



Headteacher's assembly 2nd Sept 2026: **Belonging**

Thinking time whilst the children enter assembly:

A piece of music was played as the children came into assembly. They were asked to think about the following questions:

- What do you think this piece of music is about?
- Why do you think that?

The children gave some fantastic answers, from Bach to Sergei Rachmaninoff we explored some creative thinking and shared our knowledge of classical music. The answer was Mozart; it was a piece from the Wedding of Figaro about two friends who team up to stop an unkind Count. But classical music can often tell a story and it can be enjoyable thinking about what the story could be.

The children were then asked to think about 'belonging', and what the term meant to them. The children fed back about where they feel they belonged, where they felt safe and happy and why. We then watched a short video in which children who had come to school in the UK from different parts of the world, shared their thoughts on what 'belonging' was, especially when new to a country.

It is important to understand what is important to us, but it is also important to understand other people's perspectives also. We finished by reflecting on what we could do if we saw someone at Highfield who needed support, to make sure they belonged.

Everyone belongs at Highfield.

