

# Highfield CE Primary School

## Weekly Update

### A message from Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and your children are feeling ready and refreshed for the term ahead.

There has been lots of fantastic learning taking place across the school this week. It was lovely to see our year 2 pupils enjoying their horse riding lesson at Pinkmead stables. We believe it is important that our pupils experience a range of sports and it was great to see such enthusiasm at the stables.

#### Parent's Evening

Please look out for the Parent's Evening letters which will be going out on Monday. This will be held in the junior hall on Wednesday 22nd May. We hope to see you all there.

#### Lunch Supervisors



**We are looking to recruit lunchtime supervisory assistants.**

If you are interested (or know of anyone who might be) please contact **info@highfieldschool.co.uk** for further information.

The post is incredibly rewarding and all training will be provided.

Term: **Summer** Number **1**  
Date: **19.04.24**

Theme of collective worship next week:



**Thankfulness**



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# School Improvement Priorities

## 2023/2024

### Attendance



Several families went on holiday towards the end of the spring term. Whilst we understand that family holidays in term time are significantly cheaper, pupils miss essential learning and we ask that holidays are not taken in term time.

National attendance rate across the academic year to date was **91.7%**  
Highfield CE Primary attendance to date this week: **95.9%**

### Writing



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Mark Bagust, school improvement officer came into school to look at writing across the school. We were incredibly pleased with the positive feedback and will share highlights in next week's update.

### Developing Leadership



This week, Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond attended the Education Leadership Conference at the Utilita Bowl. They took part in a leadership voice seminar with Ed Ampaw-Farr and a wellbeing discussion with Jaz Ampaw-Farr. It was an inspiring day and Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond have come back to school buzzing with ideas.



### Curriculum



Mr Dodson spent time looking at our system for tracking outcomes in foundation subjects (e.g. art, DT, history). We are working to ensure that our system captures the skills and knowledge of the curriculum and the most effective methods to do this meaningfully.

### Christian Values



This week we have been reflecting on our school value of Courage. We heard the story of Queen Esther in the Bible who showed courage by breaking the rules and putting herself in danger in order to save her people. We then discussed this picture, and what it tells us about Courage. The children had the opportunity to write their fears on a post-it note, which will be burnt in our fire pit on Friday!



# Parent Forum Feedback



Thank you to the group of parents who attended the parent forum this afternoon.

*The main areas we covered included:*

- When is the multiplication check for year 4? *The MTC is taking place the week commencing June 3rd.*
- Can children practice key skills at school before or after school? *We will continue to look into it.*
- Books in English - can we have more female leads in the books that are studied in years 5 and 6? *Absolutely, we will look into the texts.*
- Infants dogs- Not all children like dogs and we would ask that dogs are not tied up near to the entrances of school. We have some pupils who are scared of barking and we ask that they are not tied up and unattended.
- Walking up the hill - *we discussed the start of the day and how infant children can get quite tired walking to the juniors to drop off siblings. We are looking into how start times could help resolve this.*

The next parent forum is 10th June online, 7 - 8pm using this link: [meet.google.com/mnu-yosf-bbx](https://meet.google.com/mnu-yosf-bbx)



**We are very grateful to The Brewhouse and Kitchen for allowing us to use their car park for 'Park and Stride' in the morning.**



## **Sundays just got even better!**

Enjoy our fabulous Sunday roasts with the family – we're now offering a complimentary roast for children 6 and under\*!

All of our roasts are served with crispy roast potatoes, a medley of herb roasted carrots, parsnips & butternut squash, braised red cabbage, seasonal greens, and a homemade Yorkshire pudding with rich gravy.

# IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

## Year 1/2 Geography



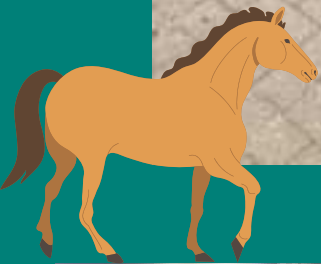
**This term in geography, year 1/2 are comparing the cities of Southampton and Mumbai. For their first lesson, they were given a variety of maps to explore and find information about the location of both cities. We were so impressed with how reciprocal the children were when working together to understand the information the maps were telling them!**



# IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



**Our first group of year  
2 children went horse  
riding!**





**On Monday 22nd April it is Earth day and the theme this year is 'Planet vs. Plastics'. Year 3 and 4 have been learning about ways we can work together to limit our use of plastics to help look after the Earth. Perhaps this weekend, children could take action to make the world a better place by picking up some litter or limiting pollution or the use of electricity. We would love to hear about how they have helped!**



The HSFF presents Highfield's



# MUSICAL AFTERNOON TEA

With music from our school  
Orchestra and Musicians

**Saturday 27th April**

2-3:30pm or 4-5:30pm

At the Juniors

## Tickets

£9 adults

£4 Children

Book Here



*Lovely jubbly*





# A MUSICAL AFTERNOON TEA

**Saturday 27th April**  
**2-3:30pm or 4-5:30pm**

Ticket includes a delicious  
Afternoon Tea of  
sandwiches, scones, cakes  
and of course, Tea!

A great way to introduce  
younger children to a  
range of instruments!



*All the family welcome - a  
perfect opportunity to treat  
the Grandparents!*

**Tickets**  
£9 adults  
£4 Children

The Orchestra will be performing at both sittings.

If you have a child performing a solo piece, please make  
sure you book the correct sitting, as per your email.

Use this QR code to  
book your tickets, or  
follow the link in your  
email from school!



[familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk)



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



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

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

**Wednesday 24th April, 9.00am-10.00am** - School nurse drop in for Diet and fussy eating advice for all parents at the junior department

**Saturday 27th April, 2.30pm-5.30pm** - HSFF Spring Musical Afternoon Tea

**Thursday 2nd May, 9.00am-10.00am** - School nurse in at juniors. Drop in for parents on sleep

**Friday 3rd May, 9.15am-9.45am** - Africa Class Assembly

**Friday 17th May, 9.15am-9.45am** - Australasia Class Assembly

**Monday 20th May** - Cardwell & Simons in for class photos

**Wednesday 22nd May, 1.30pm-7.00pm** - Parents' Evening (details tbc)

## INSET Days 2024-2025



Monday 2nd September

Friday 20th December

Friday 27th June

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July

## Well Done Matilda!!

Matilda has been growing her hair for a while now with an aim to donate as much as possible. Over Easter the time came for a hair cut and she donated 17 inches of hair to The Little Princess Trust and has so far raised £630 to help children with Cancer! Here is her funding link:

<https://gofund.me/O4c589a7>



The event promises an array of entertainment options that will captivate attendees of all ages.

Among the highlights are performances by the Newlands Sign Choir and The Instagram famous The Deaf Chef.

Redbridge Community School, located at Cuckmere Lane SO16 9RJ, is gearing up for an exciting and inclusive event in honor of Deaf Awareness Week. On Sunday, 12th May from 11am to 2pm, SHDCS will host a Family Fun Day aimed at raising awareness about deafness and bringing together the deaf and hearing community.



The best part about this event is that entry is completely free. The organizers warmly invite everyone, to attend and join in the celebration of Deaf Awareness Week. It's an excellent opportunity for the community to come together, learn from one another, and embrace the diversity that makes us unique.

South Hampshire Deaf Children's Society Hosts Fun Day to Unite the Deaf and Hearing Communities

For those seeking an adrenaline rush, Inflataplanet will be on hand to provide an inflatable wonderland where children and adults alike can bounce, slide, and play to their heart's content. Energise Sports will also organize various sport games with prizes to be won. Inflataplanet will be £10 a child for unlimited use during the event and there are other activities from as little as 50p.

Adding a touch of magic to the event, the beloved Elsa and Mickey Mouse will make special appearances. Families will have the opportunity to meet and greet these iconic characters and take pictures.

In addition to the entertainment, a variety of stalls and refreshments will be set up at the event. Also information stalls from the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) and Chloe and Sophie's Special Ear Fund.

The Family Fun Day will also feature an exciting raffle and tombola offering everyone the chance to win fantastic prizes.

Redbridge community school has a deaf unit and shares a close connection with deaf children. The generous use of their grounds for this event is a testament to their dedication to promoting inclusivity and understanding within the community.

Money raised on the day will be used to enhance the lives of deaf children in the community.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, 12th May from 11am to 2pm at Redbridge Community School. On the school field if the weather is good if its bad the event will still go ahead inside the school.

The stage is set for an unforgettable day of fun and community building. See you there!

For more information or inquiries, please contact [harjkaur@btinternet.com](mailto:harjkaur@btinternet.com)

We are now taking referrals for our next programme:

## ACES Recovery Toolkit

for Adults, Children and Young People

**A 10 week programme for Mothers/carers who have experienced unhealthy relationships.**

- Covering impact of trauma, building resilience, attachment and parenting, support networks, managing stress, child development, emotions and healthy relationships.
- A separate 8 week programme for their children (10-16 years) delivered by a trained practitioner.
- Covering keeping safe, managing stress and emotions, support networks, coping strategies, self-esteem, self-care and setting goals.

**Where:** 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR

**Dates:** Wednesday 15th May 2024 (excluding school holidays)

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

Drinks and snacks provided

Referrals can be made via Yellow Door email  
[info@yellowdoor.org.uk](mailto:info@yellowdoor.org.uk) or call 02380 636312



We are now taking referrals for our next programme:

## Early Years Programme

**A 10-week programme for Mothers/carers who have experienced unhealthy relationships.**

Separate Thera-Play sessions for their children (3-5 years) delivered by a qualified Play Therapist.

Covering:

- The effects of domestic and sexual abuse on women as mothers and on children and young people
- Effective communication skills with children and young people
- Working with challenging behaviour
- Protective behaviours and strategies for keeping mothers, children and young people safe

**Where:** 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR

**Dates:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 **Time:** 10am - 12pm

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For parents/carers and their children aged 10-14 years

**A 10 week group programme**

**Breaking behaviour patterns such as:**

- physical violence
- damage within the home environment
- stealing from family members
- threatening behaviour in the home
- attempting to control

Are you dealing with child to parent violence?

Get help at

## Building Respectful Families

**Where:** 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR

**Dates:** Tuesdays (excluding half term)

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

Drinks, snacks (and pizza for the kids) provided 

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call 02380 636312



**Yellow Door are pleased to be able to offer a range of psychoeducational programmes and groups developed specifically for those affected by domestic abuse.**

## Pattern Changing

This 12-week educational programme is available for women who have experienced domestic abuse and are looking to break the cycle of ongoing abuse in the future.

The weekly sessions offer participants the opportunity to reflect on their experiences with others in a safe and comfortable space, and focuses on the following topics:

- The impact of domestic violence and abuse
- Managing emotions and developing coping mechanisms
- Assertiveness skills
- Decision making & goal setting
- What makes a healthy relationship



## Contact Us

For more information about the service and how to access support, please get in touch with us.



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## When is it?

The next course will take place:

- **From** - Thursday May 2nd to July 18th
- **How long for** - 12 weeks, excluding school holidays.
- **Time**- 10am-12pm
- **Venue**- Yellow Door, 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR



*I am more aware of what a healthy relationship looks like and what I can expect and want. I know how to better take care of myself and don't feel scared in setting boundaries. I am saying no to things that do not give me fulfilment and I do not let myself feel guilty about saying no. I don't let others guilt trip me in to anything.*

Client who completed the Pattern Changing course



## How can I refer?

If you are interested in this course, you can complete a referral form on our website [www.yellowdoor.org.uk](http://www.yellowdoor.org.uk) or call the admin team on [02380636312](tel:02380636312).

If you are completing the referral on behalf of someone else, please ensure you have their consent before submitting the referral.



## PATTERN CHANGING COURSE

DOMESTIC ABUSE TEAM



Preventing and  
Responding to  
Domestic and  
Sexual Abuse

# INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



**Ash**

**Idris** was super resilient when he went horse riding yesterday and did really well to conquer his fears and sit on the horse. I'm so proud of you, Idris, you did such a great job of riding Violet the horse! Well done!

**Ivy** tried so hard in dictation this week. She did such a great job of spelling words correctly and using the correct grammar! Her handwriting was beautiful as well! Great job, Ivy, you showed such good resilience and I was so pleased to see you take so much pride in your learning!



**Willow**

**Maryam** has impressed me with her fantastic sentence writing this week. She has been thinking of great ideas and working hard to be independent with her writing. You are a star, Maryam! Keep up the super work!

**Oscar** has been showing the School value of Respect this week. He has been thinking of ways to help his friends and coming up with ideas to make sure others are being respected. Thank you for being you, Oscar!

**Oak**

**Theo** who has been the best example of a resilient rhino this week. He has been working SO hard in his writing in particular and asked for help to write a sentence this week in phonics. We are so proud of you Theo!

**Adam** who is such a beacon of joy in our class. He has the best laugh and never fails to make everyone smile in Oak base. He has also been working so hard in all of his learning. Keep it up Adam!



**Beech**

**Alyssa** has been wowing us all in Beech this week with her excellent ideas and thoughts in class discussions. Alyssa has been sharing lots with the class and has been great to see her build her courage to feel confident in her own ideas.

Well done Alyssa, keep it up!

So many times this week **Eliza** has been a reciprocal racoon! She always wants to help others but particularly this week she has gone out of her way to support her peers in their learning and make sure they are feeling happy and successful! Good job Eliza!



**Maple**

**Billie** has been such a resilient rhino in her writing this week. She has moved onto little lines and has WOWed us with her beautiful handwriting. She has been working so hard on making sure she doesn't have capitals in the wrong place and has been making sure she reads her work back carefully. Well done Billie!!

**Toby** has been a writing superstar this week. He has learnt to join his letters beautifully and has been challenging himself to do his best handwriting all the time! He has been putting so much effort into his literacy and this week did some excellent work on plurals.

Fantastic stuff Toby!



# JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!

## Australasia

We would love to celebrate **Pelumi** for reciprocity and making sure his peers are supported and encouraged. We can always count on Pelumi to contribute to class discussions and give us fantastic ideas too. We have been especially impressed by his vocabulary choices in writing this week. Well done Pelumi!

This week we have welcomed **Anson** to Australasia class and he has shown our school value courage, settling in so well already and showing enthusiasm. It has been lovely to see him come in each day with a big smile and he is already very popular. We know you will love it here at Highfield Anson!



## North America

**Poppy** for always being incredibly helpful around the school and taking great care of her work, both in class and at home.

**Marwan** for consistently putting in great effort during lessons, serving as a shining example to his classmates with his hard work and dedication.



## Africa

**Freddie T** for courage in his writing this week. Freddie really pushed himself to include as much detail as possible and as many skills as possible, creating a brilliant piece of writing. Well done Freddie!

**Zach G** for resilience in his writing this week. Zach really focused on the detail of his story and challenged himself to include as many skills as possible and made a fantastic piece of writing. Well done Zach!



## South America

**Jai** for continuing to do his very best in all lessons, joining in, helping others and generally going into the last four weeks before SATS with a great, can-do attitude!

**Neve** for going the extra mile over Easter and writing a lovely advert for her holiday holiday in anticipation of our new Literacy unit on adverts – plus she was very receptive and reflective when we looked over it together to think about ways that it could made even better!



## Asia

**Khemraj** for being such a respectful and polite member of the class. He is an absolute joy. An amazing role model for his peers.

**Alex** for using all his BLP skills to become fully immersed and engaged with all his learning. It's been great to hear all his insightful ideas in literacy this week.



## Europe

**Mo** has smashed dialogue writing this week. He remembered all of his speech punctuation, and integrated his speech and narrative brilliantly. His writing was a real pleasure to read. Well done Mo, we are really proud of you.

**Priya** has worked really hard on all of her learning this week. She has shown great independence and courage in our fraction learning, and was really reflective in literacy. She is always such a kind and positive force in our class!