



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

I want to draw your attention to a fantastic new podcast by our very own Mr Brassil called 'Chalk Talk'. Mr Brassil is our pedagogy lead at Highfield; pedagogy being the theory and practice of teaching and learning. Episode 1 is all about memory; understanding memory and its role in children's learning is crucial for educators and parents.

Children have limited working memory capacity. This means they can only hold and process a small amount of information at a time. Teachers need to plan for this in their practice and ensure children are not overloaded in order to facilitate learning. Equally, teachers need to ensure children are challenged and 'thinking hard' in order for them to reach their potential – that is the skill of teaching. Remember that every child is unique and what works best for one may not work for another but fostering a love for learning and curiosity can go a long way in enhancing children's memory.

Pedagogy is constantly evolving as researchers and educators discover new insights into how children learn best. We aim to stay informed about the latest pedagogical evidence to enable us as educators to provide the best possible learning experiences for Highfield children. Mr Brassil leads this and has already been endorsed by some of the most celebrated in this field! Have a listen – 5 minutes of brilliant insight!

<https://highfield-primary.co.uk/parents-carers/news/chalk-talks/>

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Celebration Assembly

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

1B – Ayla, Libby, Hamid, Aarnav

1LW- Rohan, Gurbani, Rayan, Amber

2F – Jac, Isaac, Sophia, Zidan

2H – Lucy, Dawud, Aleena, Louis

Physical Geography Photo Competition

A reminder that the Geographical Association has launched its latest photography competition titled 'Moving Earth'. Children at Highfield have a rich geography curriculum, so let them share their knowledge with you about the earth and its 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!



Design a Banner Competition!

Don't forget the Park and Stride Banner Design Competition! The challenge is to design an eye-catching banner that promotes the benefits of our school Park and Stride scheme. This eco-friendly initiative encourages families to park their vehicles at the Tree Tops site and walk the remaining distance to Highfield. The winning design will be printed onto a huge banner to be posted on Shadwell Lane! Deadline: 6th October. Format: any!

Dates for your Diary!

- **Monday 25th Sept:** Year 2 Curriculum Meeting for parents
- **Tuesday 26th Sept:** Year 6 Curriculum Meeting for parents
- **Thursday 28th Sept:** Year 3 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Highfield Signposting



We would like you to share with your young people information about an NHS service called Chat Health. Chat Health offers support on a range of issues such as sexual health, emotional health and wellbeing such as exam anxiety or self-harming, family dynamics such as parental separation, bullying, healthy eating and general health.

This is a universal service provided by Leeds Community Healthcare NHS trust, available to all. Available Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm, excluding bank holidays.

The Chat Health number is 07520619750.

(Messages are responded to within one working day within working hours. Outside these hours, anyone sending a message to the service will receive an automated reply with advice on where to get help if their enquiry is urgent).

You can find out more information surrounding Chat Health here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erKCqyd_9O8

<https://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services-a-z/0-19-health-and-wellbeing/chathealth/>

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.leedspsc.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.