



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Schools are where we go to learn. But they have evolved into so much more. Schools are now multifaceted institutions that serve a variety of roles beyond just providing academic education: social development, emotional and mental health support, physical health, cultural and diversity education, community engagement, life skills, preparing for citizenship... This list could go on and on! These various facets of school work together to create a holistic educational experience that supports Highfield pupils' academic, social, emotional and personal development.

But, as someone pointed out to me this week, understanding schools can be a confusing experience! For new parents who are navigating the complexities of the National Curriculum, assessment, educational jargon, apps, support services, policies and procedures this can be especially confusing. By the time you have it all worked out your child has moved to high school. If you ever have any questions or would like to discuss any matter of your child's education, please reach out. My door is always open and our staff are here to help. There is no such thing as a bad question!

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 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:

RGS - Anabel, Arlo, Francesca, Rudy

RH - Elis, George, Jay, Pragnitha

1B - Anahita, Dolsie, Nethiran, Seb

1LW - Aria, Benjamin, Joshua, Kailash, Lucas, Rayann

2H - Ariya, Florence, Harrison, Sophia, Truly

2F - Daniel, Elspeth, Haniya, Joseph, Samantha

Harmony In Diversity Breakfast

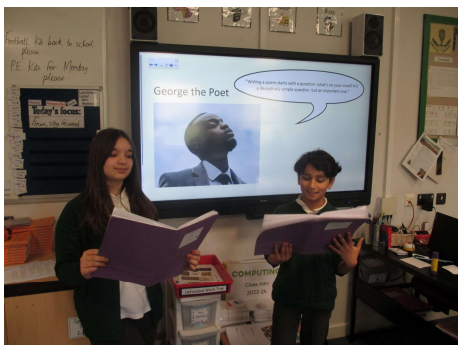


Thursday 7th March (next week) is our next Harmony in Diversity breakfast in the small hall. If you have time, it would be lovely to see you for a coffee and a chat. Even better if you bring a snack to share!

World Book Day

Next week marks World Book Day. It was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries around the globe to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

This year is slightly different in that we haven't asked children to dress up. Whilst fun for many, dressing up can actually be a source of stress and anxiety for some. There are children who need routine to find confidence and acceptance and being out of uniform can present a significant challenge. For some children who are neurodiverse, it can be an isolating experience. Although the children who don't enjoy dressing up are in the minority at Highfield, this year World Book Day will be more inclusive for them. We will still be taking part in different fun events and celebrating our love of books, poems and stories together. We will even be buddying up across year groups to enjoy reading as whole school!



Year 6 learning about George the Poet

Dinner Choices Information

The catering company are introducing new software called SchoolGrid for the ordering and payment of your child's school meals. This will allow greater flexibility with dinner choices. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Highfield Signposting: Community Events



The concept of influencers is hardly a new one. Through newspaper columns and TV spots, we've long been accustomed to hearing informed opinion from, say, Martin Lewis on money, Nigella Lawson on food or Mark Kermode on cinema. How the digital revolution has changed the game however is by providing a plethora of platforms from which literally anyone can have their say.

Online, you'll find hordes of people holding forth on any number of topics: gaming, beauty, travel, fashion, fitness ... virtually anything you can think of. What qualifies them as 'experts', however? Is it safe for young people to consume the oceans of content that they generate? Take a look at the NSPCC guide to influencers to understand more, including top tips for supporting your child: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>

Dates for your Diary!

- **Monday 4th March:** Year 6 football @ St Pauls (a)
- **Thursday 7th March:** World Book Day
- **Friday 8th March:** St Gemma's Hospice visiting Highfield



EASTER CAMP

Let's Build Together!

Let's turn play time into learning time this Easter break!

Every day we will build 3 exciting models and learn the science behind how they work. We will have a blast conducting experiments and other scientific activities! Open to all children ages 6-11!

Limited Places... sign up now

Dates: April 9th and 10th
Hours: 9 am - 3 pm
Location: Wigton Moor URC Church
Price: £45 per day



Book Now!



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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.

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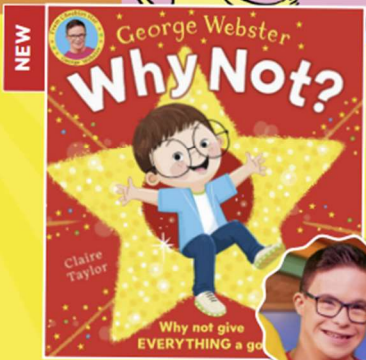


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Harmony & Diversity Breakfast

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 – pre school children welcome.

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

- Thursday 23rd November 2023
- Thursday 1st February 2024
- Thursday 7th March 2024 – NEW DATE!
 - Thursday 9th May 2024
 - 4th July 2024

