







Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

This week my Monday assembly was led by two of our Year 6 girls, Amirah and Yasmin. They prepared a series of slides at home about their **Eid celebrations** and what it meant to them. They shared their **knowledge and experiences** with the whole school and were fantastic. They took questions from the audience at the end and **other children who celebrated Eid** also shared their experiences. It was a brilliant start to the week! I have posted some of the slides the girls shared below:

<h3>EID AL-FITR CELEBRATIONS</h3> 	<h3>HOW IS EID CELEBRATED?</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eid is celebrated all around the world by Muslims. • There are parades, festivals and cultural food is made. • Eid is special because you get to see all your family and friends.  	<h3>WHAT IS RAMADAN?</h3> <p>Ramadan is the holy month for Muslims. Muslims are required to fast and must abstain from eating or drinking from dawn till dusk. Each year the fasting times change as it is based according to the lunar calendar. This year we started our fast at about four in the morning and broke it at about eight at night. The last day of Ramadan this year, you broke your fast at eight twenty three, this is due to times changing every day by two to three minutes. Ramadan isn't always on the same month each year.</p> 
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Have a great weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage 2 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:

30: Layla-Grace, Mason, Monro'Skye, Naomi

3T: Elsie, Kyle, Thomas, Eleanor

4FN: Micah, Anay, Millie, Poppy

4O'M: Maryam, Charlie, Tania, Tiana

5E: Arjun, Ronnie, Poppy, Zayne

5M: Theo, Remaya, Dhyan, Imogen

6G: Reshan, Toprak, Isla, Emily

6BH: Thomas, Isaac, Lewis, Amirah

Netballers still topping the table!



The juggernaut that is our netball team, continued their winning ways this week at Manor Wood, winning 8-2. In her unbiased opinion, Miss Elson believes Caleb's goal from the edge of the D was quite incredible. The whole team give their best and like true Highfielders, won with good grace and sportsmanship.

Thank you from Miss Elson



Our marathon star Miss Elson conquered the London Marathon at the weekend! What an achievement! She is still recovering and just about managing the stairs. Miss Elson raised over £3,300 for Macmillan. The kind donations from Highfield staff, parents (past and present!) and from the bake sale and non uniform day raised well over £1,000 of that, which is just amazing! We are all so proud of the commitment and bravery Miss Elson has shown.

Highfield Signposting



<https://www.snapsyorkshire.org/>

SNAP (Special Needs and Parent Support) is a Leeds based charity which supports children with additional needs to participate in fun activities together with their families. Sessions run every Saturday and Sunday between 9:30am and 1:30pm in term time. Activities include hydrotherapy, rebound, football, socialising and play.

To access SNAP services, contact the charity on the link below and complete the online enquiry form <https://www.snapsyorkshire.org/contacts/>



We are pleased to share a new Neurodiversity Hub at <https://www.mindmate.org.uk/nd/>. This is a one-stop site to support all neurodivergent children, young people and their families in Leeds. The online resource information is designed to provide information and support for those with and without formal diagnoses.

A new cricketing star!

A huge congratulations to Amirah in Year 6 who has been selected for the U11's Yorkshire Cricket squad. She had trial winter nets where selection took place. There are now matches ahead against Durham, Derbyshire and our old friends Lancashire. We wish Amirah the best of luck and we are very proud of her!

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 1st May:** Bank Holiday (no school)
- **Tues 2nd May:** NEU Strike Day
- **Weds 3rd May:** Y5 trip
- **Thurs 4th May:** Y6 Netball and football fixture
- **Fri 5th May:** Coronation Party

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.

Proposed Strike Action update for parents

RE: The NEU (National Education Union) planned strike date on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Dear Parents and Carers,

In preparation for the strike day, I would like to state my planned course of action to keep you fully informed. The strike action is a result of a national pay dispute between the NEU and the Government. It is a matter for the NEU and the Government to resolve independently of the school.

The procedure at Highfield will be as follows:

On Tuesday morning, at the earliest opportunity, I will send out a Parentmail to all parents advising them of whether or not their child's class is open or closed. If I can send out the details earlier, I will do so. As things stand, every child's class is open.

Whilst we will do all that we can to minimise disruption, we would advise you to begin considering alternative childcare arrangements, where needed, for the above date should your child's class be closed. I realise that this is not the ideal situation, however the purpose of strike action is to cause disruption in order to highlight their cause hence why I am not entitled to know the intentions of NEU members.

I will keep you updated with developments and the arrangements for the planned strike day as soon as I am able to do so. As soon as I know, you will know. I can assure you of that.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,

Mr Feeley