



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Last week we enjoyed an amazing fit week, some of which you can read about in this newsletter. I have to say, watching the parent races was without doubt a highlight - never have I seen such unashamed cheating as during some of the beanbag races! But seeing the enjoyment from both parents and children was wonderful. The 'buddies' race to close the sports days, where our Year 6 children ran hand-in-hand with their Reception buddy, captured the great spirit in which all the events were held. Thank you to everyone who supported.

Many of the values I adhere to have been learned through my experiences in sport. Respect, honesty, teamwork, learning to win, learning to accept defeat and bounce back. My mother will tell you it took me a long time to learn how to lose with grace (if I ever really did), but these are important values for life. The value of physical activity for both physical and mental wellbeing is highly regarded at Highfield. Activity, whether playing sports, dancing or even gardening, enhance and promote the development of motor skills, bones and muscles, cognitive skills and social skills. But studies have also shown the significant impact upon mental health, improving mood, concentration and reducing the occurrence of anxiety and depression. So enjoy being active, especially during these lovely summer months.

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:

30- Aadya, Charlie, Elena, Jack, Raajveer

3T- Anika, Jadon, Kathi, Miles, Nerea

4FN – Ben, Luca

4O- Adrian, Elijah, Hafsa, Jack

5E – Daisy, Finley, Frankie, William

5M – Ayla, Esther, Molly, Oliver,

6BH – Ben, Emily, Gurjot, Lydia

6G – Gurdaya, Niall, Scarlett, Talia

Inspirational words from an Olympic hero!

To kick off fit week last week, paralympic triple gold medallist Oli Hynd came to Highfield for the day. Oli started by leading a whole school assembly, telling the children all about how he overcame challenges, his sibling rivalry with his Olympian brother, and what it took to win Gold at London 2012 and Rio 2016. He then led a PE session for every class in school, focusing on overcoming obstacles and setting goals. A true inspiration!



Highfield Ultramarathon!

As part of fit week, we held a whole school 'ultramarathon' to raise funds for our fit week charity Martin House. The marathon was started by our former pupil Robert Etherington, who now coaches the Leeds United youth teams. Martin House provide family-led hospice care free of charge for children and young people with life-limiting illnesses.



Skipping to success

Some of our Year 2 children took part in the annual Skipping Festival, led by The Skipping School team. Jodi, the skipping coach, visits the children in school to teach them new skills and techniques in skipping. We then had the opportunity to represent our school at the Skipping Festival at Trinity University. We all did so well and did Highfield proud! Our overall winners were:

- ◆ Meredith Pannell - Double Bounce Bronze
- ◆ Jason - Hop and Swap Silver
- ◆ Oliver - Side Straddle Gold
- ◆ Noah - Side Swing Bronze
- ◆ Nylah - Side Swing Bronze

Endurance legends

Here are Tom, Oliver and Dhyan from year 5 who ran the inflatable obstacle course at Harewood in scorching hot temperatures (26 degrees!) 2 weekends ago. Tom & Oliver ran 2.5km and Dhyan managed 5k (and very much deserved that ice-cream). The boys all did really well in the heat showing incredible stamina and determination. You did Highfield proud boys!



Our own swimming hero!

Adrian in Year 4 has continued his great progress in swimming. He attended the City of Bradford Summer Long Course meet on 10th & 11th June and achieved 2nd place in the 100m breaststroke, 2nd place in the 100m butterfly, 1st place in the 100m backstroke and 3rd place in the 100m freestyle. Keep going Adrian!



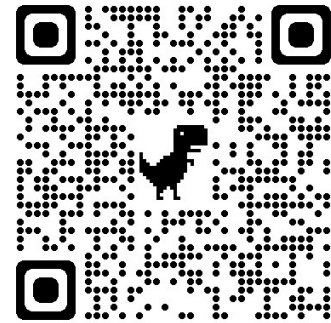
Head Student Award for former Highfielder

We love to hear about our former pupils' achievements and we were so proud to hear that Luke Ashurst had been appointed Head Student at Allerton Grange School. The staff at Highfield were all so proud to hear he had achieved such a prestigious honour. Well done Luke - you'll always be a Highfielder to us!



Physical Geography Photo Competition

With the long school holidays and good weather edging nearer, the Geographical Association has launched its latest photography competition titled 'Moving Earth'. This is a super opportunity to get outside, get talking about our earth, and get snapping! Children at Highfield have a rich geography curriculum, so let them share their knowledge with you about the earth and it's processes. More information and a link to the entry form can be found below using the web address or QR code: <https://geography.org.uk/Physical-geography-student-photo-competition/> Happy Snapping!



Here comes our Highfield bride!

To finish our newsletter this week, we thought we'd share with you the wonderful news that the fabulous Mrs Wragg got married last weekend! Here is our beautiful bride on the big day. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating the happy couple, Mr and Mrs Shelley.



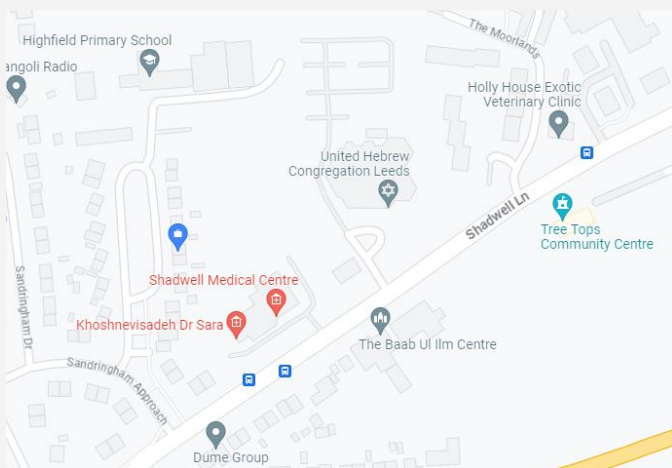
Highfield Park and Stride

We are really pleased to announce that as of this Monday (26th June), the **Tree Tops Community Centre Car Park** will be available for Highfield parents to use for **drop-off and pick-up**. There is a pelican crossing on Shadwell Lane near the entrance to the car park which can be used to allow safe passage across the main road and then in through the school Shadwell Lane entrance.

You will no doubt be aware that there are a high number of parents and children accessing the school through the Sandringham Green gate which does create congestion. It also contributes to the poor air quality that our children breathe and this is something we are very keen to improve.

If possible, we would like parents to consider supporting the **Park and Stride** scheme by using the Tree Tops car park if they need to drive to school. We want to build the best possible environment for our children to grow in.

A huge thank you to Mr Bell for all his time, energy and knowledge with this project, it has been invaluable. If any other parents are interested in helping our initiative to improve the environment around Highfield, please get in touch with Mr Feeley.



Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 26th June:** Allerton Grange transition day (Y6)
- **Tues 27th June:** Allerton Grange transition day (Y6), Leeds Jewish Free School transition day (Y6), Woodhouse Grove transition day (Y6), Y6 Netball finals @ Guiseley
- **Weds 28th June:** Leeds Jewish Free School transition day (Y6)
- **Thurs 29th June:** Abbey Grange transition day, Stay & Play (Rec)
- **Fri 30th June:** Teddy Bears Picnic!
(remember your teddy bear and bottle)

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.