



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Arts week has been wonderful. A carnival to celebrate Black History Month, Bhangra dancing and whole school art projects were just some of the activities the children have enjoyed. Visual arts, performing arts and literary arts have all been experienced throughout the week and it has been a fantastic way to finish our half-term. Please ask your children about what they have enjoyed when they come home.



Finally, thank you to the whole school community for what has been an action-packed 1<sup>st</sup> half term to the 2023-24 school year. Children, staff, parents, carers and volunteers all contribute to make Highfield such a great place for our pupils to grow, learn and achieve. **Thank you** for your support and have a great break.

**Mr Feeley**

## News & Updates

### Fruity Friday Legends!

We all owe a massive thank you to amazing 'Fruity Friday' team who have given up hours of their time to ensure our children can access healthy snacks on a Friday break time. The proceeds of their hard work go to help school fund all the enrichment activities such as trips out and workshops. A wonderful example of this is Florence Nightingale visiting Year 2 last week (seen here bandaging up one of our pupils!). The team have raised over £300 this half-term which is invaluable.



### Snooker Loopy



Dominykas in year 6 has been rising up the snooker rankings for his age group after some fantastic recent performances. He has a top break of 39! Keep going Dominykas, hopefully we'll see you at The Crucible soon!

### Ollie and Jack in the medals!



Brothers Ollie and Jack have been enjoying success in gymnastics. On Sunday Jack competed in Leeds Gymnastic Advanced competition winning gold on floor, vault, all-round and pommel. Ollie was the under 8 Elite grade 1 Champion at the Nottingham Open Championships (National), winning gold on the pommel, all-round, parallel bars, high bar and silver on the floor, rings, and vault. Future Highfield Olympians for sure!

### Fairwell and Thank You Mrs McVeigh

After 22 years at Highfield, we would like to share the news that that Mrs McVeigh will be moving on to pastures new. Our current Assistant Headteacher and SENCo has also held many other posts at Highfield, including Deputy Head. We are very grateful for her immense contribution to our school, the impact she has had on many children's lives and wish her luck in her new role.

### Volunteers and Helpers – Thank You!

Arts week has highlighted just how effective the whole community working together can be. Selin Candan and Katy Bavill have helped every child in school contribute to two collages which will go on display in our school hall representing our respect, equality and diversity work, Tye Magaya organised for the wonderful Yorkshire Entertainment to come in and start a carnival, our PTA have helped to organise numerous events including our pumpkin parties next half-term and trips couldn't go ahead without parent volunteers. There will be numerous others that we haven't mentioned but thank you to everyone for your contributions, we appreciate it.



**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.

Highfield Signposting



the national sleep helpline

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

**WE CAN HELP**

**03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



**50%**

**Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\***

**WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?**

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

**HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?**

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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**Dates for your Diary!**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year 6 Bikeability begins
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Open Morning for prospective parents, NHS Flu immunisation team in school, pumpkin parties
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Tennis Club