



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

I visited Year 5 this week as they have been discussing a very important topic that I believe is crucial to building a fairer and more equal society; **stereotypes**. The children gave a variety of very thoughtful and complex examples: boys can't dance, only girls wear dresses, older people can't be gymnasts, people with disabilities can't do sports. One child addressed the assumptions, generalisations and judgments made about people based on their skin colour as a stereotype – I was impressed at the level of understanding this showed. Together we then thought of those who have proven this stereotype wrong. Listening to children share and debate these views makes me feel so privileged to be in this position where I hear the voices of those who will shape the future.

Understanding why stereotypes are unhelpful we believe is crucial because they can lead to unfair assumptions and biases. Stereotypes reduce individuals to narrow characteristics, ignoring their unique qualities and potential. This can result in limiting opportunities for those who are unfairly judged. By recognising the harm stereotypes cause, we can promote a more inclusive and empathetic society – a society that one day our Highfield children will lead. This awareness encourages critical thinking and fosters respect for diversity. I was so impressed by the mature way in which our Year 5 children discussed and reflected upon what is such a complex topic. Judging by their comments, the future is in good hands.

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 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:

1B - Francesca, Hayden, Selena

1W - Elijah, George, Isabelle

2F - Elisia, Harrison, Joshua, Lucas

2H - Dolsie, Ellis, Myles, Rex

### Fruity Friday

The Fruity Friday team do so much more than raising money by providing healthy snacks; they are an integral part of school. The children really enjoy the opportunity to buy their fruit and the ritual of standing in line, waiting for their turn is an important aspect of social development. The Fruity Friday team are familiar faces that the children know and enjoy seeing. It is an important part of their weekly routine. We are enormously grateful, not just for the financial support the team provide (up to £2000 annually!), but for how they uphold our expectations of good manners, respect and positively interact with our children.

### Alwoodley Walk to School Week 2024

Climate Action Leeds have released their case study into Alwoodley walk to School Week 2024 which took place between 7<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> May. The study demonstrates the benefits of such initiatives and how the primary schools in Alwoodley participated, see the school website news feed here:

<https://highfield-primary.co.uk/parents-carers/news/>

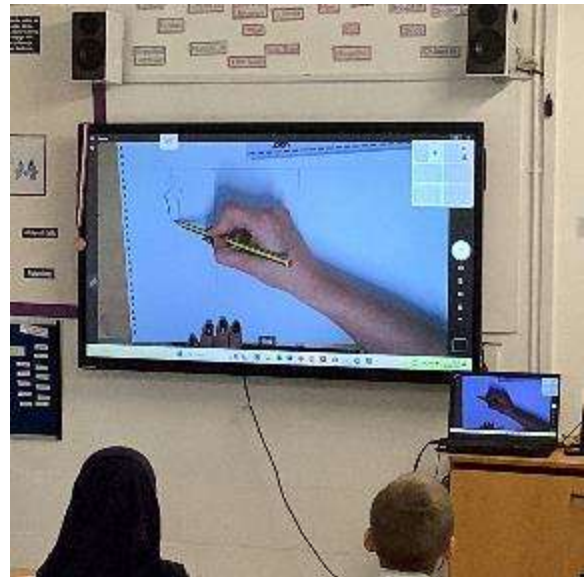
As part of our continued drive to improve the air quality around school and encourage habits that contribute to a healthier environment, we would like to remind you of the Tree Tops car park facility which is there for your use at drop off and pick up times. A massive thanks to the Bell family who continue to support school with this!

### Any 3D printing experts out there?

As we continue to innovate and enhance our curriculum, we are exploring the possibility of investing in a 3D printer to support hands-on learning across subjects such as STEM, art, and design. We would love to connect with any tech experts within the Highfield community who can offer advice on selecting the right 3D printer for our needs. If you are able to assist, please reach out – we would greatly appreciate your insights!

### Visualisers

In our recent 'watch us learn' event you may have seen some of these in use:



These are classroom visualisers which allow our teachers the opportunity to reflect on learning as they function as live projection devices that can display real-time images of physical objects, documents or children's work onto the screens. Miss Elson piloted their use after purchasing one with the proceeds of the Niall Horan tickets at the summer fair. They were such a huge success that the Friends of Highfield then funded a visualiser for every classroom! Next week, we are having a new projector installed in the hall; again thanks to Friends fundraising. Thank you to the Friends and to everyone who has supported their work allowing this to happen.





Picture news

The picture news our children looked at today had a political theme: should our politicians receive gifts? Food for thought on a Friday morning!



Let's look at this week's story

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



Highfield Signposting



**OCTOBER HALF-TERM BASKETBALL**

MONDAY 28TH - THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER

ALLERTON HIGH SCHOOL, KING LN, LS17 7AG

**FULL DAY CAMPS**

- BOUNCE 8-11 YEAR OLDS** MONDAY 09:00-16:00
- NEW HEIGHTS 12-14 YEAR OLDS** WEDNESDAY 09:00-16:00

**HALF DAY CAMPS**

- JNL WORKOUTS 10-13 YEAR OLDS** TUESDAY & THURSDAY 09:00-12:00
- JNL WORKOUTS 14-16 YEAR OLDS** TUESDAY & THURSDAY 13:00-16:00

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Dates for your Diary!

- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct: Year 5 WW2 day
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Parents evening 1
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parents evening 2
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 2 Florence Nightingale workshop

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