



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Last Sunday I watched the Remembrance Day coverage from the Cenotaph in London. The opening feature focused on the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy, June 6th 1944. 100 year old Richard Brock shared his experiences and anyone who saw his recount will never forget it I am sure. The line that hit me hardest was when he described his friends falling around him and how he rationalised the most horrifying of circumstances:

'You were resigned to the fact that you'd be next', he said,

'But I thought its ok, I've had a good **long** life'.

He was 18 years old. A good long life!

Of the 130 soldiers in his regiment 13 survived. Remembrance Day allows us to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice but it can feel especially poignant for those in conflicts around the world today; it is an opportunity to also recognise those who face similar circumstances now. On Monday at 11am Remembrance Day was observed beautifully by our children and I know the staff were very proud of the respect they showed. Our younger children showed a maturity well beyond their years. Key Stage 2 were outside enjoying playtime at 11am, but they stopped and observed where they stood. It was a very powerful sight.

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 – Ben, Diana, Charlotte, Emilia

3T – Jac, Alana, Theo, Lucas

4O – Rahul, Jasper, Luna, Hamza

4V – Nina, Nate, Lottie, Leo

5E – Sam, Hashim, Elenor, Quin

5L – Ashita, Siddhaarth, Lindo, Larisa

6BH – Sufia, Jamie, Adrian, William

6G – Elodie, Anay, Elena, Kaleem

### Choose Respect

Ms Overduin started our Anti-Bullying Week with a great assembly that contained a very powerful message. We would like our world to be a place where respect and kindness thrive. To help make this a reality, we can all do one simple thing. From our playgrounds to our parliament, our homes to our phones, we can all CHOOSE RESPECT!



### Jess swimming to success!



### Great new kit for our teams at kick off!



A proud moment for Highfield as we played our first match in our new football kits. These kits have been sponsored by Funding 4 Education and the flags by Schools ICT Services LTD. FUNDING 4 EDUCATION work closely with school to support us in obtaining essential equipment and we've been lucky to obtain these. The recently acquired flags and these kits make us look and feel like we are TEAM HIGHFIELD!

A big thank you to Mr Singh for organising these for us.

### Strong start

In our first game on Thursday, we played some great passing football despite a somewhat heavy pitch against St. Urban's Primary School. We lost the game 2-3, but played the better football (in my opinion!). Two terrific goals from Anay Jain and inspiring leadership from Rory helped us go away from this game with our heads held high.





### Dan and Caitlin enjoy their first match

Dan and Caitlin played their first Gaelic Football match last weekend and won! More importantly, they really enjoyed the experience and can't wait to play again. They play for JFK GAA and field teams from Under 8's right through to the seniors.



### Picture News

This week's picture news supported Anti-Bullying week. We asked the children what impact they thought bullying could have on a community. To further support our work, this week for our staff meeting our staff undertook the training module *Preventing and Responding To Appearance Targeted Bullying* provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.



### Mrs Allison raising money for Children in Need



A big thank you to Mrs Allison in Year 3 who made these Pudsey Bears to raise money for Children in Need. If you would like to purchase one they are on sale in the school office for £1.

### Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year 6 football fixture Vs Alwoodley (H)
- **Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year 1 special visitor – Dr Paul
- **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** Cross Country fixture, Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Looking for something  
to keep yourself or the  
kids busy?



*To us, it's personal*

BE A  
— *Santa*

Get creative, embrace  
your inner artist,  
crafter, poet, or write,  
and get involved.

**CAN YOU HELP US BRIGHTEN AN OLDER PERSON'S  
DAY AT CHRISTMAS WITH A 'SANTA-GRAM'?**

**We are looking for handmade Christmas cards,  
letters, bookmarks and Christmas decorations**

Could you be a  
'Santa-gram' Elf?

**We'd be grateful for anything  
that will fit in an A4 envelope  
and will help to make someone  
smile**

**Contributions welcomed from  
week beginning 9th December -  
13th December 2024**

**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.