



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely break and a belated Eid Mubarak to our Muslim community who celebrated Eid al-Fitr to mark the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

The summer term conjures up images of playing on the school field in the sun, end of year productions and, of course, school reports! It is also the point in the year where the foundations for transition ready for September really begin. For many children, especially those moving up to secondary school, the summer term is crucial for preparing them emotionally, socially and academically for this transition. We use this time to provide support, guidance and orientation activities to ease the process. We are currently planning to make this process smoother by arranging more opportunities for children to engage with their next class teacher and also informing them earlier so they can prepare. Highfield is also preparing to welcome the next Reception cohort! Our new families will be with us for a wonderful 7 year journey but will be Highfielders for life!

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 2 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 we are celebrating this week are:

3FM - Ellie, Huzaifah, Siona, Thea

3T - Albie, Airika, Elliot, Vaidehi

4O- Bernice, Elena, Larissa, Sid

4O'M- Anika, Hasnain, Miles, Sam

5E - Amika, Arshmaan, Ester, Poppy

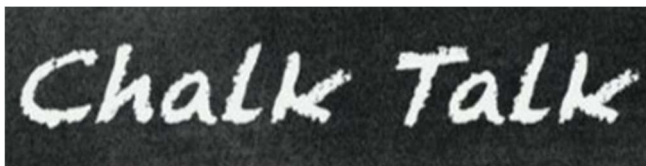
5L -Ellis, Padra, Toby, William

6BH -Ashaz, Lucy, Sejal, Tom

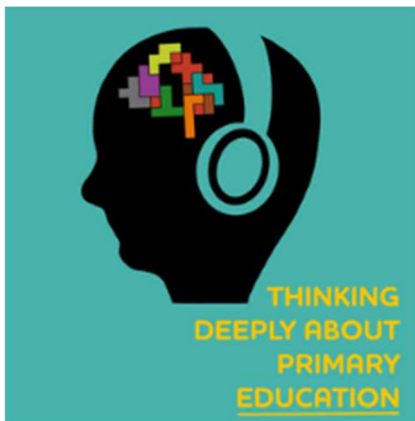
6G - Jasmine, Sofia, Theo, Zayne

## Highfield Inclusion News

Mrs Dalgliesh's Summer Term Inclusion Newsletter is now available on the school website [here](#). It includes lots of useful information, websites and the latest news. It also includes details of individual plans for our SEND learners at Highfield. In particular, we would draw your attention to the last section which covers current issues across the country and how we are meeting those challenges.



Mr Brassil's latest episode is all about effective modelling and explanation. Effective modeling and explanation in the classroom involve the teacher demonstrating or illustrating concepts, skills or processes in a clear and understandable manner, and then providing appropriate explanations to ensure Highfield children comprehend the material. 5 minutes of pedagogical genius.



Word of Mr Brassil's expertise must be spreading! Over the Easter holidays he was invited by Kieran Mackle to appear on his podcast: Thinking Deeply about Primary Education. Kieran Mackle is an author and researcher on all things learning. If you would like to catch the podcast featuring Highfield's own expert, find it here:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/138imnGG2mAo1W0UMmcRXk>



## FREE on site Spring Bike MOT

In the build up to Walk to School Week, the Kovrlija mobile bicycle service & repairs team will be visiting Highfield. It is part of our effort to further promote children to get at least 10 minutes of activity before school each day. We are partnering with Alwoodley 2030 to offer the FREE bike repair pop up shop on the school grounds for our children and their families. **On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, you may bring your family's 02 bikes to school for a spring MOT and essential repairs.** Drop your bike(s) off when you bring your children to school and pick them up at the end of the day.

Please [register your bikes here](#) to help us plan for the day. If you are able to help out on the day by helping to direct families to the right place and check bikes in, please volunteer when registering your bike on the above link.

### Choir in the community

Yesterday afternoon the choir sang to the residents and carers at Alderbrook Care Home, just across the ring road from school. It was a lovely afternoon for all involved with many of the audience joining in with the singing and dancing along to the songs. One resident was so thrilled she has asked us to come back soon.



### Dates for your Diary!

- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Bike MOT Team @ Highfield, Teaching & Learning Governing Body meeting
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April:** Y6 trip
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Girls tennis

### Highfield Signposting: Community Events:



## CITY OF LEEDS YOUTH MUSIC GROUPS OPEN REHEARSALS

### MONDAY 29TH APRIL

LEEDS YOUTH JAZZ  
ROCK ORCHESTRA

### TUESDAY 30TH APRIL

YOUTH TRAINING  
WIND ORCHESTRA

### WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY

LEEDS YOUTH SINGERS

### FRIDAY 3RD MAY

YOUTH TRAINING  
ORCHESTRA

SCHOOLS' BRASS  
ENSEMBLE

SCHOOLS' STRING  
ORCHESTRA

ROOTS ALIVE



**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.