



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

On Wednesday I had a meeting at Leeds Civic Hall. As I stood in the main lobby, a smartly dressed young man with his wife and baby approached me asking if they were in the right place. It turned out he was in the right place and I wasn't; it transpired that I was in the line for the **British Citizenship** ceremony. I found this out when I asked why he was there, he replied "This is now my home and **I am very proud**, today I am British,". We got talking, they had travelled here from Eritrea for the opportunity to build a new life: "**Freedom and to learn**," he said. Take that in.

"I work at the hospital in the day and then at night I study at college. **I am so lucky.**"

His determination to make the most of the opportunities he now had was incredibly humbling and after we had parted ways, all I could think about was how fortunate we are. We have access to opportunities that many others around the world can only dream of: freedom of speech, free healthcare, quality education and social support systems that help us improve our life chances. It's too easy to take them for granted. Valuing these opportunities means making the most of them, recognising the privilege we have and using them to build better futures not just for ourselves, but for our communities. Many people globally lack these chances so it is essential to appreciate and maximise what we have.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

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:

3FL – Sophia, Reuben, Sienna, Grace
 3T – Dan, Haniya, Isaac, Evie
 4O – Seb, Isabelle, Oliver, Alice
 4V – Zain, Charlotte, Sha, Nylah
 5E – Ralf, Nerea, Eli, Miles
 5L – Maari, Layla-Grace, Nikan, Mason
 6BH – Lara, Miraan, Aizan, Naill
 6G – Myra, Khadejah, Aiden, Hayden

Meet Freya Shelley!



Congratulations to Mrs Shelley and her family who welcomed Freya into the world last week. Here she is - we are all really proud of them!

Welcome Mrs Patterson



Mrs Dalgliesh is taking a break from school for her adoption leave and she goes with all our best wishes and thanks for the incredible impact she has had at Highfield. To continue Mrs Dalgliesh's fantastic work, we have appointed Mrs Patterson as our SENCo for the next 9 months. She has already made a great start and is taking time to get to know our learners. Welcome Mrs Patterson – we know you will enjoy being a part of the Highfield community!

Football season kicks off



Our football team kicked off their season with a home match against St. Paul's Primary School. Considering this was the first time this group had played together, they displayed excellent skill levels, co-operation and positivity. We lost 0-1 to an unlucky goal and it was a very close game. Well done Highfield!

Moortown Fire Brigade visit



On Monday morning the Moortown Fire Brigade came in for an assembly with Years 5 and 6. With Bonfire Night approaching, they spoke to the children about how they can stay safe and gave important information about keeping safe distances. This included wearing appropriate clothing around fires and we are really grateful for the time they gave us and sharing their knowledge.

Watch us learn

Thank you to all our parents who could come and see our learning in action on Wednesday at our termly *Watch us learn* event. It was terrific to see so much support from parents and carers in every year group, we know the children enjoy the experience.



School Council

The newly elected School Council met for the first time this month. Eager to get started, they chose to support the charities Children in Need and Mind and discussed some other exciting events and activities that will be coming up over the next year. During a Wednesday assembly, they introduced themselves to the rest of the school, spoke about their roles and some of their initial plans for the year ahead. The council will be meeting regularly and are looking forward to working together and being the voice for all the children at the school.



Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 14th Oct:** Year 6 Shakespeare workshop
- **Tues 15th Oct:** Year 3 trip
- **Thurs 17th Oct:** Year 4 Robin Hood's Bay production for parents
- **Fri 18th Oct:** Individual photos. Harmony in diversity breakfast, girls tennis club

Swimming to gold!

Adrian attended the City of Leeds September Meet a week last Sunday and he achieved gold in the 50m backstroke (his first gold in the individual event), silver in the 400m individual medley, 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke and 100m individual medley. Well done Adrian!



Some of our learning this week:



Collage portraits in Year 6



Year 2 Harvest Festival assembly



Beebots in computing in Year 1

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.

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