



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Conference party season. Possibly not the highlight of your week but as a Headteacher, I listen intently trying to get an idea of what the future of education might look like through different political eyes. In the here and now, what does the **immediate future of Highfield** look like? Let's take the next two weeks.

Curriculum. The heart of our offer. We want our children to enjoy a broad, challenging curriculum which gives them the opportunity to learn and thrive. On Monday the **Young Shakespeare Company** will be working with Year 6 to perform the story of The Scottish Play, our Year 1 children will be baking and on Friday Year 2 will be getting a visit from **Florence Nightingale!** In between all that there will, of course, be parents' evenings. The following week is '**Arts Week**'. Live musicians and artists will be working across the whole school and there is a trip to the **Gurdwara** for Year 4. If you want to read our curriculum statement in full, find the 'Highfield Curriculum Overview' button on our 'Subjects' page of the website.

From a **leadership** point of view, we seek external scrutiny and support to quality assure and constantly improve our school. In the next fortnight, we will be having a full review of our **history curriculum** led by an advisor from the local authority. We also have a **SEND Curriculum Review** which will involve advisors from primary and secondary settings looking at our curriculum through the eyes of pupils with special educational needs. It is a case study which will hopefully give us even greater insight into our teaching and learning from the perspective of our SEND pupils. I cannot imagine a more engaging and valuable exercise. I look forward to sharing the findings in the future.

Not a bad two-week manifesto! **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 – Aaron, Toby, Dhanishta, Arthur

1LW- Rayan, Goran, Harrison, Summer, Jocelyn

2F – Theo, Haruto, Saanvi, Mabel

2H – Jude, J J, Grace, Diana

Mr Brassil's latest brilliant podcast!



Subitising. What is it and why is it important? 5 minutes of education gold from our pedagogy and maths lead Mr Brassil. Watch out for the cheeky remark about the Yorkshire accent! Find it here:

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

Playing with the Red Devils!

Ernie in Year 3 has been enjoying playing training matches at Manchester United's academy! After recent games with Leeds United he had an opportunity to experience playing over the Pennines with the Premier League side. We hope you enjoyed it Ernie!



Highfield Community Iftar

Ramadan is the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. It not only means fasting during daylight hours but also encourages us to give to charity, show patience, kindness and community. All Values at the core of Highfield. Mrs Dogan, a Year 3 parent, has had the wonderful idea of breaking the fast together as a school community in a spirit of unity and gratitude. During Ramadan, our Muslim pupils will also share their faith with the school and promote inclusivity. If you would like to be a part of this special event, and if possible help Mrs Dogan then please reach out to either school or Mrs Dogan directly. Everyone is most welcome!

School Dinner Rise

Unfortunately the cost of school dinners rose considerably over the summer holidays. Because it was over the summer, school stood the cost of the rise but unfortunately it is unsustainable moving forward. The cost of meals will therefore rise to £2.55 per day after the half-term break. A Parentmail will be going out with further details. Please contact the office with any queries. If you are concerned about the rise and wish to discuss the matter in confidence, please contact Mr Feeley.

Dates for your Diary!

- **Monday 16th Oct:** Year 6 Shakespeare Day, football match V Shadwell (H)
- **Tuesday 17th Oct:** Individual School Photos
- **Wednesday 18th Oct:** Parents Evening
- **Thursday 19th Oct:** Parents Evening
- **Friday 20th Oct:** Year 2 Florence Nightingale workshop

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.



The first ever RED Award winner!

This week Mrs Homan, our curriculum and Equalities Lead, and Mr Feeley attended a presentation at Harrogate Grammar School where we were the first school to be achieve the Respect, Equality and Diversity Award. Mr Richard Sheriff, the CEO of the RED Kite Learning Trust, presented Mrs Homan with our plaque and certificate of accreditation. This was a whole community effort so we want to say thank you to everyone. Respect, Equality and Diversity is one of our four key curriculum drivers at Highfield. It threads through our whole curriculum, promoting these values and others such as the protected characteristics and British Values. If you would like to learn more about this, please reach out to school.



Please see below a message from the PTA

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS AN OCCASION TO RECOGNISE AND CELEBRATE THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN PEOPLE TO BRITISH SOCIETY.

AS OCTOBER MARKS THE CELEBRATIONS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, WE ARE INVITING YOU TO CONTRIBUTE IN ENGAGING OUR CHILDREN IN A PERSONALISED CELEBRATION OF THE RICH HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY IN OUR SOCIETY

WE ARE INVITING YOU TO CREATE SHORT SNAZZY VIDEOS CELEBRATING AND SHARING THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK HISTORY TO YOU AS FAMILIES. CREATIVITY AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IS ENCOURAGED.

THE CLIPS WILL BE DISPLAYED TO THE CHILDREN DURING ASSEMBLIES AS WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY.

PLEASE EMAIL THE VIDEOS (OR ANY QUESTIONS) TO
admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk

WE VALUE ALL YOUR PARTICIPATION AS THE PARENTS OF OUR HIGHFIELD COMMUNITY AND LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING YOUR VIDEOS WITH THE CHILDREN.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF THE DIVERSE AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN CULTURES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Highfield Signposting:

SEND NAVIGATORS

How can we help you?

The SEND Navigation Service is the first point of contact for parents and carers who are not sure who they need to support them, where to go for help or just want to ask a question about SEND support in Leeds. We support those who have children aged 4-11 with neurodiverse needs who do not currently have an Education Health Care Plan.

What can you expect from us?

- A member of our team to listen to your query or concern
- Signposting to the relevant professional or service
- Clear information about the provision in Leeds for children with neurodiverse needs
- Help understanding and navigating the local offer

How do I contact the team?

Call us:

0113 827 5524 (dial extension 1105)

Email us:

sendnavigators@westsilc.org

