



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message:

This week we had a visit from Ofsted...

We work in partnership with the Red Kite Trust to deliver teacher training for trainees and early career teachers. This week Ofsted conducted a 4-day inspection of the Red Kite Teacher Training programme and as a part of that we volunteered to be inspected. The wonderful Miss Thackrah mentors our trainees and ECTs and on Wednesday an inspector visited Highfield to examine how we support them and quality assure the development of the next generation of teachers. It was good for staff to meet the inspector and put a face to the organisation and learn about the inspection process. I am really grateful to Miss Thackrah, the children and our staff who were all fantastic and I was very proud to be the Headteacher of Highfield. I shall look forward to sharing the report when it is published in due course.

Believe it or not, this half-term was only 5 weeks long! But we have achieved so much and our children continued to develop and grow not just academically, but personally, showing a strong understanding of responsibility towards the world community. The future is in their hands.

Thank you for your support and have a great half-term.

Mr Feeley

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage One 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:

RH - Eddie, Eden, Hareem, Maiya

RGS - Annie, Johanna, Kiyaan, Ollie

1B - Alejandro, Amara, Lilyanne, Lucy

1L - Goran, Lucas, Oscar, Rose, Simran

2F - Emilia, Lucas, Noah, Selena

2H - Diana, Riley, Rose, Thomas

Chalk Talk

Mr Brassil's latest instalment of educational wisdom is now available in the News section of the website. This time, Mr Brassil takes a closer look at one of the four key drivers of the Highfield Curriculum: Reading. In this episode he discusses reading aloud to children, reading for pleasure, vocabulary acquisition, development of comprehension skills and how it leads to progress in other areas of school including maths. 5 minutes of education gold.

Watch Us Learn



Thank you to all the parents who managed to support our 'Watch Us Learn' event on Tuesday. We appreciate it is difficult to take time out of your working day to be in school but the children really enjoy being able to share their learning with you. Thank you also if you managed to feed back.

Fruity Friday Supporting School

A massive thank you to the Fruity Friday team for donating £300 to school this half-term. This money makes a big difference to our children. They give up their time to provide healthy snacks and are a valuable part of our school team. If you are interested in joining them, then please get in touch with the school office as we are always looking for more volunteers.

THEY'VE GOT A GOLDEN TICKET!

Verity, Reid and Larisa have been attending the after-school basketball club provided by **City of Leeds Basketball Club** this term.

They have been awarded a **golden ticket**, allowing them to attend 15 free sessions at the City of Leeds Basketball club on Saturdays and Sundays.

The tickets have been awarded for displaying excellent behaviour and skills in the sessions at school.

What wonderful ambassadors for our school!

All participants in the sessions at school have been given a free training session at the club too!

We're proud of you all!



Highfield Signposting

If you visit our fabulous newsfeed on the school website (<https://highfield-primary.co.uk/parents-carers/news/>), there are a range of different activities taking place over the half-term holidays that you may be interested in. From synchronised swimming to gardening, there is a great deal to try.

Plan ahead:

- **Mon 19th Feb:** Spring Term 2 begins
- **Tues 20th Feb:** Year 6 football match
- **Weds 21st Feb:** Year 5 trip
- **Thurs 22nd Feb:** Cross-country final, Young Engineers Club (Year 2)
- **Fri 23rd Feb:** The Friends of Highfield Quiz night!

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Red Kite Teacher Training Parkrun Takeover

Saturday 10th February, 8:45am to 9:45am



Join us for the Red Kite Teacher Training Parkrun Takeover, a fun-filled in-person event for the whole community.

Taking place at **Woodhouse Moor Parkrun** at 9am on Saturday 10th February. Whether you prefer running, jogging, walking, or simply cheering from the sidelines, your presence will make this community event truly special.

As a token of our appreciation for your support, we have a delightful surprise – special edition Red Kite Teacher Training Big Bobble Hats! Be among the first 150 to register and make sure to claim yours on the day of the event.

LOG ON AND REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.redkiteteachertraining.co.uk/red-kite-teacher-training-parkrun-takeover/>

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.