



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

I want to thank a few people for yesterday; World Book Day is an event the children really look forward to and the atmosphere around school was nothing short of magical. But it wouldn't happen without some very important contributions. First of all our parents and carers, arming our children with so many books to swap and enjoy. Added to this the costumes: Darth Vader, Robin Hood and two Dorotheys complete with shiny red shoes were just some of the terrific efforts on display so thank you all for your support. Also the staff; I can't go without mentioning some of their great outfits, particularly in Reception where I genuinely didn't recognise Mrs Harrison!

The classrooms and corridors come alive with storytelling, book-themed activities and shared enthusiasm for reading. A poetry competition, live lessons, special assemblies, creative timetabling, communications... Behind this is some incredible work and we owe a massive thank you to our special people who dedicate so many hours both in and out of school to the event: Mrs Bowker and Miss Elson. They are the ones who make it happen. I am sure the children would join me in saying a massive thank you to them for creating such a brilliant day.

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:

RCG - Maya, Ruzgar, Sami

RH - Agam, Azlan, Mia, Toby

1B - Annie, Noah, Sahar

1W - Arjun, Jay, Maiya

2F - Hudson, Jocelyn, Kailash, Summer

2H - Arian, Nethiran, Seb, Shaam

Aikido Expert!

Akari in Year 6 competed at the British Aikido Association Championships in Dartford last weekend. Akari, who is a member of the Scotthall Aikido club, won a bronze medal in Randori-no-Kata 1-14 under 12 category, a silver medal in Tanto Kakarigeiko at under 12 and a silver medal in Ninin dori at under 14 – an incredible effort! We are really proud of Akari for such fantastic achievements, especially as she was competing out of her age group for some categories which takes bravery. Great job!



World Book Day poetry competition winners!

All our entries for the World Book Day poetry competition were so impressive. The children were clearly thinking hard about what makes Highfield a great school! The winning entries for each class below were celebrated in our assembly yesterday but we want to thank all the children for their amazing effort!

RCG - Taran	3T - Mia
1W - Sophia	3FL - Rose
1B - Annie	4V - Nate
2H - Shloka	5E - Eleanor
2F - Rayann	5L - Joe
	6BH - Miraan

West Yorkshire Cross-country final

Wow! We are so proud of our cross-country runners who made it all the way to the West Yorkshire Cross Country running finals at Temple Newsam Park this week. With over 150 runners in each race from all over our county, this was running at the highest level and a huge credit to both our teams and our individual runners, Isabelle James and Ernie Martin. Ernie finished in third place and has qualified for the National finals! Wow! For some pictures of the event please see later in this newsletter.

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 10th March:** Rec & Y6 height, weight & vision checks, Gardening working party, Y6 football fixture
- **Tues 11th March:** Book Fair in main hall, Teaching & Learning Governing Committee
- **Weds 12th March:** 4O Class Assembly, Book Fair in the small hall
- **Thurs 13th March:** Y3 trip, Y6 trip, Book Fair in the small hall, Y6 football fixture
- **Fri 14th March:** Y4 trip, Book Fair in the small hall, Harmony in Diversity Breakfast

Parkrun for Mind

Leeds Mind is a charity whose aim is to help people build on their strengths, overcome obstacles, and become more in control of their lives. It was great to see lots of Highfielders on Sunday morning completing the Roundhay Junior Parkrun in aid of this great charity that our school council has decided to support this year. On Monday, Mind will be coming into school to give an assembly to the whole school on their work and receive a giant cheque for the money we have raised!



Playground Equipment request

We know that increasing numbers of children are playing on the trim trail, pirate ship and other play spaces before and after school. For the safety of all our children, we kindly request that they do not use the school equipment before or after school hours.

Unfortunately, our insurance does not cover accidents outside of supervised school activities. We appreciate your understanding. Being the fun police isn't something that comes easily to us at Highfield, but on this occasion it is necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

International Women's Day Competition

To coincide with International Women's Day, Harrogate Ladies College are launching an 'Inspirational Woman Essay Competition', which aims to celebrate the success of women who have become role models in our children's lives. The competition is open to pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 and finalists will be invited to a special luncheon at Harrogate Ladies' College. Winners will also hear their entries read aloud by inspirational women!

Pupils in Years 3 & 4 must write a maximum of 500 words and Year 5 pupils have a 750-word limit. The winner in each age category will receive £50 worth of book vouchers and a further £50 in vouchers for their school. To find out more information and how to enter, please visit www.hlc.org.uk/essay.

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.





You are invited to celebrate with us!

Highfield Primary School's

R.E.D

(Respect, Equality and Diversity)

Exhibition

Wednesday 1st May

2.30—4.30

Come see our wonderful work,
speak to the children and witness
wonderful dancing and music per-
formances all of which celebrate
our diverse community and our
cohesive, inclusive and respectful
ethos!

