

Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year to the Highfield community!

I hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break. It was lovely to see everyone back and smiling in our whole school assembly yesterday. I spoke to the children about the different 'classrooms' we have in school; they can be the library, halls, corridors and playgrounds or any space which children use. Therefore we need to think about the expectations we have of ourselves and each other when using them. The children gave some brilliant answers and their behaviour this week has been excellent. When walking around our classrooms I have loved seeing the engagement and eagerness to be back learning.

The Spring Term is a very busy time, so please keep an eye out for your year group newsletter for key days & dates and information on your child's learning.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Marching on Together!

Congratulations to Carl Gibson in Year 5 and Isla Nauth in Year 6 who were the lucky prize draw winners of two tickets to see Leeds United play against West Ham United last night at Elland Road. They both had a terrific evening enjoying the football which finished in a thrilling 2-2 draw. They were in the perfect position for Leeds's equalising goal 20 minutes from time!





Cross Country Stars!



Before the Christmas break, teams from Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the North East Leeds School Games Cross Country Festival 2022 at Roundhay High School. It was a fantastic event with some incredibly tough competition – there were over 100 runners in each race! Both Year 5 teams qualified for the next round and two children from Year 4 – William Magyar and Izzi Thorpe – qualified as individuals (finishing an incredible 4th and 9th respectively!). A wonderful effort from all our runners and a big thank you to Mr Brassil for his organisation.

Smart Watches

Some children may already have or received smart watches for Christmas. They often have video/photo recording facilities on them and links to mobile phones and/or emails. Therefore we ask that they are not brought into school for safeguarding reasons. If you need to discuss this, then please contact Mr Feeley.

Book Look

Don't forget next week, **Tuesday 10th January from 3:30pm-4:00pm** we will open up our classrooms for parents to come in with their children and look at a selection of their work. This is for parents to engage with their children and talk about their work. Staff will be working in their classrooms but please save any questions until parent's evening in March.

Dates for your Diary!

- Mon 09 Jan 2023: Y6 Football fixture Vs Shadwell (a)
- Tues 10 Jan 2023: Book Look. See feature article.
- Tues 17 Jan 2023: Year 2 Skipping Day
 Year 6 Football fixture Vs Thorner (H)
- Fri 03 Feb 2023: Year 2 Railway Trip
 Quiz Night



Leeds United equalize in front of our Highfielders!

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