



Governor's Newsletter



Dear Highfielders,

We are coming to the end of what has been a big year for Highfield. Mr Feeley has had an action packed first year in charge.

Looking at the highlights of the year I think shows the amazing range of things that the children can experience. We have had brilliant visitors to the school:

- Florence Nightingale (Y2),
- Air Ambulance Dr (Dr Paul – Y1),
- Bikeability (Y6),
- Toys Workshop (Y1),
- First Aid course for all Year 4 children,
- Leeds United Foundation Keeping safe workshop (Y6),
- WW2 workshop (Y5),
- Oliver theatre trip (Y6),
- Dodgeball tournament (Y3 &6),
- Football (Y6), Victorians trip to Armley Mills (Y3),
- World Kindness Day speaker from Herd Farm,
- Alwoodley Climate Action meeting the School Council

Arts week was an amazing success. Bollywood dancers taught every year group. We had DJs from the Leeds Carnival playing for the children and brilliant artists creating two whole school montages which link to the amazing success of winning the RED award- the first school in the country to do so which has led to Mrs Homan and Mr Feeley speaking at a conference at Elland Road. Can I also encourage parents and friends to come to the RED Award Harmony and Diversity Breakfasts in 2024.

I can't not mention the Year 4 residential to Robin Hoods Bay.

We have had splendid productions: Reception, Year 2 (personal favourite) & Year 5 Christmas productions, the Robin Hood's Bay production and some wonderful class assemblies in Years 1 and 2. This week we had the carol service at church and the Reverend Sharon visited school for a KS1 carol service with our orchestra and choir performing at both.



2023 ends with departures. I'd like to thank Mrs McVeigh and Mrs Schuster for their amazing contributions over many years; they will be very much missed. We wish them all the best.

On a happier note we are excited to welcome our new staff member Mrs Dalglish who will be the S.E.N. Co-ordinator. She is a fantastic professional and we are delighted to have her.

I am also delighted to welcome Dan Bell as a new parent governor. Thank you to everyone who voted and to all the candidates. It was brilliant to see so much interest. I am really looking forward to working with Dan. Can I take this opportunity to mention the Park and Stride Scheme- please use it if you can. Can I also ask parents to park considerately. I know it's busy at times but please respect the single yellow lines on the Belvederes and don't stop on- or opposite- the chevrons on Sandringham Green. We continue to have issues with people parking on the grass and damaging the grass verges.

One final request for help please is to ask everyone to continue to contribute to the Friends of Highfield. The school will need that assistance more and more in coming years and at the moment too much of the work is done by too few people (thanks guys!).

Merry Christmas to you all,

Oliver Thorne

Chair of Governors.