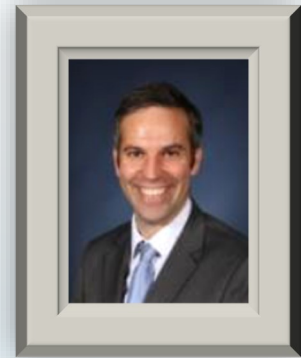




# Highfield Primary School

## NEWSLETTER February 2024



### Message from Headteacher

As always this month has been very busy at Highfield. We have had class assemblies for two of our Year 3 classes (thank you to all the parents/carers that attended). Our children have taken part in some amazing Science workshops, lead by the incredible Dr Szydlo. Year 3 have had a fossil workshop and Year 5 have taken part in AN INTERCATIVE Shakespeare workshop on the play A Midsummer Night's Dream. We have also successfully taken part in several inter school competitions. This has included a Maths quiz and football and netball matches.

As always our children have done an excellent job in representing Highfield and it is great that we have had the opportunity to compete against other local schools.

David Wilson  
Headteacher



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

## **Headteacher Awards this month:**

### **Week Ending: 09.02.24**

5P - Emilia

5C - Etienne

5M - Daniel

### **Week Ending: 23.02.24**

4AC - Reyhan

4C - Ilia

4GF - Cora

### **Week Ending: 01.03.24**

3L - Amaya

3J - Gael

3P - Leandro



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

### **Week Ending: 09.02.24**

EYFS/KS1: 2BD 97%

KS2: 3J 99%

### **Week Ending: 23.02.24**

EYFS/KS1: RF 97%

KS2: 3J 97%

### **Week Ending: 01.03.24**

EYFS/KS1: 2M 99%

KS2: 4C 98%



## **Sports News**

### **Girls football**

On Wednesday 7th February, the girls football team took part in the second round of the league. They played two games, first game was against Raglan's second team. Highfield was victorious and won 1-0, goal scored by Izabela and a clean sheet for goal keeper Harriet.

The second game was against Galliard and was more challenging, ending with a result of 2-0 to Galliard.

Despite the score, the girls played amazingly showing their passing and dribbling skills. Well done Sena, Isla F, Izabela, Bella, Nadine, Harriet, Kamea, Christine and Isla M. Excellent team work!!!!



### **High five netball**

The Highfield Netball team had 2 games on Tuesday 27th February. The first game was against Firs Farm of which Highfield won 8-2, goals scored by Harriet, Christine and Jay.

The second game was against Raglan's second team. It was a close game but Raglan won 5-4.

Well done to Harriet, Christine, Megi, Eden, Jay, Ronan, Hira and Izzy for showing great teamwork!!!

### **Year 3 Fossil Workshop**

On Monday 6th January, Year 3 were lucky enough to participate in a fossil workshop run by Geobus. We found out how fossils are made and explored the different types of fossils using 3D glasses! Thank you Geobus for a fun afternoon.



### **3P Assembly**

On Friday 9th February, 3P performed their class assembly to their families and Years 3/4. We were inspired by our whole school topic 'Express Yourself' and children's mental health week theme 'My Voice Matters'. Well done 3P for a fantastic assembly!



### **3L Assembly**

3L were pleased to perform a variety of songs, drama, dance and readings to their parents. The theme was 'Express Yourself' and the children thoroughly enjoyed being able to share all the ways that they express themselves at school. The children even performed songs that they had created in groups.

### **Maths Meetings**

In December, January and February, Ms Johnson ran Maths meetings for Nursery & Reception, Year 1 & 2 and Year 3 & 4. The meetings covered the curriculum expectations for each year group, how staff at Highfield teach Maths including the use of a Mastery approach and ways that parents can support their children at home. These meetings were well received by those who attended with parents commenting,

"The meeting was excellent."

"The session was very useful, and we appreciate the time and effort taken to host it!"

"The presentation was commendable."

All parents who completed the feedback survey said they found the information useful, the information presented in a clear and understandable way and that the session they attended will now help them support their child with Maths.

If your child is in either EYFS, KS1 or lower KS2 and you were unable to attend the relevant meeting, you can find a copy of the presentation on your child's Tapestry/Google classroom. If you have any queries about Maths at Highfield, please contact Ms Johnson at [office@highfield-pri.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:office@highfield-pri.enfield.sch.uk), marking your email as FOA Ms Johnson.

### **Year 5 and 6 Inter-School Math Quiz**

Eight children from Year 5 & 6 were selected to represent Highfield at the annual Inter-School Math quiz at St Monica's. Ten schools from the Enfield borough were invited to complete complex reasoning problems and tasks under timed conditions. The Highfield children applied their mathematical knowledge to a range of questions and worked effectively as a team. You could see their brains buzzing!

We are incredibly proud of their resilience and effort during this event!

**Year 5 Team:** Ishan, Joseph, Martyna and Maliq

**Year 6 Team:** Rabia, Akin, Nadine and Kerem





## Creative Arts Week Competition Winners!

Following up from Creative arts week, the children were set a competition of using different mediums to express themselves and show who they are.

Here are our winners!

Nursery - Azra



Reception - Sotiria (RJ)



Year 1 - Ralphie (1B)



Year 2 - Edie (2M)



Year 3 - Eva (3L)



Year 4 - Shay (4GF)



Year 5 - Rheo (4C)



Year 6 - Jay (6P)



Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you to everyone who entered, there were so many beautiful pieces of art which made the job of choosing winners extremely difficult! Here are some of our other favourites below!



### **As if by magic by Dr Andrew Szydlo**

On Tuesday 20th February, we were extremely lucky to have Dr Szydlo visit our school to share his knowledge and passion about Science. The assembly included lots of colour changing liquids, as well as pops and bangs! He was truly inspirational and taught us about the chemistry behind some of the experiments he demonstrated. Thank you for visiting us Dr Szydlo - we had the most amazing time!



Year 1 - 'He put water into a different pot and then the pot changed colour - it made rainbow colours'.  
Year 2 - 'I liked when the scientist put the cotton wool that had mixed with oxygen on the fire and a big fire appeared.'  
Year 4 - 'One of the most amazing experiments was when the scientist put the liquid nitrogen into the beaker and it turned cold enough to break the beaker as it expanded.'

### **Creative Writing Week**

The children thoroughly enjoyed another Creative Writing Week based on our 'Express Yourself' topic.

They had fun creating comics, stories, poems, fact files and anonymous letters! Please follow the link below to see some wonderful writing from Leia 2BD, Mia 2S, Willow 3P, Tselmuun 4AC, Mario 4GF, Leyla 4C, Emilia 5P, Aarushi and Evie 5C, Alicia 5M, Ishan 5M, Ronan 6P and Isla 6P.

[Creative Writing Week](#)



### **Eco Council**

Eco Council children went around the school doing the environmental check. They tidied up the school grounds from litter and weeded the Gaudi Garden. They also planted the rest of the daffodils in clean pots ready for the coming spring.

The children were proud and happy to see the wild flowers growing well at the front of the school as well as the tulip and daffodil bulbs emerging by the entrance to year 4.



### **Year 5 A Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Year 5 were treated to an amazing afternoon of drama and entertainment. The Young Shakespeare Company performed a version of a Midsummer Night's Dream which included audience participation and actors from across the year group. By the end of the session the children had an excellent understanding of the play and insight into the world of Shakespeare. A great afternoon was had by all!



Bella 5C- "It felt like a real show. It was really funny! The actors were so good!"

Sam- 5C- "It was really funny. I really like how some of the children in Year 5 took part in the performing".

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair was another huge success again! The Book Fair made £3,798.00, of which £2,278.00 commission will go to the Year 6 book corners.



Once again, a big thank you to Mrs Oskis and Mrs Neal for their hard work and dedication. Thank you!

### **Noah's Ark Kindness Assemblies**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February Aaya and Nikki, from Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, came to visit Highfield.

For the last two years the children of Highfield have voted to raise money for Noah's Ark Hospice. We have raised well over £,1000 in total for this local charity. Aaya and Nikki came to say thank you and to explain a little more about the charity. They spoke about how the money we raised is being used to enable children with life threatening illnesses to enjoy life through learning, play and day trips out and about.

Highfield children showed great interest and understanding during both assemblies delivered by Aaya and Nikki and we look forward to working with the charity again in the future.



Please see the leaflet to find out more about Noah's Ark Childrens' Hospice.



**NOAH'S ARK**  
children's hospice

**Noah's Ark Children's Hospice help children who are seriously unwell make the most of every day. We care for over 350 children and their families every year.**

To find out more, to get involved or support us, please visit [www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk](http://www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk) or follow us on:

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## Fancy fundraising for us?

There are so many ways to help us!

- Do a sponsored no TV day
- Ask your teachers to hold a dress down day at school
- Hold a bake sale with your friends
- Give up your favourite sweet/snack for a month
- You can also ask your parents/carers to tell their work about us!



Whatever you do, we are happy to help and any money raised will make a ginormous difference!



Registered Charity No. 1081156



## **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.

### **Feb 2024 ATTENDANCE**

Form	%
1B	95.5%
1M	94.3%
1W	95.7%
2BD	96.5%
2M	97.4%
2S	96.3%
3J	97.9%
3L	91.6%
3P	94.3%
4AC	92.3%
4C	93.5%
4GF	95.1%
5C	93.1%
5M	94.8%
5P	94.3%
6A	93.9%
6C	89.9%
6P	92.4%
RF	94.1%
RJ	94.4%
RL	93.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.3%</b>

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.

<b><u>Lateness = Lost Learning</u></b> (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.**



March 2024	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Monday 4th March	1W History field trip PM
	Reception and Year 6 height and weight check
Tuesday 5th March	1B History field trip PM
	6A and 6P Churchill War Rooms trip
	2M Woodcroft visit
Wednesday 6th March	1M History field trip PM
Thursday 7th March	World Book day
Friday 8th March	Holi festival—Year 1
	Class 2S assembly
Tuesday 12th March	6C Churchill war rooms
	2S Woodcroft visit
Friday 15th March	Red Nose day
	Class 2M assembly
	FOH Quiz night
Monday 18th March	Year 1 singing festival at Firs Farm—AM
Tuesday 19th March	Parent's Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thursday 21st March	Parent's Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Friday 22nd March	Year 1 Victorian day
	Class 2BD assembly
	Easter egg hunt 3.30-5.00pm
Tuesday 26th March	1B Woodcroft visit
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term early finish 1.30pm
Monday 15th April	First day back at school