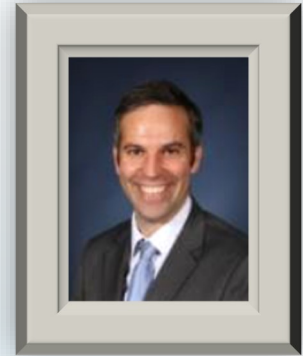




# Highfield Primary School

## NEWSLETTER May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This month at Highfield 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/parents with specialisms to give children the broadest experience possible.

Year 6 have also had their SATS. The attitude of the children was exemplary. I couldn't be prouder of them. The staff have done an excellent job in supporting them and they also deserve praise. It was lovely that at the end of the week they were all able to go to the park and have some fun!

We have also had some lovely class assemblies that I know many of you attended.

I wish you all a lovely half term.

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: 10.05.2024**

**4C: Emily**

**4GF: Eliza**

**4AC: Essia**



### **Week Ending: 17.05.2024**

**3L: Mustafa**

**3J: Pearl**

**3P: Willow**

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

### **Week Ending: 10.05.2024**

**KS1: RF & 1W 99%**

**KS2: 4GF 100%**

### **Week Ending: 17.05.2024**

**KS1: 1M & 2S 100%**

**KS2: 3P & 6A 99%**



### **Week Ending 23.05.2024**

**KS1: RF 98%**

**KS2: 5M 97%**

## Year 4 French Café

Year 4 were visited by the French café this week. Would you fancy Anguilles (eels), Escargots (snails), Tartes (tarts), Jus d'orange (orange juice) and Les Milkshakes? Miam, miam. Each student had 10€ to spend and enjoyed spending their money in the café. Our highly trained waiters and waitresses could only understand French and the children had to order in French. Happily many children did try the escargots and anguilles (and they tell me that they enjoyed them). Bon appetit à tous.



### **Class 1W Assembly**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1W performed their class assembly 'The Jolly Postman and Letters from 1W'. They performed their songs perfectly and really enjoyed taking on the roles of Highfield Teachers reminiscing about all of the activities they have taken part in this year!

### **1B's Class Assembly**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1B performed their class assembly to all their families. The assembly was based around our History topic of timelines. All of the children performed with great confidence and positivity. There was amazing retelling of the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' wonderful singing and associated actions to their 'growing up' related songs. The children also touched on the important events in David Attenborough's life and our shared responsibility to save our planet. They were absolutely fantastic and they should all be very proud of themselves.

### **YEAR 6 SATS WEEK**

After months of hard work, dedication and perseverance, Year 6 have finally completed their SATs. These standardized tests are a significant milestone in their academic journey, and our Year 6's truly rose to the challenge. From the beginning of the school year, they have shown remarkable commitment to their studies. They attended extra revision sessions, revised at home and have worked incredibly hard to broaden their knowledge and understanding of different subjects. They have made the school, teachers and their families extremely proud.

Our teachers also deserve a special mention for their unwavering support and guidance. They have gone above and beyond to ensure that every student felt prepared and confident during these tests. They even helped with providing a hearty breakfast each morning!

To celebrate the end of a challenging week, the children enjoyed a trip to Groveland's Park in the sunshine. They played, ate tasty ice lollies (donated by various kind parents) and had lots of fun.





## The Nightingale Night Hike



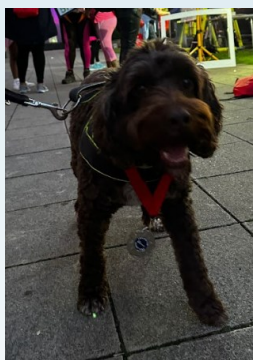
On Friday 17th May, twenty members of Highfield's staff took part in the Enfield Night Hike. The purpose of the hike was to raise money for The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre. After an energetic warm up led by members of the Spurs Academy, we walked 15km around Enfield with over 800 other fundraisers. It was a beautiful evening, warm and balmy.

The Highfield Hikers all started together, chatting and whooping as we passed each kilometre marker. As we walked the sun set and the stars came out. It was a wonderful walk for a wonderful cause.

So far Highfield Hikers have raised £2,424

In total so far The Nightingale has raised £51,317

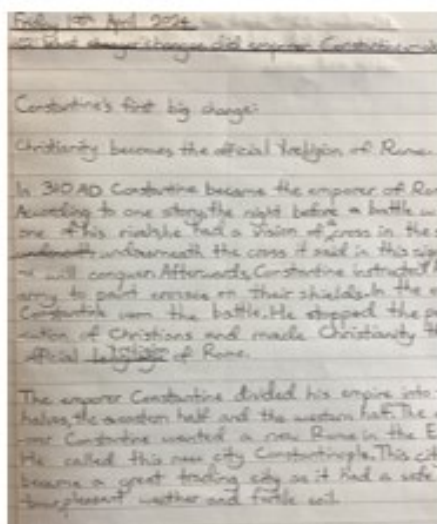
A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us and a huge well done to the Highfield Hikers!



## Curriculum Spotlight – History

This term, Year 4 have been learning about Christianity in three Empires. They have been studying the Byzantine Empire and investigating notable art and architecture from Constantinople.

Year 4 have also analysed important changes made by the emperor Constantine and how that affected Rome, its borders, religion, and people.



What changes did Emperor Constantine make? by Elliott 4AC

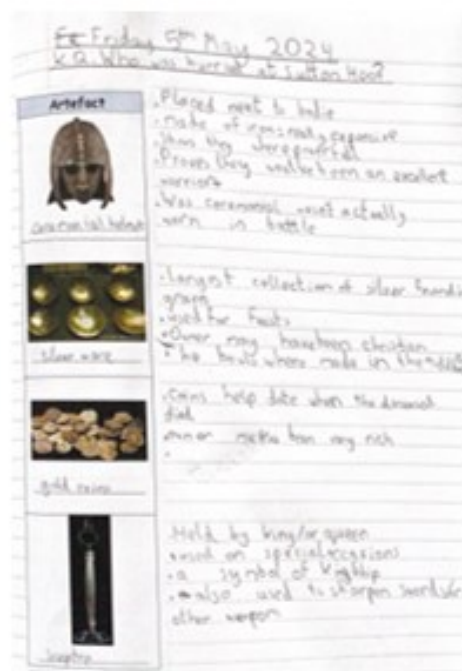


How did the Byzantine Empire and culture grow? By Margarite 4AC

As part of their topic of "Britain's Settlement by the Anglo - Saxons and Scots" Year 5 have been examining primary sources of evidence from Sutton Hoo. Here are some examples of their marvellous work! [Well](#) done Stella (5P), Paloma (5C) and Charlie (5C)

Year 5 have also been studying the Anglo- Saxon migration to Britain.

Ishan in 5M thought about the reasons the Anglo-Saxons' were so successful when they migrated to Britain. He carefully examined the evidence before making his conclusion.







## May Curriculum Spotlight

### Religious Education

#### Year 2 - Christianity

In Year 2, children enjoyed visiting the local church to learn about baptism.



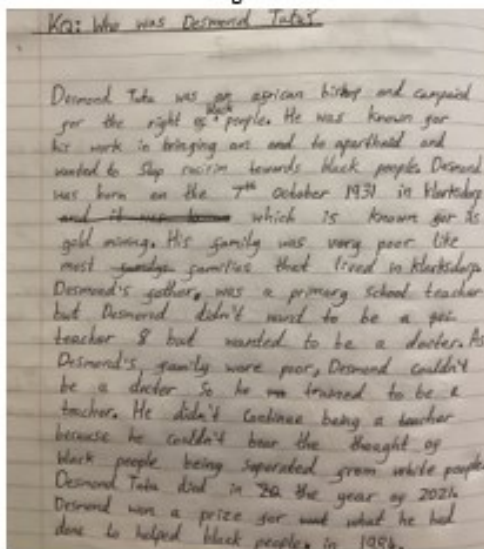
#### Year 2 - Hinduism

"We made clay diya lamps when we were learning about Diwali. It was fun." Jess



#### Year 4 – Desmond Tutu

In Year 4, children really liked learning about Desmond Tutu and his fight for justice and civil rights.



#### Year 5 – Christian Charities

In Year 5, children really enjoyed learning about different Christian organisations and how they help people all over the world.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Q3: What are global Christian organisations and what do they do?

Charity	What are their goals?	Year of founding	How many people they help
World Vision	Helping children, to overcome poverty and improve their lives.	1950	Nearly 100 countries, 123,500,000 people.
Christian Aid	Improves quality of life.	1977	Burkina Faso, SA, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe.
Trócaire	Build homes for homeless.	1982	All around the world!
World Council of Churches	Give life, changing lives.	1974	18 countries, 12,545,629 people.
Blessed Sacrament	Supply medication.	1984	Haiti, Brazil.

## **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 2024**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Form	%
1B	94.6%
1M	95.5%
1W	95.0%
2BD	94.8%
2M	95.4%
2S	96.7%
3J	95.6%
3L	95.7%
3P	95.0%
4AC	94.3%
4C	95.8%
4GF	96.5%
5C	96.2%
5M	95.9%
5P	95.0%
6A	95.3%
6C	94.8%
6P	95.5%
RF	95.3%
RL	94.7%
RJ	94.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.43</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.

<u><b>Lateness = Lost Learning</b></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 2024	UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHFIELD
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	First day back at school
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June	Highfield's got talent auditions in class
Tuesday 4th June	Class 1W Library Visit
Wednesday 5th June	Year 3 trip to the British Museum
Thursday 6th June	Class 2M Library
Friday 7th June	Year 6 Benjamin Franklin Workshop
Monday 10th-Thursday 13th June	Highfield's Got Talents auditions to the school council
Tuesday 11th June	Class 5C Library visit
	Year 6 Individual and all school class photographs
	Borough Athletics @ Lea Valley
Thursday 13th June	Class 5P Library visit
	Nursery trip to Broomfield Park
Friday 14th June	Highfield got talent show
	Year 5 Viking day workshop
Monday 17th - Friday 21st June	Year 6 Residential trip
Tuesday 18th June	Class 2S Library visit
	TWIST museum—Year 6 not going on Residential
Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th June	Reception Induction Meetings
Wednesday 19th June	Grovelands Park trip - Year 6 not going on Residential
Thursday 20th June	Class 2BD Library visit
Friday 21st June	Enfield Cineworld - Year 6 not going on Residential
	Year 1 Capel Manor trip
Thursday 27th June	Class 4GF Library visit