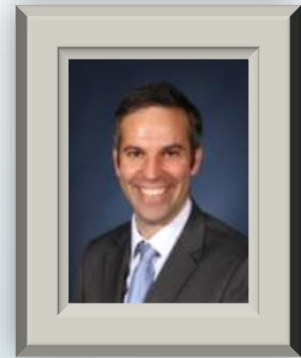




Highfield Primary School NEWSLETTER April 2024



Dear Families,

This term the children will be linking their learning to our theme 'Vive la France'. We are celebrating all things French including the tour de France, French cuisine, architecture and language (including countries around the world that speak French). The children have already been completing projects based on the theme and sharing their creations.

The value the school council have chosen for the term is 'optimism'. We will be encouraging children to consider that we can continue to be optimistic even when we face challenges. We will also be addressing other values (Kindness, Cooperation and Respect) through our curriculum and our behaviour expectations.

David Wilson
Headteacher



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

Headteacher Awards this month:

Week Ending: 26/04/2024

6A: Brandon

6P: Abdullah

6C: David



Week Ending: 03/05/2024

5P: Freddie

5C: Finn

5M: Erdem

Attendance Class Awards this month:

Week Ending: 19/04/2024

EYFS/KS1: 2S 99%

KS2: 4C & 5P 99%

Week Ending: 26/04/2024

EYFS/KS1: RL 97%

KS2: 4GF 99%

Week Ending: 03/05/2024

EYFS/KS1: RF & 2M 99%

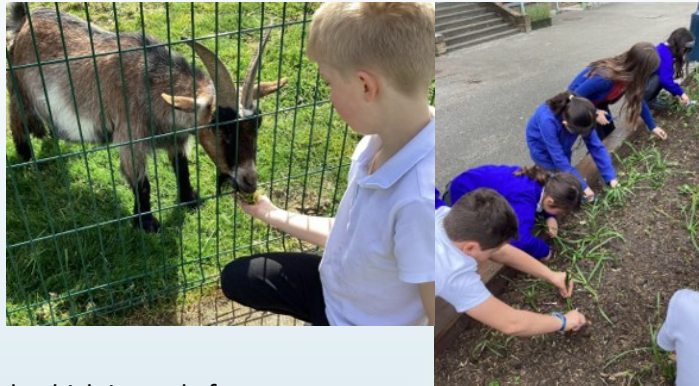
KS2: 3L 100%



Eco Council children

After checking the school grounds, Eco Council children tidied up the front area of the year 4 entrance. They cleared up the dead leaves from daffodils and crocuses ensuring the bulbs were kept intact.

On their walk around the school grounds, the children noticed the goats' enclosure being cleared up and the goats looking 'happier.' Further on, the children commented on the far corner area with the pond, which is ready for new projects, thanks to Arm's and Nike's (our site staff's) hard work. Arms kindly offered to arrange a vegetable patch in due course, where Eco Council children could start planting seasonal vegetables. Exciting times ahead!



School Leaders Assembly

On Monday 29th April the School Council led an assembly for KS2 in which they updated the children on their activities over the last few months. They spoke confidently and clearly as they explained:-

- The November poppy fundraising appeal
- The December Noah's Ark fundraising appeal
- Choosing the spring value, Creativity
- The Red Nose day fundraising appeal
- Choosing the summer value, Optimism

The School Council described how their decisions are made through discussion and voting. Their next job will be to judge Highfield's Got Talent. Great teamwork!

2BD Class Assembly – Friday 26th April

2BD took us back to London 1666 in their class assembly last Friday. The children told the story of the Great Fire of London using wonderful singing and acting skills.

"Samuel Pepys" was brought to life and told the audience what he witnessed during the fire. The children portrayed the devastation and destruction of the fire as seen through the eyes of the people, the King and the Lord Mayor. It was wonderful to see how much the children had learned about the event and how effectively they showcased their historical knowledge.

Well done 2BD!



Sports News

Athlete Visit

Just before the end of term the children were lucky enough to have GB basketball player Joseph Ikhinmwin come to school and do a workshop followed by an assembly, talking about his journey and how he got to where he is now. The children joined in a circuit of different activities including press-ups, star jumps, leg drives and spotty dogs. During the assembly Joseph talked about who his inspiration was and why he became a basketball player. The children got to see some of his trophies. The children's personal favourite was Joseph's Platinum YouTube plaque. Well done to all the children who participated in this special event. And Thank you to Joseph for coming in!!

Bikeability

Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps you learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. Highfield was lucky enough to have them come in and teach a group of Year 5/6 children.

Boys football

The Highfield boys team took part in the final matches of the league. Their first game was against St Pauls where Highfield won 4-0 thanks to goals by Dylan x2, Paul and Kevin. The second game and last game of the league was against Edmonton County. With goals from David, Dylan and Paul assisted by Kevin, Highfield won 3-0. It was a lovely clean sheet for Goal keeper Nicholas. Huge congratulations to the whole team for showing great sportsmanship and teamwork. The boys came 2nd in the league. Well done to Paul C, Dylan, Kevin, David, Yavuz, Luca, Brodie and Nicholas!!! You've made Highfield very proud.



Netball

The Highfield High five netball team took part in a match against Firs Farm primary on Tuesday 23rd April. Highfield won 6-5, goals were scored by our Goal Shooter Harriet and Goal Attacker Jay. Well done to Ronan, Harriet, Izzy, Hira, Eden, Christine and Jay!!

On Monday 29th April, the Girls netball team took part in a tournament against 5 different schools. The girls showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. Great team effort from Elif, Essie, Derin, Christine, Noomi, Michaela, Ayshe, Sophia, Minnie and Klia !!








April Curriculum Spotlight

Science – STEM Club

In STEM Club this half-term we have been exploring Gravitrax, building newspaper bridges and testing out different paper aeroplane designs. We have used our knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths to help us complete these challenges.

Gravitrax	
Newspaper Bridges	
Paper aeroplanes	



Dear parent, carer, family member,

We are Vision Ability CIC, an organisation founded by Visually Impaired People to help other Visually Impaired People and spread awareness about Visual Impairment.

Today, we visited Highfield Primary School, to give our presentation about Living with Sight Loss, Overcoming Barriers, and also talk about the importance of regular eye-testing in the Prevention of Avoidable Blindness.

Did you know that, according to the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), nearly half of sight loss cases are preventable, if they are identified and treated at an early stage?

This is why we should not wait until a sight problem is obvious before we book an eye test.

Everyone should have their eyes examined at least once every two years - even if there is no change in their vision. An eye examination can often pick up the first signs of an eye condition before we notice anything ourselves. This can lead to getting vital treatment at the right time and save your sight.

For some people, including children under the age of 16, eye tests are free, and you could also be entitled to an optical voucher for the cost of glasses or contact lenses.

Therefore, we would like to encourage you to book an eye test for your children, but also for the rest of your family members, as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, or need any advice or guidance.

With our best regards
Vision Ability CIC

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 2024	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
1B	95.3%
1M	95.1%
1W	95.3%
2BD	95.6%
2M	96.2%
2S	96.7%
3J	96.0%
3L	96.1%
3P	94.8%
4AC	94.5%
4C	95.8%
4GF	96.8%
5C	96.5%
5M	95.8%
5P	95.5%
6A	95.3%
6C	95.1%
6P	95.2%
RF	94.9%
RJ	93.9%
RL	94.6%
Total	95.5%

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 2024	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Friday 3rd May	Class 1B Assembly
	Class 3P Woodcroft Visit
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 7th May	Hearing Checks for Class RL
Thursday 9th May	Hearing Checks for Class RJ
Friday 10th May	Class 1W Assembly
	Hearing checks for Class RF
	Class 2S Woodcroft Visit
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs week begin
Tuesday 14th May	Class 3L Woodcroft Visit
Thursday 16th May	Class 5M Library Visit
Friday 17th May	Class 1M Assembly
Monday 20th May	Year 1 Artic Workshop
Tuesday 21st May	Class 3J Woodcroft Visit
Friday 24th May	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE CHILDREN
Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR ALL CHILDREN