Headteacher's Message

As we continued our work on strengthening our relationships with our pupils this week, the Highfield staff enjoyed listening to Mr Brassil's experience of listening to Dr Stuart Lawrence. Dr Lawrence is the younger brother of Stephen Lawrence, the young man tragically murdered in a racially motivated attack in London in 1993. But out of such tragedy, he sought to make a difference by dedicating his life to promoting equality, justice and positive change.

Inspired by the support he received and the relationships he formed from his school following his brother's death, Dr Stuart Lawrence became a teacher. Becoming a teacher allowed him to influence and guide young minds, encouraging them to make good choices and understand the importance of respect and diversity. Whilst our staff focus was on the strength of relationships which inspired him, I was in awe of Dr. Stuart Lawrence's ability to channel his grief and anger into something positive—educating and inspiring young people—demonstrating remarkable strength, resilience and dignity.

How easy – and understandable – it would have been to be consumed by bitterness and anger. His ability to rise above the pain of his brother's tragic murder and focus on building a better future is truly admirable.

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:

2F - Alice, Amber, Ari

2H - Aaron, Aarnav, Ayla, Lucy

1W- Avela, Daniel, Otto, Sanvika

1B - Aliza, Cairo, Rudy, Ruhnam

RH - Alice, Joshua, Manal, Shawn

RGM - Agastya, Henry, Gurbani, Liam





Big Bird Watch

Coinciding with the RSPB Big Bird Watch the School Council met to make bird feeders. Threading chopped cheese, apples, and raisins onto thin wire, we then twisted the ends to form a hoop—it was great fun, and we each made at least two. Once finished, we headed outside and hung them on trees around the school. Now, we eagerly await the arrival of hungry birds, hoping they will discover and enjoy this tasty winter feast!





Dates for your Diary!

- Mon 3rd February: Children's mental health week
- Tues 6th Feb: 6BH high school DT trip
- Weds 5th Feb: 6G high school DT trip
- Fri 7th Feb: Harmony in Diversity breakfast

Happy Lunar New Year!



Johanna in Year 1 made this beautiful card and shared it with us to celebrate the Lunar New Year! Reception have also had a week's learning focused on the New Year, listening to the story of the great race and learning about the animals involved. The children have also learned ordinal numbers.



Belvedere Gate Path

For those that use the path, you will be only too aware of how uneven the path has become from the tree roots growing underneath and general wear and tear over the years. We will be replacing the path with the work taking place 10th to 21st February. There will be no access to school via the Belvedere gate the week before half term.



Highfield Signposting
A message from Allerton Grange:

The Allerton Grange School musical is always one of the highlights of our school calendar and we would love for prospective families to join us. As ever, our student performers are very excited about the show and during rehearsals have even taken part in a masterclass with a West End choreographer and performer!

Guys & Dolls is on Tuesday 11 February, Wednesday 12 February, Thursday 13 February 2025

Doors Open: 6.30 pm Show Starts: 7.00 pm

There will be an interval half-way through the show and it should finish by 9.15 pm.

Please can anyone interested in attending email me (<u>vikimciver@allertongrange.com</u>) and I can put them on the list to pay on the door. Tickets are £9 each.

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11,12,13 Feb 2025 7.00 pm Tickets: £9 each from ParentPay

GUYS AND DOLLS A Musical Fable of Broadway Based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon

Music and Lyrics by FRANK LOESSER JO SWERLING and ABE BURROWS

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

Telephone: 0113 2930155

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-Eamily/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.



Age 4 - 11

£22/day

£20/day existing students



Half Term Performing Arts Workshops Drama 10am - 2pm

Dance

Singing



Monday 17th and Tuesday18th February St Paul's Catholic Primary School Wednesday 19th February Highfield **Primary School**

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