



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

I have a friend who's a dentist and socially he never tells anyone his profession because, as he says, the next question will inevitably be about a tooth problem. Teachers, understandably, often find themselves in a similar position—expected to have all the answers about children. The irony is that my conversations with this friend often end with him asking me about phonics, friendship issues, or how to get his five-year-old to sleep at night. Unlike root canal surgery, where there's a clear diagnosis and treatment plan, raising and educating children is far less straightforward!

Parenting can be daunting in a way that's very different from teaching. Boundaries and routines can be hard to enforce when life is full of distractions and the relationship is deeply personal and loving. Teaching, on the other hand, is professional and caring with a different kind of distance. Both roles share the same ultimate goal—helping children thrive—but the paths we take are rarely simple or predictable. That's why we are a team, supporting the children.

I'll finish with this amazing picture taken this week by Grace's Mum in Reception. It speaks for itself.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley



News & Updates

Visit to Alderbrook

On Wednesday afternoon our Year 6 members of choir visited Alderbrook Care Home to spread some Christmas cheer. The children represented school perfectly and their performance was loved by the staff, visitors and residents. After singing the children spent time making Christmas cards and decorations, being joined in their activities by some of the residents.



You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch

It's been quite a week of performances, with Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 all performing! Here is some of our cast from The Grinch.



Elf Run

The generosity and support for this year's elf run nominated charity has been overwhelming. Mrs Homan, who leads the elf run, wanted to thank everyone for all the contributions – monetary or energy! It has raised an amazing £1286 for Simon on the Streets. Well done Highfield.

Dates for your Diary!

- **Tues 16th Dec:** KS2 Presents for parents
- **Weds 17th Dec:** Rec & KS1 Presents for parents, KS2 Carol Service at church
- **Thurs 18th Dec:** KS1 Carols in school
- **Fri 19th Dec:** Break up for Christmas

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

A sports report from Hasnain in Year 6!

Off to America. Dreams do come true and hard work pays off for Scotland!

History was made by Scotland as they beat the Danes in a World Cup qualifying match.

It was a cold and damp night unlike the Scottish team who were on fire. The Tartan Army were also in high spirits, singing, chanting, and stamping their feet: so much they measured on the earthquake Richter scale!

In the first three minutes, Scott McTominay scored with a spectacular bicycle kick, which sent the crowd into raptures. No.4 [McTominay] went to celebrate with the crowd but the manager urged the players to stay calm because they still had eighty seven minutes left of the game and also because they have not qualified for the World Cup in twenty eight years so he didn't want to get their hopes up.

For the rest of the first half, Scotland dominated and Denmark was left in the dust with no goals scored. However, in the 57th minute Denmark was awarded a penalty because Scotland's Captain slide tackled No.23 [R Höglund] equalised the score 1:1, by scoring with a penalty.

Then in the 61st minute, in an unexpected slide kick, No.13 [R Kristian] was given a red card by the referee and was disqualified from the match.

From a corner No.20 [L Shankland] scored a beautiful tap in making the score 2-1 to Scotland. The Tartan Army celebrated the glorious victory by rising from their seats, waving their arms and singing loudly.

Fighting back, No.17 [P Dorgu] shot a goal and scored for Denmark, which was an achievement because they were one player short, in a team of now 10 against Scotland's 11. The score was then 2-2 and the pressure was back on Scotland.

The pressure was on for only nine minutes because in the 90th minute, No.23 [K McLean] from Scotland changed to score to 3:2 with a magnificent goal.

Because Denmark had equalised twice already in the match, and even though Scotland were winning 3-2, they still could potentially miss out. But No.6 [K Tierney] ensured this did not happen when he scored with a half line shot. Denmark's goalkeeper ran for the save but he knew there was no chance to get back to his goal in time to stop it from entering the net. It was an epic goal from No.6 and as a result the fans, team and coaches went wild. The final score before the whistle blew was 4-2.

History was made that day and now Scotland are off to America for the 2026 World Cup! -HASNAIN





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BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS)
MONDAY 22ND DEC 13:00-17:00
TUESDAY 23RD DEC 13:00-17:00
WEDNESDAY 24TH DEC 09:00-13:00



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MONDAY 16:30-17:45



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MINI BOUNCE (5-7 YEAR OLDS)
SATURDAY 09:00-10:30
SUNDAY 09:00-10:30



BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS)
SATURDAY 09:00-10:30 & 10:30-12:00
SUNDAY 10:30-12:00



NEW HEIGHTS (12-14 YEAR OLDS)
SATURDAY 10:30-12:00
SUNDAY 09:00-10:30



ALL GIRLS (8-14 YEAR OLDS)
SATURDAY 09:00-10:30



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SATURDAY 10:30-12:00
SUNDAY 10:30-12:00



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