



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Next week our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs tests. They are just one way in which progress in English and Maths are measured. It is just a snapshot of two areas of learning. SATs do not measure the vast array of talents our children have or define them as people. But to some extent, they do measure attitude, resilience and mindset. Testing these qualities is in itself is a great learning experience and an important step in preparing children for the next stage in their education.

I will not be wishing the Year 6 children good luck. Luck suggests the outcome is dependent upon an external factor beyond their control. It is not. The outcome is within their control. They have worked so hard and deserve this opportunity to show it. My message will be one of encouragement, to enjoy the experience and to meet the challenge with confidence. But ultimately my message will be, how proud I am of them and what a credit to Highfield they are. When you approach a challenge with a positive attitude, a determination to do your best and a commitment to putting in your full effort, it's amazing how lucky you can be!

To all our children, enjoy the Coronation weekend, whatever you chose to do. Relax, enjoy time with your families and have fun.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

Coronation Tea Party

The Friends of Highfield arranged an amazing opportunity for the children to celebrate the Coronation with a tea party today. Thank so much to them and you the parents and carers who supported the event with your donations of buns, cakes and biscuits. Everyone had a fabulous afternoon!



Respect, Equality, Diversity Exhibition

The diversity of the Highfield community is our strength. Our ethos and curriculum reflect this. To celebrate the work our children do we are holding a respect, equality and diversity 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. To help create this poster, Mrs Homan investigated the first languages of all the children at Highfield. She then looked at which countries those languages are spoken in and found the flags for those countries. It is very impressive!

A Big Smile from our Champion Gymnast!



Ollie in Year 3 had a fantastic day at the Pipers Vale Challenge 2023! In the all-round competition he achieved silver in a 53 strong field of gymnasts from across the UK. A wonderful effort.

He also achieved:

- ✓ Bronze on rings
- ✓ Silver on vault
- ✓ Silver parallel bars
- ✓ Gold under 8s high bar champion

Cyber Signposting

We know that the online world evolves at a rapid pace. Keeping up is difficult but we endeavor to do so in the interest of keeping our children safe. This week, Safer Schools (oursaferschools.co.uk) assessed The Pupil Safeguarding Review and found that pupils most commonly feel unsafe whilst using:

- Roblox (15%)
- Snapchat (12%)
- Instagram (7%)
- TikTok (6%)
- Fortnite (4%)

The Safer Schools website has created a guide to help parents understand why children might feel unsafe using these platforms. Talk to your child to discuss if they are accessing them and engaging with the guidance to see how you can establish safer online experiences at home.

Design An armour for the King!

Would your child like to design an armour for King Charles III? The Royal Armouries have launched a competition. Children have until 2nd July to get creative and design a new armour for the King, with three age categories and VIP tickets to the Jousting Tournament in August as a prize for each category. The overall winning design will be put forward to be made into a suit of armour for His Majesty. For more information

visit: <https://royalarmouries.org/stories/design-an-armour-for-the-king-competition/>

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 8th May:** Bank Holiday
- **Tues 9th May:** SATs Week begins
- **Frid 12th May:** Sharing Assembly
KS 1



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 per-
formances all of which celebrate
our diverse community and our
cohesive, inclusive and respectful
ethos!



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.