

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

It has been another very busy week at school, with lots of memorable learning taking place across our school. Our infants had a wonderful time exploring the outdoors, roasting marshmallows, and sipping on warm hot chocolate. We strongly promote outdoor learning and try and facilitate days such as this at least every half term with each year group. Nature has a unique way of captivating children, stimulating curiosity, and fostering a love for exploration. We believe that outdoor learning provides valuable opportunities for your child to connect with the world around them, promoting holistic development. In the coming weeks, we have exciting plans for outdoor learning adventures, including nature walks, science experiments, and artistic activities under the open sky.



Parent Survey Reminder

Your views are important to us and every year we ask all of our parents to complete a survey so that we can find out your thoughts and opinions on a wide variety of issues relating to your child's time here at Highfield.

Please click on this link to access the survey: <https://forms.gle/fgeZ2qKH71dGpakX9>
The results of this will be discussed and shared at the next governor's meeting and with staff so that we can make our school an even better place to be for pupils and parents. Parents' suggestions are gratefully received and will be considered as we set our school development priorities for the future. The results are anonymous but you are welcome to put your name in the comment boxes at the bottom if you would like to discuss any of your answers in person with SLT. This will close on Monday at 12.00 and we would love to hear your views.



Term **Spring** Number 2
Date **12.1.24**



Theme of
collective worship
next week:

Courage



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School Improvement Priorities

2023/2024

Attendance



National attendance rate across the academic year to date was **92%**

Highfield CE Primary attendance to date this week: **96.1%**

Writing



This week 5/6 started their new writing groups and the smaller classes have been a real hit with the children. They are enjoying learning their literacy skills in smaller groups and working towards their end of year targets.

Developing Leadership



Mr Iszatt and Miss Archer attended a SEND (special educational need and disability) in maths course. Mrs Bond attended mentor training for ECTs (early careers teachers) Mr Dodson attended city moderator training for writing.

Curriculum



Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond looked at marking and feedback across the school. This is one of our school priorities to ensure children know what they've done well and what they need to do next to improve their outcomes.

Christian Values



This week, we launched collective worship ambassadors. Pupils can apply to be a collective worship ambassador and take the lead on collective worship sessions each week. Each week, a group of children in each class will lead a collective worship session with their peers. Children will reflect on bible stories as well as lead prayers, songs and other chosen activities. The children select the Bible reading that they want their session to be focused upon, or a theme they would like their class to reflect upon e.g. friendship, honesty or forgiveness.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



All useful dates have been updated onto our website and can be found here:

<https://highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Monday 15th January - Assembly on active travel (council led)

Tuesday 16th January - SCITT open Event 5pm - junior hall

Wednesday 17th January - Additional parent's evening - invitation only

Friday 19th January - Dance Live dance-a-thon (Dance live children only in years 4,5,6) pupils to bring in disco clothes and sponsorship money.

Monday 22nd January - Parent Forum 4.30pm - 5.30pm **ONLINE** - joining link to follow.

Friday 2nd February, 3.45pm-4.45pm - HSFF School Disco - non - uniform for all children. Please bring in a small donation towards Dance Live fundraising..



*We
thank
you!*

Farewell Mrs Brew

After an incredible 17 years of dedicated service, Mrs Brew will be moving on to new adventures.

During her time here, Mrs Brew has been a wonderful and valued member of our staff, contributing significantly to the positive and nurturing environment we strive to create at our school.

Her last day is Thursday 8th February and we will all miss her very much.



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Vacancies

Train to be a teacher at Highfield Primary School

In This Section

Finance/Admin Assistant
(Part-time)

Senior Supervisory
Assistant



We currently have two job vacancies. We are looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisory assistant and a finance/ admin officer.

Please take a look on our website and share if you know anyone who may be interested.

<https://www.highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=47>



School Council Update

Following a wonderful suggestion from our School Council, we're thrilled to announce a new addition to our weekly Celebration Worship sessions! Starting this week, we will be celebrating every child's birthday for those who have had birthdays in that week. This fantastic idea aims to make each child feel extra special during their celebration week.



Do you want to become a Primary School Teacher?

Then come along to our free open event we are hosting with



Find out about their OUTSTANDING one year training programme

Have your questions answered by the SCITT Director

Get advice on how to apply, prepare & what to expect

TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY
5PM– 6PM
HIGHFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: Hawthorn Road, Southampton, SO17 1PX. To register for this event or find out more details, please visit our website; www.farehamandgosportprimaryscitt.co.uk

GOVERNOR UPDATE



PEACE



COURAGE



RESPECT

Governors have been in school and working hard at the start of this new term.

Helen Thompson and Sarah Archer joined the team to support the new school values launch and very much enjoyed leading sessions with the children in the juniors and spending time in school.

This week lots of planning has been put in place to ensure the curriculum is monitored over the coming terms to ensure the children have the highest quality education across both core and foundation subjects and the Foundation governors met to talk about collective worship and RE in school. It has been a busy and exciting start to 2024!



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

KSI Outdoor Learning

In year 1/2 we had a super fun morning outside on the junior field. Later this week they will be writing diary entries about their morning of camping fun, just like Kitty experienced in the class book we are reading. The children made dens, roasted marshmallows on a fire and had hot chocolate while they listened to a story. Even though it was a little bit chilly, the children were so engaged and enjoyed the experience!



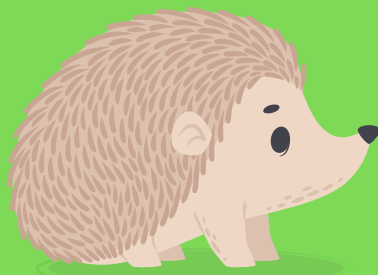
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KS2 Visit to the Mosque

This week, Year 5/6 have been reflecting on the meaning of the word 'sacred' and reading about places that were sacred in a variety of religions. Of course, the best way to find out about a place is usually to visit it yourself! With that in mind, on Wednesday, Year 5/6 walked up to Portswood to visit the Bashir Ahmed mosque. This was the first time that many of the children had seen inside a mosque, and many found it quite different to what they were expecting! We went into the two main prayer rooms and learned about the other parts of the building where other sacred rituals take place, and we were spoken to about how the mosque is used by one of the imams. We noticed some similarities to Highfield church – after all, they all have special areas and items that allow for religious rituals to take place, but we noticed lots of differences too. We even had to take our shoes off as we went in as a mark of respect! Year 5/6 will continue to learn about sacred places over the next few weeks, and will get the chance to design a place that they would personally consider sacred before the end of term.

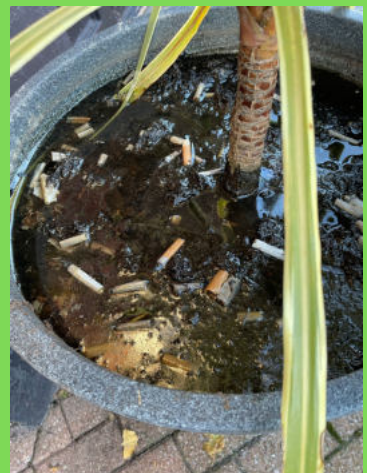


WELL DONE



Lyra and Freyja have been litter picking around highfield. They have set up a club called The Wildlife Centre and felt it was important to pick up litter locally to 'save animals, save the environment and climate change.'

They have been out twice now. Including finding drowned slugs in a plastic crisp packet (very smelly!) and borrowing a brush from the Crown to sweep up all the disgarded cigarette ends. They are looking forward to doing more.



Once upon a Dream Poetry Competition



Calling all poets, this year we will be taking part in the Once Upon A Dream poetry competition. The theme for the competition is dreams so children who wish to take part can write poems about real life aspirations, wonderful worlds created in their mind or even influenced by nightmares or fears. This is a national competition and prizes for the competition include creative writing goody bags and their chance to be published in a poetry book. If children would like to enter, they can collect an entry form from their class teacher. Entries must be returned to their class teacher by Friday 9th February 2024.

Dream





Thank you

Thank you so much to Lisa and Becs
for the very kind donation of
Mr Skelly Bones!

I am sure he will fit in very well
here at Highfield School!



Southampton Mental Health in
Schools Team (MHST)



Managing Challenging Behaviour

A Workshop for Parents & Care Givers



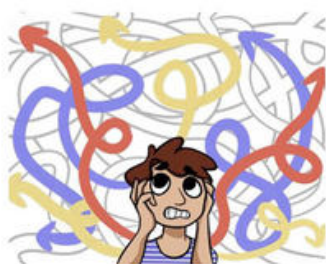
Does your child show challenging behaviours at home?

Do you want to learn tools to manage these behaviours?

All children show behaviours which can be difficult to understand and manage at times, we all use behaviour as a way to communicate.

It can be difficult for parents/care givers to know how best to support children during these times of challenge.

This workshop is for parents and caregivers to understand more about why children show challenging behaviours and learn some tools which help with managing behaviour at home.



Who: All Parents and Care Givers are welcome

Where: Highfield Primary School
(Junior Department)

When: Thursday 18th January 2024

Time: 9am-10am

What do I need to bring: Just yourself! However, you are welcome to bring note paper and a pen if you would like.

Love your journey to school



This Valentine's Day, we want you to tell us everything you love about your active journey to school.

To tell us about your journey walking, cycling or scooting to school, you could:

- Take a photo or draw a picture of something interesting or unusual you see along the way.
- Tell us about your favourite part of your journey – it could be a nice green space or catching up with friends or neighbours along the way.
- Write us a poem about your journey.
- Bling your bike or scooter for your journey to school and share your photos with us.

It's up to you – let your creativity run wild!

For a chance to win:

1ST PLACE

JD Bug Classic Street 120 scooter

2ND PLACE

Treasure trail voucher

3RD PLACE

Scouting goody bag



Submit your entries by 23 February 2024.

Email rachel.oliver@southampton.gov.uk or post on social media and tag My Journey with your entries, using the hashtag **#LoveYourJourneySoton**

See myjourneysouthampton.com/loveyourjourneytoschool

INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Maple

Maryam wrote a wonderful diary entry this week. She worked really hard on making sure all her sentences made sense, using capital letters and full stops and even adjectives! Well done Maryam.

Vlad was such a reciprocal raccoon this week. He worked so beautifully with a friend, helping them to think about what materials they knew in science; asking questions to give them prompts and helping them to sound out the answers.

Fantastic stuff Vlad!

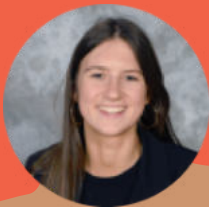


Oak

Mustafa has been a super star this week! He has been working so hard on joining in with all the phonics activities and making sure he's saying all the sounds when they are being practised, great job Mustafa!

Hania has been such a resilient rhino this week. She has been challenging herself to try more and to do new things. She has really impressed her teachers with her wonderful effort and attitude.

Well done Hania!



Beech

Rahul is the best example of a reciprocal racoon. He supports his peers, he has empathy for them and he collaborates brilliantly with them, This has been extra evident this week when I have seen Rahul bring a smile to his classmate's face by working with them so calmly and invitingly.

Yuqiao has shown the school value of courage in maths. He worked so hard to approach some learning even though he felt unsure to begin with as he knew it would be a challenge. I was really proud of Yuqiao's perseverance and he was successful because of it!



Ash

Joel has been resilient and reflective this week and as a result has done really well learning about money in maths this week. He has been trying his best to listen carefully to instructions and has been responding well to feedback! Well done, Joel!

Bella H has been very resilient in her learning this week. She's done a super job of learning about place value within 20 and she has written a beautiful diary entry about Outdoor Learning day!



Willow

Fraser has been working really hard with his sound blending this week. He has been such a Resilient Rhino and hasn't given up when it's been a bit tricky. Keep being super, Fraser!

Maryam was also a Resilient Rhino when writing a sentence for the first time this week. She worked hard to remember all of the words she needed and sounded them out independently.

You are a star, Maryam!

JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Europe

Eros has been making loads of effort this week to manage his distractions. He has been sharing lots of ideas on the carpet, and putting lots of effort into his learning. It has been lovely to see how much he can achieve when he is focused and resilient. Keep up the brilliant work Eros!

Safaa has shown our school value of courage this week as she has challenged herself in her learning. She has shown focus and determination, and we are proud of the way she has been reflecting on her learning. Well done for a great start to term Safaa :)



Africa

Chaejung for representing the school values of courage and peace. Since starting at Highfield Chae has shown a lot of courage in how she has engaged with the school and our class community, always giving the learning her best, trying her hardest to understand instructions and tasks and building connections with other children. The friendships she has formed have added even more peace to the class and she has shown that she is willing to be friends with everyone.

Jayraj for representing the BLPs of resilience and reciprocity. Jay has thrown himself into his learning since he has come back. Pushing himself in literacy to be even better with his writing and challenging himself to get work across all subjects completed and the best they can be. Jayraj has also shown lots of reciprocity answering questions and sharing ideas during inputs and class discussions.



Australasia

We would love to celebrate **Josie** for being such a wonderful learner and always sitting beautifully, showing her teachers she is ready to listen and willing to learn. Well done Josie.

Dawud has been resilient this week and has been trying hard to improve his handwriting. He also shows his teachers respect by listening carefully during lessons. Keep up the excellent work Dawud!



South America

Dylan G For amazing effort in this week's Literacy! He's been so resilient and worked exceptionally hard on our Harry Potter learning, handwriting and presentation too. Very well done for being so kind and helpful to Kaydee, too!

Ivy L A great trip out to Portswood Mosque! Not only did Ivy show our school value of respect, we were also impressed with her curiosity, asking the imam questions about a variety of topics including Muslim wedding ceremonies. Well done!



Asia

Emily has had another fantastic week, and demonstrated her reciprocal skills on a daily basis. She is an incredibly kind, supportive and caring member of the class, and has been a wonderful coach when working with others. She has come into school each day with a smile on her face, and a joyous attitude which has been a joy to have within the classroom! Well done Em!

Dera has demonstrated excellent courage this week, and it's been fantastic to see him look to challenge and push himself across all his subjects. In particular, he has looked to move onto the tricky challenges in maths, and shown great determination and resilience to apply his fantastic fractions knowledge! Well done Dera!



North America

Jash never gives up and perseveres through tricky moments in his learning. He works really hard and always does his best. Keep it up!
Lyra BD for being polite and kind to adults and friends. She talks nicely, listens well, and helps others. She treats people with respect and makes sure everyone feels happy and valued.