



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Over the Spring Term our subject leaders have been visiting lessons, speaking to children and looking through their work. This triangulation process is how we collect evidence about our pupils' learning and helps us understand what we are doing well and how we can improve. We have enjoyed seeing formative assessment strategies employed consistently across all subjects and, most pleasingly, the articulation of their learning by our children. Oracy is the second target on our school development plan (<https://highfield-primary.co.uk/our-school/school-improvement-plan/>) not only for academic reasons, but also because having the skills and confidence to speak up and believe in yourself has been shown to enhance our sense of happiness and well-being. Communicating effectively is a key skill for life.

Further in this newsletter I have posted some pictures of clubs from Thursday. We have now added 'Young Engineers' to our ever growing list to promote the development of STEM subjects in our enrichment programme. There were no fewer than 6 different clubs that took place on Thursday and it was terrific to see the children so enthusiastic and enjoying those opportunities. Please enquire at the office if you would like further information about what we offer or see: <https://highfield-primary.co.uk/parents-carers/clubs/>

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:

6G - Amy, Carl, Laasya, Ronnie

6BH - Avani, Balraj, Molly, Theo

5L - Archie, Elijah, Jack, Louie

5E - Ben, Elena, Khadejah, Myra

4O - Afiya, Aryan, Raajveer, Seth,

4OM - Eleanor, Jack, Kathi, Sehj

3T - Charlotte, Dilraj, Ernie, Selena

3FM - Noah, Sai, Quentin

Our fantastic football team!



This week, we visited Shadwell Primary School for our return league fixture. This was the first time this team had played together and they did us proud! We saw effort, support for each other, pride, passion and belief. A 3-0 defeat might not be the result we wanted, but our qualities as individuals and as a team were on show to the full. We're proud of you!

Join a Spectrum Colour Walk for Autism?

As a part of the upcoming World Autism Acceptance Week The National Autistic Society are holding a Spectrum Colour Walk on Saturday 6th April. It is being held at Temple Newsam and involves a 5km walk for all ages and abilities. Each participant will receive a medal and raise money as well as having fun! If you would like to know more then visit the website at: <https://waaw.autism.org.uk/colour-walk>



Year 5 enjoy a trip to Nell Bank

Despite the torrential rain, Year 5 had a wonderful trip to Nell Bank this week. They enjoyed scientific and geographical activities to support their topics in school. Below you can see some pond dipping; pond dipping allows our children to get hands-on experience with nature and learn about different species within an ecosystem. They may have been wet, but they came back with big smiles on faces! Thank you to the Year 5 staff for organising the excursion. Thank you also to the parent volunteers who came to assist on the trip, it couldn't take place without you.



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

Thursday's Clubs:



Choir with Mrs Hollick



Computer Club



Art Club



Young Engineers



Gymnastics

SEND Coffee Morning



Alwoodley Climate Action wanted to let you know that they've just launched an initiative called 100 Nature-Friendly Gardens Club. The aim is to get 100 households to commit to taking one nature-positive action in their gardens each season. They'll earn a certificate for doing so. The members will receive a bundle each season with supplies advice to take action. If you would like more information, please visit: <https://www.alwoodley2030.org/100-nature-friendly-gardens>

YOU ARE INVITED TO

ALDERBROOK CARE HOME OPEN DAY

Take a tour of our home, meet the team and chat with our lovely residents



APRIL

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**10.00AM
TO 2.00PM**

**REFRESHMENTS,
STALLS,
RAFFLES &
MUCH MORE!**

**DONISTHORPE HALL,
SHADWELL LN. MOORTOWN,
LEEDS. LS17 6AW**



ACTIVITIES@ALDERBROOKCAREHOME.CO.UK

Highfield Signposting: Community Events:



LEEDS PCF

P A R E N T C A R E R F O R U M

Leeds Parent Carer Forum is almost one year old! To mark the occasion, they are holding an event open to parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

When: Friday 8th March 2024. 10am – 2pm

Where: Headingley Stadium, St Michael's Lane, Leeds, LS6 3BR.

For more information visit:

<https://www.leedsparentcarerforum.co.uk/>

Plan ahead:

- **Weds 28th Feb:** 3FM Sharing Assembly
- **Fri 23rd Feb:** KS1 Celebration Assembly




To us, it's personal



BE AN EASTER BUNNY

Do you want to help us
brighten an older
person's day and become
an easter bunny?



Working alongside the charity, Home Instead, Highfield children have been asked to create some beautiful and cheery Easter cards, which will be delivered to elderly people who live in our community. This is a lovely opportunity for us to help, potentially lonely and isolated, elderly people smile.

If you would like to get involved Please can you bring in your Easter card by **Thursday 7th March.**

