



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

After Year 6 last week, it was the turn of our **Year 2** children to work through their reading and maths standard assessment tests this week. The Year 2 children worked in small groups and showed a terrific **determination** to do their very best and enjoy the **challenge**. Mrs Flynn and Miss Harrower were really **proud** of the **effort** and **resilience** they showed. Well done to all our Year 2 children!

In my assembly this coming Monday, I will be talking to children about **responsibility** and to be more specific, being responsible for what we **say** and **type**.

"Before I say a word, I am its master. After I say it, I am its slave"

Solomon Ibn Gabirol

This quote is one I once heard being referenced on Radio 4's Thought For The Day whilst I drove into school. It struck me as being particularly apt in today's society, both in terms of how we interact socially and also online. It is a significant message for all children to think about – words can be very powerful. It is important to think about how we use them because once they are said, they are said forever.

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend.

Mr Feeley

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage Two 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:

3O – Ashita, Joe, Larisa, Lindo

3T - Eli, Isabel, Jenson, Lucy

4FN – Azam, Elodie, Evie, Rory

4O- Aizan, Lara, Mahsan, Toby

5E –Carl, Dominik, Eve, Zayne

5M – Anna, Dhyan, Freddie, Sai

Year 6 – All of Year 6

Parental Input always welcome!

A big thank you to Mr McNeill who contacted school with some information and support regarding a conference he had attended; Yellow Ladybugs Conference 2023. The conference was about supporting autistic girls and gender diverse students in education and he shared with us the details so that we might benefit in school from the learning points. If any parents wish to share their professional or personal experience with us to help keep improving our understanding of any area of child development then please get in touch.



Amazing Amazon Learning for Year 4!

Year 4 were very excited when a Rainforest Explorer visited them in their English lesson. Mr Galbraith has visited the Amazon rainforest many times as he is a professor and undertakes research on how climate change impacts the rainforest. Year 4 were lucky enough to see/feel a real nut shell, natural rubber made from tree sap, a jaw bone, a spear and much more from the rainforest. Thank you so much Mr Galbraith for your time and sharing your amazing experiences with us!



Kind and generous Florence

We are really proud of Florence in Year 1 for the generous gift of her own hair for the Little Princess Trust! Florence selflessly gifted her hair to the charity which provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions. Well done Florence – such a thoughtful gesture!



Highfield Signposting



Welcome to the Highfield Signposting section of the newsletter. Here you will find information which you may find useful to support your children.



Improving children's
mental health

It's mental health awareness week (not specifically for children).

It's perfectly normal to feel anxious from time to time, but sometimes anxiety can get the better of us and start getting in the way of the things we enjoy. Here are some tips on how to cope if you are feeling anxious.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2023/may/6-ways-to-cope-if-youre-feeling-anxious/>

Respect, Equality, Diversity Exhibition
Remember! To celebrate respect, equality and diversity in our school, we are holding an exhibition event on Wednesday 24th May from 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Our doors will be open to our community to share the event with us and celebrate. At the foot of this newsletter is a copy of the poster going up around school to advertise the event.

Dates for your Diary!

- **Wed 24th May:** RED Exhibition day
Y6 Netball tournament
- **Fri 27th May:** KS1 Celebration Assembly
Y6 Netball fixture
Half-term!

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.





You are invited to celebrate with us!

Highfield Primary School's
R.E.D
(Respect, Equality and Diversity)
Exhibition
Wednesday 24th May
2.30–4.30

Come see our wonderful work,
speak to the children and witness
wonderful dancing and music performances
all of which celebrate
our diverse community and our
cohesive, inclusive and respectful
ethos!

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Respect Equality Diversity
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