



## Highfield Primary School NEWSLETTER July 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

The final month of the academic year has been a very busy but exciting one. We have had sports days, the school Fete, the Year 6 performance and disco and our children in Nursery and Reception have had their graduation ceremonies.

Between them these events have involved the whole Highfield community (children, teachers, parents and governors). They have all been really enjoyable and I have felt very proud and fortunate to be headteacher of such an amazing school. We have received many lovely comments from parents regarding staff and the school and they mean the world to us. The School's moral purpose is to provide each child with the tools they need to become their very best selves. We aim to instil within them the skills and values which will enable everyone to positively contribute to the diverse world we live in. This is what we strive to do everyday and it is why this year we have continued to focus on offering the pupils a wide curriculum and giving them as many opportunities for hands on learning within and beyond the classroom as possible. This was seen particularly in our STEM week where we had visitors with expertise ranging from farming to construction. I know you will have also seen our monthly curriculum spotlights showing you the learning that has been taking place in each curriculum area and the brilliant work that the children have produced.

There is nothing more rewarding than seeing children enjoying school and enthusiastic about their learning and this is what we see at Highfield every day.

I have been in to a small assembly for our Year 6 leavers and listen to the poems the teachers read about the children and seeing their class videos was really special. Today we will be having our leavers parade and wishing them all the best for the next stage of their education. It has been a pleasure seeing them grow into confident, articulate and kind 11-year olds, ready for the next stage of their education.

To all the families that are leaving us, we wish you all the best for the future. To everyone else have a lovely summer holiday and we will see you all again in September.

Kind Regards  
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 07/07/23**

2M: Kaylum

2BD: Layana

2RM: Zenon



### **Week Ending 14/07/23**

1S: Freya

1W: Kieran

1B: Rowan

## **Attendance Class Awards this month:**

### **Week Ending : 07/07/23**

EYFS/KS1: 2BD 100%

KS2: 3L and 4GF 97%

### **Week Ending : 14/07/23**

EYFS/KS1: RL 90%

KS2: 3J 98%



## **NEW Start/finish times for September 2023:**

Nursery AM, 8:30-11:30

Nursery PM, 12:30-3:30

Reception, Year 1, Year 4, 8:40-8:50 to 3:10

Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, 8:45-8:55 to 3:15

Year 6, 8:50-9:00 to 3:20.



### **Goodbye Ms Dean**

Ms Dean has been working at the school doing various roles since 2009 and will be leaving us later this month. She was appointed assistant site manager in 2019. She has always been willing to help others and support the school in any way she can. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her all the best in her new role as site manager at Palmers Green High School.

### **Assistant Site manager vacancy**

Due to Ms Dean's departure the school is looking to appoint an assistant site manager. If you, or anyone you know is interested in the role please have a look at the job advert attached below.

<https://enfieldjobs-edu.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/6618/0/398550/20253/assistant-site-manager-highfield-primary>

### **Headteacher for the day**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July I was given a helping hand by Sarah, Leana and Farida who had been chosen to be headteachers for the day. They took part in many activities including; welcoming the children, visiting classrooms, inspecting the site and writing articles for the newsletter. They all did a brilliant job. They could be future headteachers in the making! Mr Wilson

"The day was very enjoyable and I found checking the Nursery and Reception outdoor areas most interesting." Farida

"It was very enjoyable and we did lots of classroom inspections." Leana

"It was interesting to see how life was as a headteacher. I really enjoyed it." Sarah



## Highfield Sports Days 2023

### **Years 5 and 6**

Our first sports day took place on Friday 30th June. The race lines were fresh and the field was filled with our KS2 team colours of red, blue, green and yellow. The Year 5 and Year 6 classes competed in their teams in a number of events including rugby relay, hurdles, balance and agility, shot put and javelin. The winners from each race received a gold ticket to post in their team box, second place posted silver, third posted bronze and fourth place competitors received an amethyst ticket to post. The children were fantastic, racing and throwing with great energy and purpose. They encouraged each other, displaying excellent sporting values. Parents from every class joined in the fun, the javelin proved to be particularly popular! When the class events were completed all the children and parents gathered for the relay races and then the grand finale, the tug of war. Teams from Year 5 and Year 6 battled against each other in an exciting final event.



### **Years 3 and 4**

On Monday 3rd July it was the turn of Year 3 and Year 4 to compete. Again the field was filled with the team colours. The race lines were still visible despite a weekend of showers! The children raced and threw in similar events including the sack race, hurdles, balance and agility, shot put and javelin. They received their winning tickets and posted them into their team boxes. Year 5 and 6 sports leaders reset the equipment and handed out awards. The children competed wonderfully showing excellent sportsmanship, and parents, grandparents, siblings and carers joined in the fun. The final exciting relay race was run between the fastest of each team from each class. Well done Years 3 and 4.

### **The Results**

After all the tickets had been counted and verified (Gold = 4 points, Silver = 3 points, Bronze = 2 points and Amethyst = 1 point) the final results were:-

Green Team – 1494

Blue Team – 1440

Red Team – 1354

Yellow team - 1277

Well done **Green Team.**





### **KS1, Reception and Berry Class**

The forecast of rain and thunderstorms meant this sports day was postponed. It was rescheduled and took place on a beautiful sunny day on Monday 10th July. The field was packed with hundreds of children and their parents and carers. The lines were now barely visible due to storms, wear and tear, but that didn't deter our Reception, Berry class and KS1 competitors. They took part in many events including the sack race, squeeze the ball and the water cup race. They ran, jumped and threw. They laughed, smiled and cheered. It was wonderful to see the children and parents enjoying themselves in the sunshine.

A big thank you to all of Highfield's fantastic athletes, all the staff and all the parents who helped to make each sports day a brilliant day.



### **Highfield School Fete**

On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, Highfield hosted its school fete. There were many activities there, including an inflatable village, teddy lottery, penalty shootout and the sponge in the stocks (well done to everyone who agreed to be sponged). Thank you to the friends of Highfield for organising the day and all the volunteers who gave up their time to ensure everyone had a lovely time. We would like to thank everyone that attended, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. It is a great event that brings the whole Highfield community together and raises funds for the school.



### **1B's Woodcroft Trip**

1B had a wonderful time on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July when then had the opportunity to visit Woodcroft. They each completed 3 different activities including pond dipping, bug hunting and identifying plants. They wowed the instructors with their knowledge about how plants grow and also the number of different species they could identify! Their favourite activity was definitely pond dipping as they were extremely excited to empty their nets and see what animals they had caught. Some of the children even managed to catch a newt! They all had a wonderful day and talked about their trip all afternoon when we got back to school!



### **Year 6 performance**

The year 6 play this year, was Alice in Wonderland and included the songs, Searching, Welcome to Wonderland, Chasing Pavements, Count on me and several others. The year 6 children worked really hard, first of all auditioning for their roles, then learning their lines, making props and rehearsing. It was several weeks of preparation to ensure they preformed brilliantly. In the performances, the children showed their confidence, their talent and enthusiasm for preforming. It was truly impressive. We would also like to thank the year 6 teachers; Ms Panchal, Ms Altundal, Ms Rauf and Ms Greenhill for their tireless efforts. Seeing everyone work together to produce something so magnificent, was Highfield at its best.



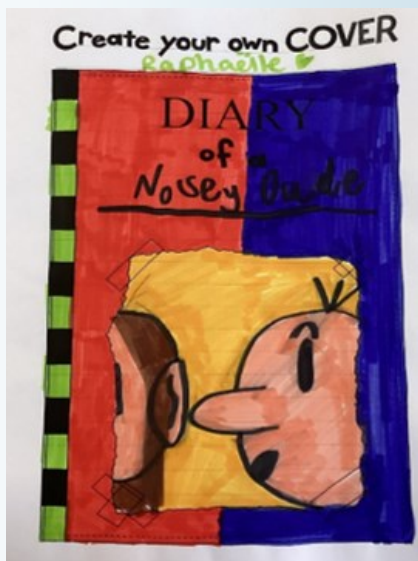
### **Chess Tournament**

Congratulations to Jay for winning Highfield's Chess Tournament this year and to Ezgi who came a very creditable second. Well done to all the children who took part in the tournament: Kaia, Lara, Suleyman, Jay, Armin, Ezgi and Albion who all played skilfully and respectfully - there were some very close games and to all the children who enjoyed the club this year. I hope the Year 6 children who are leaving us continue enjoying the game and a special thanks to Isabel for setting the boards up for us each week - you will all be missed!



### **Year 5 Book Club**

Over the Summer Term, children across Year 5 have attended a weekly Book Group. Children completed fun activities, including designing their own Book Cover for Diary of a Wimpy Kid and creating their own video to share book recommendations. Lots of fun and books were shared! Happy Reading to everyone over the summer holidays!





## Early Years Foundation Stage Graduations 2023



### Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Graduations 2023

We would like to congratulate both Nursery and Reception on their Graduation Ceremonies that took place from last week to this week.

Both Nursery and Reception have had a fantastic year and will continue their amazing journey through Highfield School. We would like to wish those that are moving onto a new school all the very best. Have a fantastic Summer to you all.

Ms Halil and the EYFS team 😊

## Read for Good Readathon

In order to promote a love of reading across the school, the children of Highfield were invited to take part in the Read for Good Readathon. By being sponsored to read for fun, those taking part raised an amazing £875.00 towards new books and a resident storyteller for children in our local hospitals and £175.00 worth of books for our own school.

All those who took part were presented with a certificate in recognition of their fantastic efforts for this wonderful cause. Well done to all those who took part, we are very proud of you and hope to run another Readathon next year.

Miss Johnson  
English and Phonics Lead



## **Reading & Writing Achievements for Summer**

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 holiday. Miss Johnson

<b>Class</b>	<b>Names</b>
Nursery AM	Casper
Nursery PM	Kushi
RF	Maya Hugo
RJ	Sanaya
RL	Arthur
1B	Ates
1W	Freya
1S	Edie
2BD	Rosie
2M	Frankie
2RM	Gulsum
3P	Laila
3J	Elliot Emily
3L	Aminah
4C	Martyna
4GF	Ayla
4AC	Carlos
5C	Minnie
5M	Gloria
5NC	Humphrey
6A	Leana
6RG	Arman
6P	Noah
Berry	Harun

# Free Summer Cycling Fun for Children



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required

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11am – 12pm  
1pm – 2pm  
2pm – 3pm



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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.

July 2023	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
RF	93.87
RJ	93.55
RL	95.45
1B	93.2
1S	94.35
1W	92.43
2BD	94.12
2M	94.91
2RM	93.44
3J	94.6
3L	95.35
3P	94.33
4AC	94.37
4C	94.67
4GF	96.27
5C	96.22
5M	94.93
5NC	96.37
6A	93.83
6RG	94.76
6P	94.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.64</b>

Regular attendance and punctuality at school is very important for your child's well-being. 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.

Lateness = Lost Learning (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.

September 2023	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Friday 1st September	Inset Day - school closed for children
Monday 4th September	Inset Day - school closed for children
Tuesday 5th September	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN
Monday 4th -Friday 8th September	Nursery and Reception home visits
Thursday 7th September	Year 1, 5 and 6 'Meet the teacher meetings' (9-9.30am)
Friday 8th September	Year 2, 3 and 4 'Meet the teacher meetings' (9-9.30am)
Monday 11th -Friday 15th September	Nursery home visits
Monday 11th – Tuesday 12th September	Reception half day sessions
Wednesday 13th -Friday 15th September	Reception classes stay for lunch (8.50am-1pm)
Monday 18th September	Reception stay full-time (if ready)
Tuesday 19th -Wednesday 20th September	Nursery play and stay sessions
Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd September	Nursery stay for short sessions (1 hour)
Friday 22nd September	Year 6 Parents meeting 'Secondary transition and SATs information' (2.30-3pm)
Monday 25th—Friday 29th September	Nursery build up to full sessions
Friday 29th September	Phonics workshop for Reception for parents (2.30-3pm)

### **Parking**

We know that the vast majority of parents/carers who drive their children to school park sensibly and safely, mostly using the large car park at Sainsbury's. However we have had increasing reports from our neighbours of our parents/carers parking across their drives, removing guard chains to park and turn around in private property and being verbally abusive. This behaviour is completely deplorable, goes against our values of respect, kindness and cooperation and lowers our reputation and the good relationships we foster with our local community. Please ensure you always **park considerately, legally and safely**, preferably using the car park at Sainsbury's to reduce traffic and pollution around the school.