



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Pudsey Bear Message

Thank to all the children who entered our Children In Need 'Unusual Pudsey Bear Picture Competition'. There were so many entries and they were all fabulous! Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported this. We will be having a special assembly to celebrate them all this afternoon. I have posted the class winners, who all received a special Pudsey Bear pin badge. They are below for you to enjoy.

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend.

Mr Feeley





### Saving the Planet via a Search Engine?

At this week's school council meeting, the children raised the idea of using the Ecosia search engine instead of Google. Why? Because Ecosia are a charity who plant a tree for every 50 searches on their website! We are hopefully going to transfer our search engine in school to Ecosia to help the planet. A small move that could make a big difference. Find it here:

<https://www.ecosia.org/?c=en>

The School Council have chosen to focus on raising awareness of the environment this year and are supporting and working with Alwoodley Action 2030. We are really excited about developing our partnership with them.

### Harmony & Diversity Breakfast

Don't forget that next Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup>) is the first of our Harmony & Diversity Breakfasts. Tea and coffee will be provided but you may also wish to bring along something to share. It will run from 9-10am in the small hall. Everyone in the community is welcome; just turn up and enjoy an hour of relaxing with a drink and few nibbles!

### The Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commission has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next general election the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers. This is to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December. If you would like to take part, go to:

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)

### Young Heart Heroes!



A huge well done to Caitlin, Ben and Daniel who have won 'Young Heart Hero' awards by the British Heart Foundation. They took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the charity; 874miles over 9 months, the distance of Land's End to John O'Groats! The BHF Heart Hero Awards is a way of thanking those who, through their support, are helping to make a difference towards fulfilling the charity's vision of a world free of heart and circulatory diseases. Young Heart Hero category celebrates all our young advocates, fundraisers, and heart patients aged 18 and under.

Our heroes will be attending a special awards ceremony in London and hopefully meet a few celebrities! Caitlin, Ben and Daniel, we are really proud of you!



## Highfield Signposting



If you would like to develop your child's typing skills, try BBC Bitesize - Computer Dance Mat Typing for 7-11 year olds. Learning to use the keys correctly can aid muscle memory when learning spellings by consolidating the specific motor task of the spelling pattern on the keyboard into memory through repetition. Find it here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr#zn9s3qt>

### Dates for your Diary!

- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Leeds United Workshop in School
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** KS1 French Club
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** Harmony & Diversity Breakfast (9-10am), Drama Club, Y6 football fixture (a)
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Cross Country Finals, Tennis Club

**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.



# Harmony & Diversity Breakfast

*As part of our RED agenda, Highfield aims to foster positive attitudes and relationships and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging throughout the whole community. We believe in the importance of building a strong, integrated community where individuals from different backgrounds live, work, and interact harmoniously. This in turn involves promoting shared values and a sense of belonging among members and ensuring that everyone, regardless of their backgrounds, have opportunities for social inclusion and participation in community life.*

We would like to invite you to our **Harmony and Diversity Breakfasts** where you can meet, chat and get to know each other in a friendly and informal setting.

Tea and coffee will be provided, but it would be great if you could bring along a breakfast nibble or two. This could be a traditional dish from your culture or country or a quick and simple purchase from the supermarket.

This is a great occasion for you to meet other parents/carers, all with the common connection of Highfield.

Running from 9 – 10am, the breakfasts will take place in the small hall at Highfield.

See below for dates. No need to book, just come along, it will be great to see you!

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024
  - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024
  - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

