



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

If you haven't seen the latest sculpture by street artist Banksy, try find time to take a look and give it some thought. It depicts a suited man carrying a flag, but the flag is obscuring his vision and he's about to fall off the plinth upon which the sculpture is mounted. It would suggest a warning to the dangers of being blinded by nationalism which is a theme Banksy has hinted at in the past. The timing – both on an international and national footing – is undoubtedly deliberate. Also the positioning – Waterloo Place, a neighbourhood which celebrates war victories and named after the site of one of the most famous battles in British history - is not coincidence.

Although this is a more adult-level appreciation of the work, I am sure many of the Highfield children wouldn't miss the subtle messages it contains! Believe me, our children are deep thinkers. At a primary school level, I think the sculpture can be enjoyed for its values rather than its politics and many of those values are strong at Highfield: belonging, community and thinking for yourself. I like the message that it's okay to ask questions, have your own ideas, show individual flair and creativity. We live in a free society and there are parts of the world where such expression would be suppressed, so enjoy that freedom. And if nothing else, it's pretty amazing to think Banksy manages to do all this without ever getting seen, like the artistic equivalent of Santa Claus!

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:

2H - Aiza, Selena, Shaina

2F - Eden, Eve, Sophia

1W - Leilani, Mia, Tanishi, Yusif

1B - Brooke, Georgina, Theodore

RH - Ehaan, Luca, Neha

RGS - Jasper, Lily, Savraj

Ten Goal Thriller on the Field of Dreams!

Highfield 4 Chapel Allerton 6

This was a game for the ages!

It was reminiscent of the amazing nine-goal game between PSG and Bayern Munich on the 28th April- except it had ten goals! The game really had everything- a penalty, amazing goalkeeping, attacking positive play and a goal for Highfield that hit the crossbar and bounced over the line (it definitely bounced over the line!).

It was played in excellent spirit by both teams and the football played by Highfield was the best that they have demonstrated this season - fluent passing and skill combined with a strong emphasis on teamwork and communication. It was a little disappointing that there had to be a team who went home on the losing side. Thank you to the team for once again giving it their everything and to our loyal parents and supporters for coming along and cheering us on.



Latest Edition of The Highfielder out now
You can find the latest edition of The Highfielder under the 'News' section of the school website. It is written by the children under the watchful eye of our resident editor, Mr Gath. It takes a look at events from all the year groups and includes an interview with Miss Harrower. Find it here:

<https://highfield-primary.co.uk/parents-carers/news/the-highfielder/>

Highfield Signposting

Big Feelings

If you would like some help and ideas for supporting children with big feelings such as anxiety, managing stress or simply understanding emotions and helping well-being, there is a great resource called 'Relax Kids'. Find it here:

<https://relaxkids.com/>

Domestic Violence and Abuse

If you are concerned about domestic abuse, there is a National Domestic Abuse Helpline where you can find telephone help 24/7 and which includes interpretation services. There are also chat services: Mon-Fri, 10AM - 10PM. Find it here:

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

0808 2000 247

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 11th May:** Year 6 SATs week begins
- **Fri 15th May:** Year 3 trip

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.