



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

I want to thank two special people. Two people who have given their time, expertise and effort to our community, contributing simply for the joy of helping others: Margaret Maiden and Cathryn Magyar, who are stepping down from the Highfield Governing Body.

Cathryn has made a significant impact through her work on both the Resources and Teaching & Learning Committees, most recently offering invaluable support to our SENCO, Lucy Dalglish. Balancing the demands of being a GP with her role as governor is no small feat, and yet she also found time to serve on the Fruity Friday team! Cathryn's commitment and dedication have been an inspiring example of service, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you for everything, Cathryn!

After 14 years of selfless and dedicated service, we say a heartfelt thank you to Margaret Maiden, whose contributions to safeguarding, early years, phonics, and attendance have been invaluable. More than her professional impact, Margaret has been a constant source of support for our children, staff, and community, always there when needed. Words cannot fully express our gratitude, but we offer our deepest thanks and admiration for everything she has done. Margaret leaves seriously big shoes to fill, and her legacy will be felt for years to come.

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:

1B - Maanvir, Shylah, Will

1W - Eddie, Maiya, Sohan

2F - Aiden, Benjamin, Robyn, Summer

2H - Alejandro, Chloe, Malakai

Last week the first Key Stage 2 celebration book entrants of the school year were:

3FL - Archie, Cherisma, Harrison, Yamen  
3T - Holly, Mabel, Oscar, Selena  
4O - Chloe, Huzaifah, Noah, Siona  
4V - Whole class  
5E - Henry, Jenson, Kyle, Verity  
5L - Aadya, Monro' Skye, Ollie, Raajveer  
6BH - Aila, Charlie, Maryam, Toby  
6G - Alice, Arshmaan, Leo, Poppy

The tiger who came to Highfield!

Year 1 received a special visit this week from the tiger who came to tea! The children had lots of opportunities to ask questions and meet the tiger. What a way to engage our readers! A big thank you to the tiger, who looked strangely familiar and was a great sport.



Football club kicks off



Our new football club kicked off this week run by Basic Ballers. Boys and girls in year 6 took part and really enjoyed working with the coaches.

Mia's generous gift

Here is a before and after of Mia who recently donated her hair to raise money for The Little Princess Trust. Mia surpassed her target of £250 with considerable ease as she reached a fabulous £631! The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs for children who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions. A wonderful gesture and kind act.





### A world champion dancer at Highfield!

Miss Mountain is one of our student teachers, currently working in year 1. However, it came to light that Miss Mountain has a hidden talent; she is in fact the U22 Irish Dancing World Champion! We couldn't miss out on this opportunity, so she kindly took our year 1's for a lesson. Thank you, Miss Mountain.



### Gaelic Football!

Gaelic football, or just "Gaelic" if you're in the know, is a fast-paced, thrilling team game that combines the sports of rugby and football. Caitlin and Dan Robinson have been enjoying the sport in their free time and scored goals (worth 3 points) and points (worth 1 point) in their match last weekend.

It is great to see our pupils having success with a variety of sports.



### Picture news

As part of our class timetables, each Friday children across school discuss a photograph that has been taken from a current news story. Each photograph has a key question as a focus, that forms the basis for a class discussion.

Picture News is a great way to raise children's awareness of current affairs and is designed to provide opportunities for children to learn from our world and develop respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths. The photographs and discussions provoke thinking, encourage exploration, discussion and challenge, and inspire children to learn!

The photograph children have discussed in school will be shared weekly in the newsletter to allow further discussions at home.



**Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?**

### Let's look at this week's story

The UK's first teacherless classroom, using AI (artificial intelligence) instead of human teachers, has opened. David Game College, a school in London, began its new course for twenty GCSE pupils in September. The pupils will learn using both AI platforms on their computers and VR (virtual reality) headsets.

### Highfield Signposting



**OCT**  
**BASIC BALLERS**  
**HALF TERM**  
**CAMP**

28th Oct ~ 1st Nov  
 Time: 9.00am ~ 3.15pm  
 Alwoodley Primary School  
 21 Cranmer Rise  
 LS17 5HX

Early Bird price  
**£20**  
 Per day\* \*or £90 per week before 20th September.

Ages 6-14yrs

£25 per day or £115 for the week after the 20th

BOOK NOW via our website  
 www.BasicBallers.co.uk  
 or email  
 info@basicballers.co.uk



### Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Flu immunisations, Year 3 Curriculum meeting for parents (15:45)
- **Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Year 6 Curriculum meeting for parents (15:45)
- **Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** Guest speaker in Year 4 talking to our children about jet fuel!
- **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Training Day

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