



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

*'Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of **high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution**; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, **not chance**, determines your destiny.'*

**Aristotle**

Move forward 2400 years and one of the **great** modern-day thinkers, the venerable **Mr Brassil**, shares this philosophy and applies it to our **learning** at Highfield. This was in evidence only this week when he delivered his own words of **wisdom** to the staff and children:

*'Teaching is not enough. **Pupils** must play an **active** role too. They must **make the most** of the education they are provided with. **Learning is hard**. It requires **serious effort** and almost always includes discomfort and sacrifice. **Enduring and overcoming** this discomfort could be called **grit**.'*

**Brassil, J**

The timing of the message was not accidental. It was a call to our Year 6 children sitting their SATs: time to show some **grit**. And how they did. The **resilience** and **effort** on display reflected a determination to **control** their own **destiny**. Aristotle would have been proud – they left nothing to chance! But more importantly, **we are so proud of them**. Year 6 have shown a **strong work ethic** and ambition which builds the foundations for future Highfielders.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

**Mr Feeley**

### Celebration Assembly

**Congratulations** and a huge well done to the children in Reception and Key Stage One who were recognised for their fantastic effort and attitude this week by making it into the **celebration book**. We are all proud of you for setting such a high standard! The children who we are celebrating this week are:

2H - Daya, Ernie, Jessica, Sarah

2F - Ada, Ameya, Isabelle, Sebastian

1L - Alana, Jac, Haniya, Sophia

1B - Cherisma, Dawud, Maggie, Riley

RG - Aarnav, Amber, Dhanishta, Shloka

RH - Harrison, Julia, Rayann, Robyn

### Eggciting Times!




On Tuesday 10 eggs arrived in Reception. They were looked after carefully in an incubator and watched diligently by the children. By Thursday 9 of the eggs had hatched and the chicks are being well looked after. Next week, they will be held and allowed a bigger space to play in. If anybody would like to give the chicks a new home, please contact the school office before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.



### Latest News

If you want to catch up on the latest news and see pictures from the work going on in school, don't forget you can go to the 'Latest News' section on the home page of the school website. If you click on the links they open up pages of pictures and information for you to enjoy:

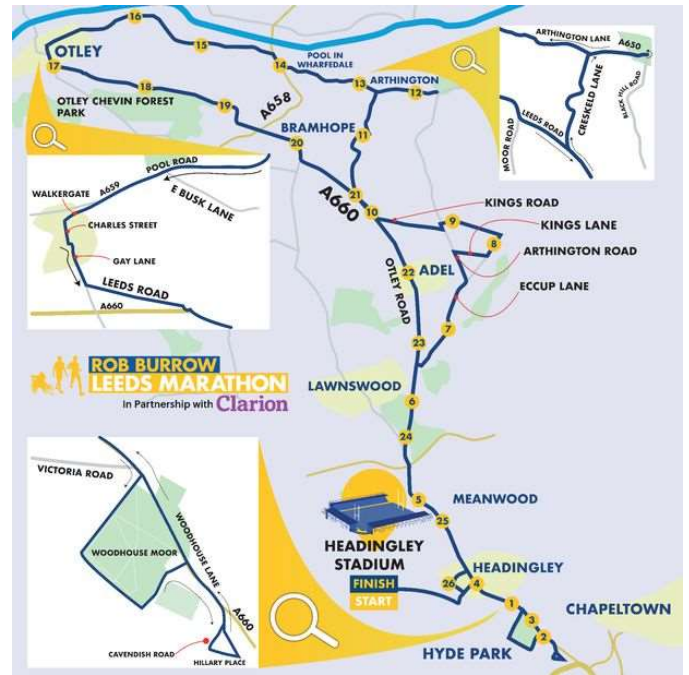
#### Latest News

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 May 8th, 2023  
 You are invited to celebrate with us! Highfield Primary School's Respect, Equality and Diversity Exhibition.
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 May 5th, 2023  
 Headteachers Newsletter 5th May
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 May 5th, 2023  
 The children have had a wonderful Coronation party this afternoon! Balloons, bunting and lots of delicious cakes!

**Safeguarding.** For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs McVeigh, Mrs Bowker and Mrs Calvert. There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents: <http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online>. If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403.

Speaking of endurance and overcoming discomfort...

Mr Brassil certainly practises what he preaches as this weekend he will be running the inaugural Rob Burrow Marathon! Best of luck Mr Brassil, especially on that climb up Pool Bank when you're already 17miles in! And the best of luck to anyone from the Highfield community running this weekend.



### Dates for your Diary!

- **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May:** - KS1 SATs
- **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May:** LUFU PSHE team visiting Y6