visit the mini zoo and saw meerkats and a huge snake. We ate lunch together in the sunshine,



Highfield's got talent

Over the past two weeks the children in KS2 have been showcasing their talents. Children's first auditioned were in front of their class. Acts were then selected to go through to the next round where, over two afternoons, the school council watched various acts, including singing, dancing, acting, children playing musical instruments, comedy routines and many more.

It was thoroughly enjoyable for all involved. The school council voted for their favourite acts and the 6 acts that got through to the final were Marley 3P (dancing), Israail 6A (dancing), Anne-Charlotte 5M (piano), Minnie 6RG (guitar), Olivia and Ezgi (Dance) and Isabel 6A (piano). They performed to all the children in KS2 and then the children voted for their favourite act.



All of them performed brilliantly and with confidence and their audience loved it. It was clear that Highfield really does have talent.

The eventual winners were Olivia and Ezgi with a brilliant dance routine set to 'Naughty' from Matilda, with Marley and Anne-Charlotte coming in 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Junk Orchestra

Reception, Berry and Nursery all had a visit from the amazing 'Junk Orchestra'! We had a fabulous time dancing and making music with recycled materials!



Girls Netball vs Churchfield

The girls had a friendly netball match. They played amazingly, using the skills that they had learnt. They came 3rd in their tournament. They were able to win 10-1 against Churchfield!

Well done Farida, Anisa, Kayla, Olivia, Minnie, Sarah and Sloane.



Boy final league tournament

It can be nerve wracking representing the school in the Enfield league football tournament but these boys didn't let the pressure get to them, keeping composure and playing their best. Their final matches included Galliard, which Highfield won 1-0, the goal was scored by Theo. The second match was against Eldon with the boys winning 2-1, the goals scored by Theo and Paul. Their final match was definitely the toughest, as both schools were at the top of the league and this was the decider. Even with all their best efforts, the boys unfortunately lost to Raglan 2-0.



Over the course of the league the Highfield team played 7 games winning 6 of those games, which resulted in them coming second in the league!

A huge well done to Theo, Paul, Dylan, Kevin, David, Manny, Zak, Uthman and Seb. You should all be very proud of yourselves as the school is very proud of you!!

Skipping Workshops at Highfield

From Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th of June children from Highfield were given the opportunity to improve and develop their skipping skills. All classes from Reception to Year 5 enjoyed skipping workshops led by Georgia from '**Skipping Workshops**'. They learnt a range of individual jumps and tricks from skipping forwards, backwards, the Cross Over, the Pretzel and the Double Under. They jumped in twos, jumped with a long rope and had a go at Double Dutch. At the end of each day children showcased their skills to other classes and this was followed by Georgia demonstrating a stunning, competition level routine. What an inspiration! We have now allocated an area of the playground to skipping where children can further develop their skills.



PE sessions at Winchmore school

This month classes from Year 3 and Year 4 have been working with Year 10 Sports Leaders at Winchmore school. The Year 10 students have been teaching the sessions, practicing their leadership skills and motivating Highfield students in a range of games skills. Highfield children have participated with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

Year 4

Ariana, 4C: "It was really fun playing with cups and saucers! The coaches really helped us."

Rheo, 4C: "It was a positive space because we had the whole field to ourselves which meant we had lots of room to do PE."

Brodie, 4C: "I enjoyed going to Winchmore school because I learned how to play netball and learned new skills."

Bella, 4GF - "Going to Winchmore to do PE was fun because of the way we were taught."

Isla, 4GF - "It was fun learning different skills of different sports."

Year 3

Elitsa, 3P - "I had so much fun playing rounders!"

Adam, 3P - "It was great having so many people to help us".

Ezra, 3L - "I liked going to Winchmore because I had never played tennis rounders before".



Year 4 Art Club

A group of children in year 4 have been attending a lunchtime Art club with Mrs Giarnese this term. They used wire and chicken wire to create sculptures. They really enjoyed learning this new skill.

"Art club is really fun because we learnt to do new things." Paloma 4GF



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.

June 2023	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
RF	93.88
RJ	93.6
RL	95.44
1B	93.01
1S	94.41
1W	92.35
2BD	94.08
2M	95.04
2RM	93.54
3J	94.54
3L	95.32
3P	94.54
4AC	94.51
4C	94.61
4GF	96.24
5C	96.37
5M	95.04
5NC	96.51
6A	93.82
6RG	94.74
6P	94.2
Total	94.66

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.**

July 2023	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Tuesday 4th July	Year 4 Recorder Concert in the hall
Monday 10th July	Reports to parents
	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
Tuesday 11th July	Year 6 Production MATINEE for school and parents 9.30am
Wednesday 12th July	Open Evening for parent/carers if they would like to discuss reports
Thursday 13th July	Year 6 Production EVENING 5pm
Friday 14th July	International day
	Nursery afternoon graduation in hall PM: 2.30pm Parents invited
Monday 17th July	Nursery morning graduation in hall AM: 10.45am Parents invited
	Class RJ graduation in hall 2.30pm Parents invited
Tuesday 18th July	All change day—Children
	Year 6 Leavers party
Wednesday 19th July	Class RF Graduation in hall 9.15am Parents invited
	Class RL Graduation in hall 2.30pm Parents invited
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Parade 1pm
	End of term early finish 1.30pm
Friday 21st July	Inset day