Headteacher's Message

Whenever there is conflict or tension in the world, there is high probability that members of the Highfield community will be affected such is the international diversity of our school. Such tensions can sometimes feel overwhelming — as a Dad, as well as a Headteacher, I worry about what the future will hold for our children. But I take huge confidence from what I saw at the RED Exhibition this week; our children reminding us of their vision of the world they want to build.

Children were proudly telling the staff and each other all about their cultural heritage and what different dress they had seen. Amazingly every continent was represented (Antarctica aside!) and so many countries too: Kurdistan, Ukraine, Iran, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, England, France, Germany, USA, Sudan, Italy, Brazil, India, Pakistan, UAE, Turkey, South Africa, St Kitts & Nevis, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka... (and that's not all of them!). It was also wonderful to see traditional Zulu headdress — how amazing! Throughout the day the children's performances, work and conversations demonstrated maturity well beyond their years. I felt privileged just to be there.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all the children, staff and parents who supported this event. It was great to see so many people come along and leave smiling! Your enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment made it such a meaningful occasion. It is because of your support that we are able to continue nurturing a community where every voice is valued and every individual is celebrated. A special thank you to Mrs Homan who drives our RED agenda and leads with such passion. Thank you for helping us lead the way.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

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.





News & Updates

RED Exhibition

If you have a few minutes, Mrs Homan would be really grateful if you could feedback. The link and the QR code are as follows:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.asp x?id=j5T0THZL0ES7BQCNRpwjPI3MELGIOKJDq3hhp x9cPdJURDdRTkc4VEhBQ0RYQVRRR1IyMFNOTDIyR y4u



Summer Fair

The summer fair is our biggest and most profitable event of the year, but also without doubt the most fun! With 100% of the profits coming into the school for trips and workshops, it is invaluable in helping reduce the cost of events and helps pay for guests to visit the school and enrich our children's education. The more volunteers that come forward for the Summer Fair, the more stalls we can have and the more money and fun we will have! Even if it is only for 30 minutes, help would be hugely appreciated. Please email or see Melody:

friends@highfield.leeds.sch.uk

Road Safety

The Leeds Road Safety Team were in school working across year groups this week. They were absolutley brilliant with the children and took them around the local area identifying dangers on our roads and how to navigate them. Here are Year 2 learning all about road safety. They spent some time with Jake, a road safety expert, to learn how to stop, look and listen when using the road.



Rugby Champions!

Seth, Lindo, Mason, Charlie and Ben played for Roundhegians in the Selby rugby tournament last weekend. After winning through some challenging rounds (including against the hosts), they met Barnsley in the final whom they beat. Well done

team!





Signposting

STOPLOANSHORKS Intervention . Support . Education

This week a representative from Stop Loan Sharks met with Mr Feeley to discuss the dangers and raise awareness.

There are over 16 000 people in Leeds who owe money to loan sharks currently, with APR as high as 4.5 million %. 1 in 4 loan sharks are female and the oldest prosecuted loan shark was 86 years old.

Loan sharks often befriend their victims before loaning them money, using school playgrounds, food banks, and other public places to find vulnerable families. It takes 4 years on average for victims to seek help.

If you wish to find out more or seek help then please contact them at:

Stop Loan Sharks 24-Hour Helpline: **0300 555 2222**

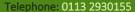
www.stoploansharks.co.uk (Live Chat available 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri)

Dates for your Diary!

Mon 5th May: May Day Bank Holiday

Telephone: 0113 2930155

- Weds 7th May: Year 40 Play in a Day
- Thurs 8th May: Year 2 trip
- **Fri 9**th **May:** Harmony in Diversity breakfast







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SATURDAY MAY 31

PM: U8 (5v5) U12 (7v7) U16 (7v7)

SUNDAY

JUNE

AM: U8 (5v5) UII (7v7) U13 (7v7)

SUNDAY JUNE

PM: U7 (5v5) U10 (7v7) U14 (7v7)

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