



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message – Assessment, Feedback and Marking

The essence of effective teaching can be considered a three part process:

- establishing **where** learners are in their **progress**
- **tailoring** teaching to the needs of **individual** learners
- providing **immediate feedback** to guide action

This year our **school development plan** ([see here](#)) has focused on exactly this; how we can assess our learners more effectively so that we understand their needs. Then we can feedback to them **in the moment** the learning is taking place-the most powerful form of feedback. For this reason we are moving away from a predominantly written marking model to one which better moves the learning forward and is a more efficient use of the teacher's time. There is still a place for written feedback and children must know their work is valued; it is for the professional in the classroom to make the judgement as to when and how this is given. If you would like to read the rationale behind this and how assessment and feedback might look in the classroom, please see our [Assessment, Feedback and Marking Policy](#) on the school website. Please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher if you would like further details.

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 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:

3FM - Emma, Luna, Seb, Yuvraj
 3T - Leo, Lottie, Nylah, Zain
 4O - Charlie, Jasmine, Lindo, Monro
 4O'M - Henry, Isabel, Jiwan, Karyn
 5E - Azam, Karby, Madinah, Millie
 5L - Aizan, Lara, Maryam, Omika
 6BH - Finley, Max, Shay, Teghy
 6G - Arjun, Meleck, Simran, Theo

Birdfeeders into Action

Our School Council made birdfeeders which have already started attracting different bird species to our school grounds this week. A coal tit, a black bird, and a few blue tits were seen in the Magic Garden alone. The Council kept a tally of all those they saw and took a few snaps. Hopefully our food will help the birds through the winter!

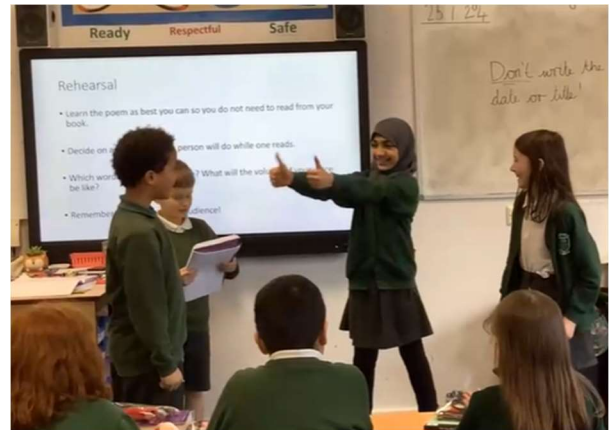


Harmony & Diversity Breakfast next week

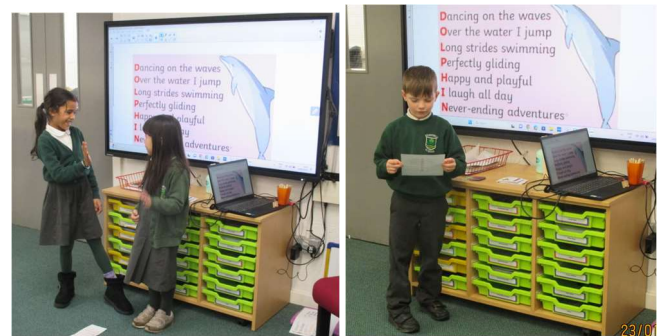


Just a reminder that it is the second of our Harmony and Diversity breakfasts next week. It would be great to see you there and if you can bring a breakfast snack or two even better! It is on Thursday 1st February running from 9-10am.

There was an old man with a beard...



There has been some wonderful poetry recital going on across Highfield this week! Year 4 have been learning about limericks and Year 2 looking at acrostic poetry. Here are a few photos of the performances in action.



SEND Coffee Morning

Just a reminder that on Tuesday next week Mrs Dalglish will be hosting our first coffee morning for parents who would like to discuss special education needs at Highfield. All parents are welcome to come along and learn more about SEND or even just to meet other parents and chat. If you ever have any questions regarding special educational needs, Mrs Dalglish can be contacted through the school office on 0113 2930155 or emailing senco@highfield.leeds.sch.uk.

Safeguarding. For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, 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.

Swimming Star!



Jessica enjoyed a fantastic swimming gala last weekend, competing in the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, front crawl and combined medley for her club Scot Hall. She won silver in the medley and breaststroke, and took bronze in the backstroke. Jessica was rightly very proud of her achievements and we are proud of her too!

Dates for your Diary!

- **Tuesday 30th January:** SEND Parents Coffee Morning (9am), Teaching and Learning Pupil Support Governor Committee, Y5 Architects Workshop (bridges)
- **Thursday 1st February:** Y6 Architects Workshop (sculpture), Harmony & Diversity breakfast (9am), 1B trip
- **Friday 2nd February:** 1L trip, Y2 trip

Highfield Signposting: Community Events:



Healthy Eating Resources & Advice

[British Heart Foundation](#)

Advice on keeping healthy and eating a balanced diet for heart health.

[Change4life](#)

Fun and family friendly information for eating well and keeping active. Tips, ideas, recipes and games to help keep kids and adults happy and healthy. Parents and pupils can also download the free app and food scanner to find out what's really in food and drinks.

[Food a Fact of Life](#)

Lessons and curriculum resources that parents can use at home to help educate their children about healthy eating, cooking and where food comes from.

[NHS Choices Eatwell](#)

Information and advice on food, nutrition and the Eatwell Guide. This website also provides advice on digestive health and recipes ideas.

[The Trussle Trust](#)

A nationwide network of food banks that together provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.