

# Highfield Primary School

## NEWSLETTER March 2025



### Message from Headteacher

As we reach the end of another busy term here at Highfield, I am filled with pride reflecting on all that we have accomplished together. There is so much to celebrate this term, with a fantastic array of events that have truly enriched our school community.

Year 3 enjoyed an engaging Geobus Workshop, followed by an inspiring trip to the Science Museum. Not to be outdone, Year 1 embraced the vibrant Holi Festival and made wonderful memories during their History Field Trip. Year 2 showcased their talents with incredible class Assemblies, and Year 3's Choir Concert was a delightful evening of music that captivated all. Additionally, our Year 5 students took part in an imaginative Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop, which was a huge hit.

I would also like to extend a huge congratulations to Highfield's amazing Netball Team! They have shown remarkable skill and determination this season, culminating in a win in this year's league. We are immensely proud of them, and I would like to express a big thank you to Mrs Newman for her enthusiastic coaching – Your support has made a significant impact!

Another notable achievement this term came from our Year 5 children, who dazzled us at this year's dance festival with their marvellous rendition of 'Cats'. Many thanks to Ms Stoughton for her unwavering commitment in training them week after week; They certainly did you (and us!) proud.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the Easter Egg Hunt after school yesterday, splendidly organised by the wonderful Friends of Highfield.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter Break; We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025. Enjoy your holidays!

Mr Wilson  
Headteacher



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



## **Headteacher Awards this month:**

### **Week Ending: 07.03.2025**

1W—Joni

1B—Robin

1L—Sotiria

### **Week ending: 14.03.2025**

RF—Camila

RB—Ciwan

RJ—Beren

### **Week ending: 21.03.2025**

6MB—Zayn

6G—Joseph

6M—Armin

### **Week ending: 28.03.2025**

5P—Elliot

5A—Shayan

5C—Sophie

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

### **Week Ending: 07.03.2025**

EYFS/KS1: 1W 99%

**KS2: 4GF & 5C 100%!**

### **Week Ending: 14.03.2025**

EYFS/KS1: 2L 98%

**KS2: 6M 100%!**

### **Week Ending: 21.03.2025**

EYFS/KS1: 2L 99%

KS2: 3C 99%

### **Week Ending: 28.03.2025**

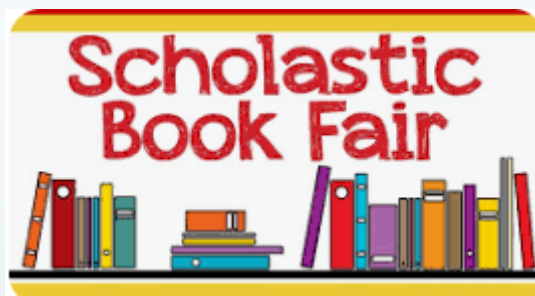
EYFS/KS1: 2S 98%

**KS2: 100%!**



### **Book Fair**

The Bookfair was another huge success, a total of £3,467.00 of books were sold, making the school commission of £2,080.00, which will be given to the school in books for Year 3 and 4 book corners. A big shout out to our Librarian Mrs Oskis!



### **Dangerous Parking**

Unfortunately, we continue to have a small number of adults who are parking illegally and dangerously outside the school at pick up and drop off times. People that are doing this are making the road outside the school dangerous for our children. This needs to stop. If you do need to drive to drop your child at school our advice would be to park at Sainsbury's which is a very short walk from the school. We need to consider the safety of all our of pupils.



### **Red Nose Day**

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our charity fundraiser day for Comic Relief. We raised £416 by selling Red Noses and £309 on Red Nose Day itself, March 21st. That's a **grand total of £725** for a brilliant cause.

Comic Relief supports incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world. Its vision is 'a world free of poverty'.

Highfield celebrated our fundraising day by wearing red and sparkles, and taking part in activities such as telling jokes, silly stories, drawing red nose characters and creating comic strips.

We had a fantastic day and thank you again for your support, it is greatly appreciated.



### **Congratulations Mrs Calder and family!**

Huge congratulations to Mrs Calder and her family on the wonderful news of adopting a little boy! This is such an exciting time for you all, and we couldn't be happier for you. There are so many adventures ahead, and we hope you enjoy every moment as you create countless memories together as a new family. Sending you all our love and best wishes as you embark on this incredible journey together. Enjoy every precious moment!

### **Poetry by Heart Competition**

All the children from Nursery to Year 6 have really enjoyed learning poems by heart and performing them to each other this term. The children in KS2 also had the opportunity to choose two of their own poems (1 classic pre-1914, one post 1914) from the Poetry by Heart website to learn in class and at home.

The children then recited their poems in class after half term and the winning entries went through to the Grand Final in the hall held on Monday 10th March. It was a wonderful occasion with a huge variety of poems shared by individuals, groups, pairs, classes and year groups. The School Council then judged the finalists and Martyna 6G, Solomon 6M, Lara 5C, Alexa and Ruby 4NC and Imogen 3J were videoed and entered for the National Poetry by Heart competition with a chance to perform at the Globe Theatre. Well done to everyone who took part - you are all stars and good luck to our finalists!



### **Year 3 New Composition and Outreach program, run by Children's Voices of Enfield, funded in part by the Arts Council England.**

On Monday, February 10th, our Year 3 children joined the first of two outreach workshops run by the Children's Voices of Enfield Choir. They started with a "flash mob" performance, sang about a dog named Bingo, and began learning two songs specially written for the project.

The next workshop at Highfield continued this exciting work, preparing the children for a "world premiere" concert performance of these songs which was held on Friday, March 14th at Palmers Green United Reformed Church.

The concert was the perfect culmination of their work together – a chance to sing all the songs they learned, listen to other schools and the choir perform and experience the magic of over 100 voices singing together in a beautiful setting!

### **Year 3 trip to the Science Museum**

On Wednesday 5th March, Year 3 had an amazing day at the Science museum. First we went to the Feel the Force workshop. We were lucky enough to watch and participate in some incredible experiments. After lunch, we explored the Wonderlab.



### **Year 3 Easter Experience**

Year 3 went to Enfield Baptist Church to experience an interactive retelling of the Easter story. The children went into five different rooms and met five different characters, who each told them about the part they had to play in the story. Thank you Pathways for having us, we had a great time!



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

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 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!





### **Class 2BD Assembly**

2BD educated and thoroughly entertained students, staff and parents with their class assembly about healthy eating. The children showcased all they had learned in science and design and technology this term on the subject of health and hygiene. We learned about the different food groups and how they benefit the body. 2BD explained why it is important to eat a balanced diet and exercise regularly; there was even a guest appearance from "Joe Wickes!"

The whole class sang and acted beautifully, delivering their healthy living message in a fun and inspiring way. Well done 2BD! Mrs Bale-Dominguez is very proud of you.



### **Class 2S Assembly**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2S performed their class assembly to their parents and carers. They performed their assembly to show what they had learned about Florence Nightingale. Mrs Stewart was extremely



### **Millfield Dance Festival**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 5 Dance Troupe took part in The Enfield Dance Festival at the Millfield Theatre. They have been attending dance club every Thursday with Ms Stoughton to prepare for this exciting performance. Dressed as cats, they danced to the song 'Jellicle Ball' from the musical CATS' with confidence, style and beaming smiles.

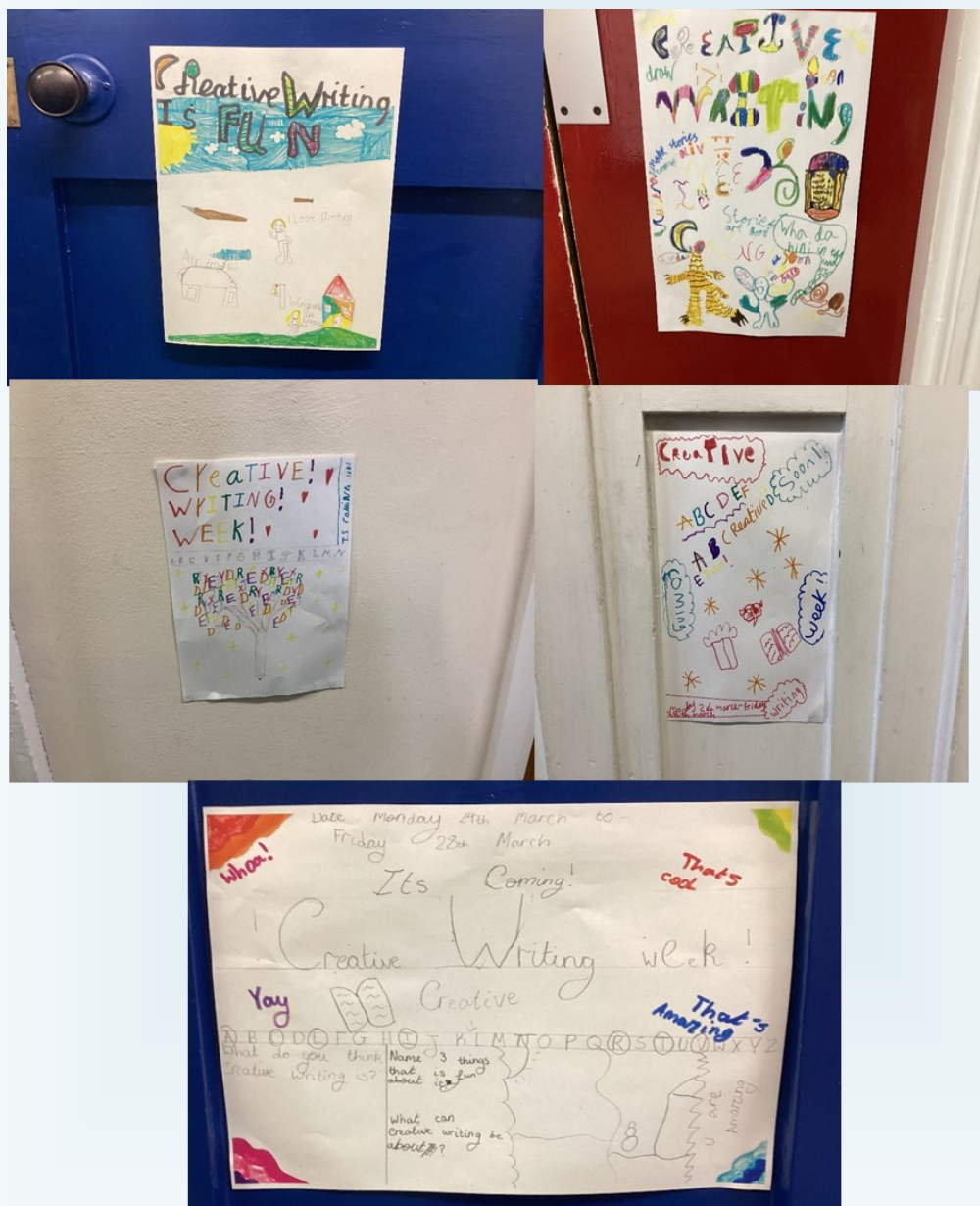
The annual festival included performances from many Primary and Secondary Schools across the Borough of Enfield. Our Highfield dancers were a credit to us, making their school, parents and families proud. Well done Year 5 dancers, you were amazing!

*"Every Thursday, my dance troupe turned up with energy, excitement and an eagerness to learn tricky choreography. On the day of the performance, they danced perfectly and behaved impeccably. I am very proud of my superstars!" - Ms Stoughton.*



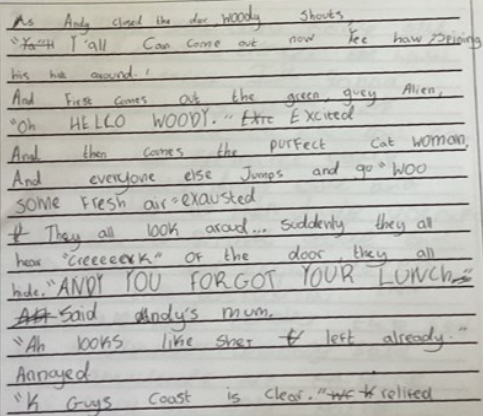
### Year 4 Creative Writing Club (4NC Group)

Over the past few weeks, the Year 4 Creative Writing Club (from 4NC) have been enjoying creating great pieces of writing in our lunchtime club. One week, they even created posters to promote Creative Writing Week. The posters were delivered to all classes around school and some were even put up around shared spaces and corridors. Here are some examples of our writing and posters we have created:

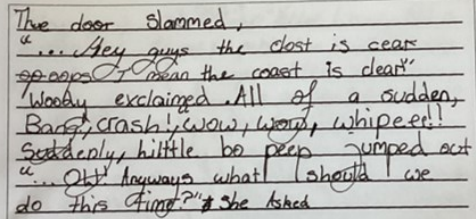




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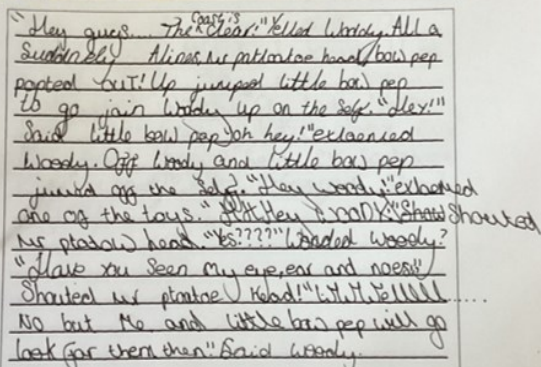
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The Aliens jumped out,  
"We ~~can~~ can see you Mr Potato head"  
They giggled  
"huh shucks!" He moaned

Then Andy walked in and everyone froze like a statue.

### ANDY'S ROOM



## Year 1

### History

As part of our history topic 'How did the opening of Winchmore Hill train station change the local area?' Year 1 went on their first field trip around the local area and visited Winchmore Hill station. Armed with photos of how the various places looked in the Victorian era, they were able to make observations and compare the differences.





## Year 1

### History

The year one children came to school dressed as a person from the Victorian era to experience what it might be like to attend school at this time. We had a morning hand inspection, before writing our letters and alphabet with chalk and slate. We adhered to rules such as standing up when an adult came into the room and asking for permission to speak. We learned about what schooling was like in Victorian times compared with today. We were also lucky to have a visit from Mrs Yianni who talked to the children about what Highfield was like in the past as she and her children are all former pupils.



### RE

As part of our learning in RE, Year 1 celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi. The children had lots of fun experiencing this colourful festival to consolidate what they have been learning about.



### **Enfield Netball League 2025 Winners!**

Everyone at Highfield is pleased to announce that Highfield are Enfield Netball league champions for 2025!

The team consisting of Sena (6G), Ayla (6M), Paloma (6M), Logan (6MB), Isla (6M), Freddie (6MB) and Harriet (6MB) all did fantastically well across all of their fixtures winning every single match.

On the first match day out netballers played 3 fantastic matches and won every single match without conceding and scoring 27 points! On the second match day it was looking likely that if Highfield could defeat Bush Hill Park then the second fixture against Raglan 1s would be a straight shoot out for the title. Highfield started the match against Bush Hill Park brightly taking a 4-0 lead into half time. BHP regrouped at the interval and attacked Highfield hard in the second half pulling three points back but Highfield held on to win 4-3.

#### **The title decider:**

Raglan 1sts went into the match with a perfect record like Highfield and they started with energy taking an early lead. With some excellent coaching from Ms Newman Highfield weathered the early storm and equalised before half time. As the second half started Highfield gradually took control of the match scoring two further points to eventually win 3-1. There was the final match to play against Raglan 2nds and despite conceding 3 early points Highfield came back to win 8-3.

Everyone at Highfield is so proud of everyone who took part in the matches as well as everyone who comes to the after school netball club. The hard work pays off! And a big thank you to Ms Newman for coaching these kids so brilliantly!





# Curriculum Spotlight

## Maths

### Nursery

In Nursery we have been learning about shapes through the book 'The Train Ride'. The children have made and talked about arrangements. We have also been subitising! The children are becoming more familiar with dot patterns and recognising the number of dots in different arrangements. We have been finishing the term by looking at the story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' to learn how to compare collections using the key vocabulary 'more', 'fewer' and 'same'.

### Reception

In Reception we have been learning about number bonds to 10. We have been using lots of practical equipment, particularly Numicon, to find the bonds to 10. We have also had lots of fun making different patterns using actions, objects, colours, shapes, sizes, numbers and letters.

### Year 1

In Year 1 this month, the children have been learning about place value to 50. This has involved them partitioning 2-digit numbers into tens and ones, ordering numbers and saying one more and one less than a given number. They have also started to learn about lengths and heights. The children have had lots of fun comparing and ordering different objects, including themselves, according to length/height.

They have also been measuring using non-standard units and been learning about centimetres.

### Year 2

Year 2 have been learning a lot about measuring this month. The children have been using lots of different equipment to measure and compare. The children have used scales to measure ingredients to make play dough and balancing scales to compare the mass of objects. They have been learning about temperature and used thermometers to check their predictions of the temperature of different places around our school. The children have also been comparing volume and capacity and learnt how to measure in millilitres and litres.

### Year 3

This month in Maths, Year 3 have been continuing their learning on fractions and started their new unit on mass and capacity. The children have been learning how to count, order and place fractions on a number line. In addition to this, the children have been finding equivalent fractions using number lines and bar models. As part of their unit on mass and capacity, the children have been learning about how to read and use scales, measuring and comparing masses in kilograms and grams, measuring and comparing capacity and volume in millilitres and litres. They have also been exploring addition and subtraction using mass and capacity.

### Year 4

Year 4 have been learning to partition mixed numbers, use number lines with mixed numbers and how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children have been learning to find equivalent fractions using a number line and explored equivalent fraction families to solve problems.

They have started to add fractions, including proper fractions and mixed number fractions.

### Year 5

In Year 5, the children have been continuing to learn about decimals. They have been subtracting decimals within 1, adding decimals crossing the whole and adding and subtracting numbers with the same and different number of decimal places. They have also been sequencing decimals and learning to multiply decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. The children have been using their understanding of this to solve problems and reason to explain and prove their answers.

### Year 6

In Maths, Year 6 have been reading and interpreting pie charts, dual bar charts and line graphs. They have been drawing their own charts and graphs, finding the mean and solving problems using graphs. The children have also begun to explore the properties of circles and learning to measure and draw angles accurately using a protractor.

# Curriculum Spotlight

## English

### Nursery

In Nursery, the children have been learning about the story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad'. They read the story and discussed the different fruits they saw in the book. As a class, the children also wrote a shopping list of the different fruits they would like in a fruit salad.

### Reception

In Reception we have been talking about our favourite books and sharing them with our friends. We talked about and wrote about why they were our favourite books and got to dress as our favourite books characters on World Book Day. We have also recently been learning all about the Easter Story that Christian's believe. We recalled and sequenced the events of the story and made and wrote our own Easter cards for our families.

### Year 1

In Year 1 this month, the children have been exploring different text types in the book 'The Jolly Postman'. They wrote sentences about what happened with Goldilocks and the three bears using the past tense and explored the features of a letter. The children had lots of fun thinking about how characters felt through the use of hot seating.

### Year 2

In March, the children in Year 2 have been studying the story 'One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia' by Miranda Paul. As part of their learning, the children looked at the features of a persuasive letter and persuasive language to express opinions. The children then wrote persuasive letters to Mr Wilson about the need of plastic bag recycling bins in the school.

### Year 3

In Year 3 this month, the children have been learning about the story 'Katie's Picture Show' by James Mayhew. The children acted out and created a plan for the part of the story where Katie entered the painting 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' by Henri Rousseau. The children wrote a narrative including dialogue using their plan.

### Year 4

As part of their English work, the children in Year 4 have been studying the book 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and have been describing the characters from the story using expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors. The children also wrote sentences using varying starters and considered how to edit and improve a descriptive paragraph. The children were then given the opportunity to create a new character using expanded noun phrases and metaphors and used these ideas to help them to write a description on their newly created character.

### Year 5

In March, Year 5 have been learning about the text 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick and have been looking at different modal and imperative verbs and the features of an instructional text. The children then wrote their own instructional text about what to do in the case of a flood using their plans they made.

### Year 6

In Year 6 this month, the children have been studying the story 'Rose Blanche' and have been exploring how to use parenthesis and active and passive voice in their work. The children also learnt about the features of a newspaper report, how to write a catchy headline and an introductory paragraph. Using the plan they created, the children wrote a newspaper article reporting the disappearance of Rose Blanche.

### Reading & Writing Achievements for Spring

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	Eòin
Nursery PM	Annabelle
RB	Esme
RJ	Georgia
1B	Emilia
1L	Maryo
1W	Jonas
2BD	Hugo
2L	Alex
2S	Camilla
3C	Angelo
3J	Dionis
3P	Leo
4C	Gulsum
4GF	Cerise
4NC	Layana
5A	Shay
5C	Amelia
5P	Chara
6G	Faris
6M	Nia
6MB	Marci
Berry	Polat



## **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.

### **March 2025 ATTENDANCE**

Form	%
RB	90.1%
RF	91.8%
RJ	92.1%
1B	92.9%
1L	94.1%
1W	96.4%
2BD	89.9%
2L	95.4%
2S	91.7%
3C	96.7%
3J	95.5%
3P	95.0%
4C	94.4%
4GF	94.5%
4NC	97.3%
5A	95.0%
5C	91.5%
5P	94.6%
6G	95.9%
6M	97.0%
6MB	96.1%

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.**





	April 2025
Friday 4th April	Last day of term early finish at 1.30pm
Monday 7th– Monday 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 22nd April	School re-opens
Thursday 24th April	High 5s Netball tournament at Broomfield Park
Friday 25th April	Year 3 trip to CemEvi
Friday 2nd May	Class 1L Assembly

