

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

What a fantastic week it has been at Highfield!

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 football teams for their outstanding performances on Monday. We're thrilled to announce a remarkable victory for our girls' team in their match. Their determination and teamwork were truly brilliant, and we look forward to seeing them in the final

In other exciting news, our Year 1 and 2 pupils had a fantastic experience at the science centre during their school trip. It was a day filled with wonder, discovery, and learning, and we're delighted that they had such a fantastic time.

Tonight, we'll be sending our best wishes and lots of luck to our juniors who are participating in the Dance Live final at the Guildhall. Their talent and passion for dance have shone throughout the competition, and we're rooting for them every step of the way.

On Saturday, we are very much looking forward to seeing you all at the Orchestra afternoon tea where our pupils will be showcasing their talents. A HUGE thank you to the HSFF for coordinating this wonderful event.

Term: **Summer** Number **2**
Date: 26.04.24

Theme of collective
worship next week:



Listening to God
and to others



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Reminders

- If you have not yet booked in for parent's evening, please book your appointment on SCOPAY (if you have any problems please contact the school office)
- Year 6 parents, it's only 2x weeks until SATS
- Year 5 parents, remember it is Bike Ability next week!
- The school nurse is in again next week on Thursday to talk about nutrition/sleep - please pop into the juniors at 9am if you would like a chat and advice.
- **Please ensure reading diaries are in book bags each day and that children read at home at least 5x per week.** Reading for pleasure improves pupil's outcomes significantly. There is an interesting research paper which supports this here if you would like to see some of the findings:

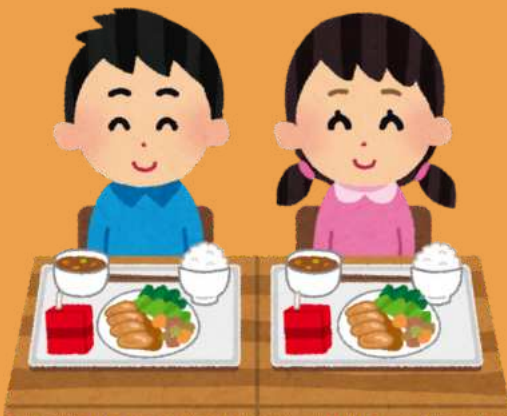
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7c18d540f0b61a825d66e9/reading_for_pleasure.pdf

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead!

Lunch Supervisors

We are still 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.

School Improvement Priorities

2023/2024

Attendance



National attendance rate across the academic year to date was **91.7%**

Highfield CE Primary attendance to date this week: **95.9%**

Writing



This week, Miss Ellis (our English Leader) spent time looking at our writing provision at the infants. She monitored planning, pupil's outcomes and went into lessons to see provision in the classroom. We are continuously looking to improve writing and are proud of the progress the school has made this year.

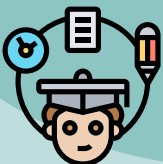
Developing Leadership



This week, Miss Bignell (our geography leader) and Mrs Bond (DHT) reviewed DT planning and provision. They launched our new scheme with staff.

Mr Dodson looked at assessments across the school and delivered training to staff on SATS administration.

Curriculum



Mr Rawlins and Miss Hill attended training in 'specialist knowledge in teaching maths' at Tanners Brook. The teachers had DT training during the staff meeting where they looked at our new scheme of works.

Christian Values



This week, the children have been exploring the Christian value of 'thankfulness'. The child worship ambassadors did a great job on Wednesday. Mrs Shorey is looking forward to working with them on how to develop our values in our curriculum.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 3/4

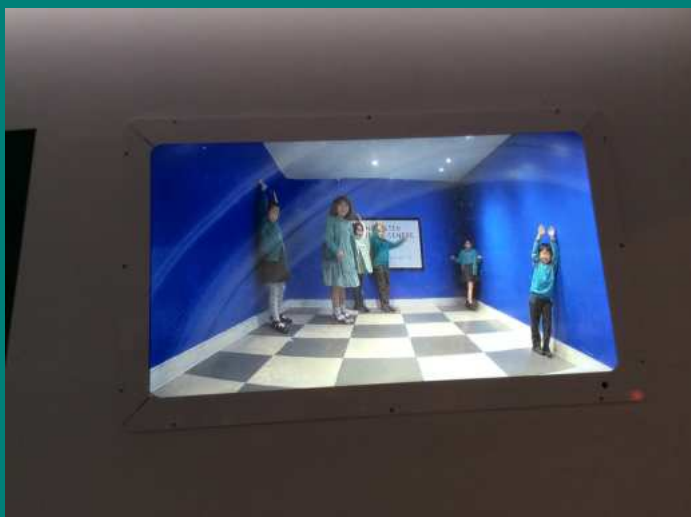
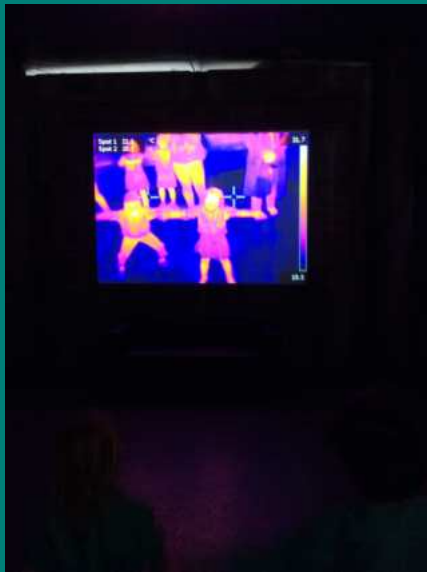
Along with the University of Southampton, Dr Mark Chapman has asked for our help in collecting data for his research. In a warming world, where our food travels long distances, Dr Chapman wonders whether legumes will grow well across the country, how fast they'll germinate, how long until they produce flowers and if they will produce beans/ pods. This would be a good local source of protein for humans of the future. A big thank you to Mark and Anastasia for coming in and talking to year 3 and 4 about this project. We look forward to growing some plants and providing him with our data.



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 1/2

Year 1/2 had so much fun at the Winchester Science Museum! They experienced the planetarium, learnt about minibeasts and they had lots of exploration time playing with all the science exhibits! Thank you to all the parents who supported the day.



SPORT IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



On Monday, both the girls and boys had their semi final matches at St. Mark's. Although the boys lost their game, they did the school proud, showing determination and brilliant sportsmanship.

The girls had a brilliant game and kept all the spectators on the edge of their seats until the final minute! The girls were 1-1 at the end of their match before it went to penalties. Ottilie was incredible in goal and saved both the penalties in the final shoot out! Both Betsy and Caterina scored their penalties resulting in a Highfield win! A huge well done to the girls for an outstanding performance and we look forward to cheering them on in the final!



The ticket site for the afternoon closes at 8pm tonight, please follow this link to book tickets or use the QR code below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsff/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=78792>



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!

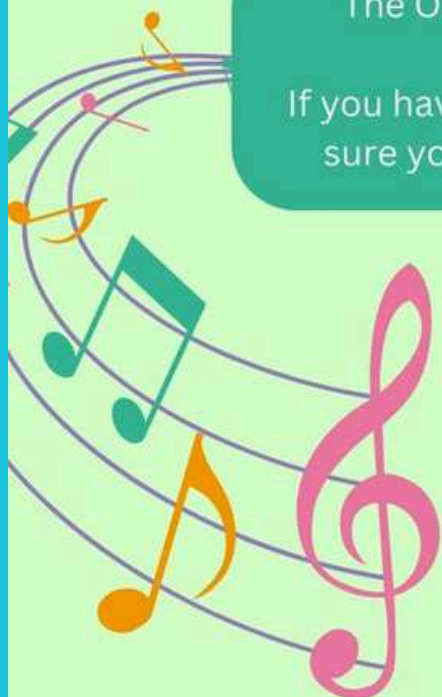


*All the family welcome - a
perfect opportunity to treat
the Grandparents!*

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



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

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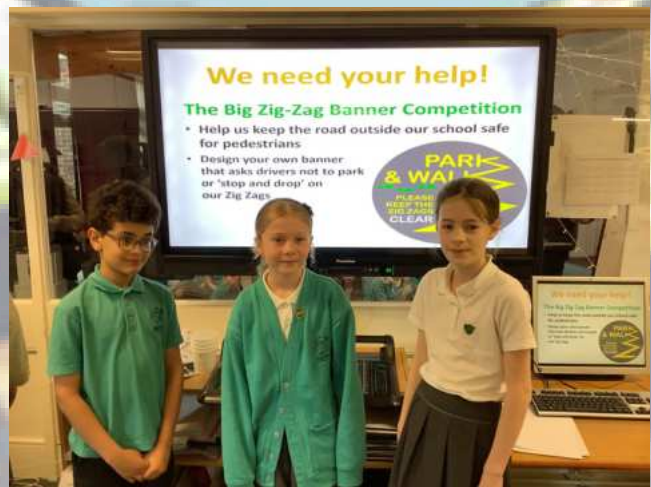


Lovely jubbly



Junior Travel Ambassador's Update

This week our JTA's have been very busy. On Tuesday Abdul, Dera and Emma took part in monitoring the traffic Hawthorn Road experiences at pick up time. We were also looking to see how safely children can cross the road with so many cars using the road. We counted 99 cars which used the road between 3.15pm and 3.40pm.



All 13 of our JTA's lead the junior collective worship on Wednesday to introduce the 'Big Zig-Zag Banner Competition'.



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Big Zig-Zag Banner Competition



Use a blank sheet of A4 paper to do your banner design. Use the whole sheet – work right up to the edges of the paper and use the paper 'Landscape'- (so the sheet of paper is widest from left to right)).

Remember what it is we want to tell drivers. Your design could contain any of these messages.

- It is better for our **air quality** and our **health** to 'park and walk' (park at least 500 metres away from the school)
- Walking is good exercise - its keeps us healthy and is good for our hearts
- It is not sensible or caring to drive or park in the road directly outside the school
- It is not safe to park in the street outside the school gates as this means its difficult for pupils to cross the road
- they must not stop their car on the zig-zag lines
- It is illegal to park or 'stop and drop' on the zigzags

- Use **clear messages** and **bold clear colours** and design (felt tips preferably) to make it easier for people to read and understand our message

- Include your name and class number in pencil on the back of your poster

COMPETITION DEADLINE: HAND YOUR BANNER DESIGN INTO Mrs Bond BEFORE 10th May



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



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

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

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

Monday 29th April - Year 5 Bikeability (all week)

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

Monday 6th May - Early May Bank Holiday (School closed)

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)

Thursday 18th July, 2.30pm-3.25pm - Year 6 Leavers Service

INSET Days 2024-2025



Monday 2nd September

Friday 20th December

Friday 27th June

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July



Thank you to 'The Brewhouse & Kitchen' for allowing our parents to 'Park and Stride' from their car park for the morning drop off



FATHER'S DAY Sunday 16th June

We have a treat in store for dad this Father's Day – dine with us and he'll be treated to a pint of B&K brewed beer followed by a whisky pairing!

The usual Sunday menu featuring our amazing Sunday Roasts will be available all day, along with some Chef Specials, and our award-winning Children's menu!

(and remember there's a complimentary roast for children 6yrs and under 😊)



Day Time Gets More Special!

We've also added new dishes to our new, pocket friendly, "Day time Specials" (priced from £7)- available until 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

Our popular sandwiches served on freshly baked Rosemary & sea salt focaccia now include a Vegan Spicy BBQ Pulled Shiitake Mushroom, with sticky glaze, rainbow slaw and mixed leaves, there's a tasty Chargrilled Halloumi Salad with roasted vegetable couscous, and of course, by popular demand, Steak Frites is still on the menu!

Whether you're meeting with friends, popping out for a lunch break or bringing a laptop to work from the brewpub our new Daytime Specials menu will have you covered!

All the dishes are also available on our £10 Work space offer



New Spring Menu!

As the days are getting longer and lighter and we're preparing for warmer weather ☀️, we are offering **£10*** off when you dine from our new Spring menu using the code below.

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Valid until May 9th, you can enjoy a variety of fresh, tasty dishes such as Pan-Roasted Seabass Fillets with Samphire and Pomegranate on a bed of lime & coriander couscous, our new improved Beer-battered fish now served with triple cooked chips, mushy peas and Stoke's tartare sauce, breaded Chicken Schnitzel with rainbow slaw and seasoned fries, along with some exciting tweaks to our classic dishes & burgers.

Valid all day: min. spend £30. Not valid in conjunction with another offer.



UEFA EURO 2024 🏆

Football fever will be with us from 14th June until 14th July as action from UEFA EURO 2024 will be shown on big screens in the brewpub and you're invited!

Germany vs Scotland kicks off the tournament at 8pm on 14th June, with England's first game on Sunday 16th at 8pm against Serbia!

Serving a huge selection of drinks, a tasty food menu and now with our 9-Pint DIY beer dispense Tritons* available at your table for only £50** you'll be guaranteed

INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Beech

Mattia showed the school value of respect on the school trip. He really made sure he was listening to instructions and he was a great example of an excellent Highfield pupil. I am really proud of him and can't wait to see him continue on this upward path!

Elise has been very reflective this week in her literacy writing. She has done some fantastic editing to make sure she was spelling her keywords correctly and using punctuation accurately. I am very impressed
Elise, well done!



Maple

Adam has been incredible this week. He has been challenging himself in his reading and writing and has been so resilient! We are SO impressed with him.

Emily has been fantastic in literacy this week! She has been such an author and has written a beautiful opening to her story. Well done Emily!



Willow

Bethany has been so focused on her learning this week. She has written some super sentences and has even been able to check them, before showing a teacher, to make sure she has not missed any sounds! Well done, Bethany!!

Anh Minh has been an absolute star this week! He has been working really hard to do super listening and he has been the Resilient Rhino by trying to write his sentences independently. We are very proud of you, Anh Minh!!



Oak

Suubi who was a fantastic resilient rhino in his maths this week and was doubling everything with ease! He has also been working hard in doing good listening and following instructions :)

Sufiyan who is ALWAYS doing exactly what he should be doing and always trying to do his best in all of his learning. Well done and thank you for being an absolute star!



Ash

Tommy for a great horse riding session and following our golden rules beautifully this week!

Dahli has been such a great role model for behaviour and a very resilient worker this week

JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Asia

Aurelie – Not only is Aurelie an incredibly respectful, polite and courteous member of the class she also amazingly resilient. Aurelie has been amazing in maths this week; never giving up even when it was challenging. She should be so proud of herself.

Otto – For showing he can use all his BLP skills to be an amazing independent learner. He has worked so hard in Maths this week to really get to grips with perimeter and is absolutely flying! Well done!



North America

Rayyan – Your dedication and good choices during Literacy and Maths have been truly impressive. Keep it up!

Inzi – Your readiness to lend a hand to others during lessons is truly admirable. Keep up the great teamwork and interdependence!



South America

Teresa S for a super summary of the Private Peaceful extract that we have been reading this week, and for always showing great effort in French lessons – she has a fantastic memory for vocabulary!

Edward H for always showing fantastic effort in class, a determined and resilient attitude, and always being well behaved and polite towards adults and other children in class – always a real superstar!



Africa

Jayraj for courage with his writing. Jayraj has challenged himself so much with his published piece of writing to include so many features and skills to make a fantastic piece of writing. This courage is what Jayraj shows every day in his learning, putting his hand up to answer questions and pushing himself to complete the task.

Inayah for resilience in her writing. Inayah has shown so much resilience with her writing this week. She included so much detail, so many skills and so many ideas and really thought about how she could make a truly entertaining piece of writing. This resilience is something that Inayah shows across her learning where she always challenges herself.



Europe

Alesha has shown great independence and resilience in her learning this week, especially in literacy. We are really proud of her progress and her can-do attitude. Well done Alesha, keep up the good work.

Elijah O has had such a fantastic positivity and enthusiasm in his learning the past few weeks. He has shown courage in challenging himself, and been making great links between his learning in different subjects. Great job Elijah.



Australasia

Isaac has shown resilience with his writing and has written some excellent dialogue using SCAPS for accurate punctuation. We have been so proud of your brilliant narrative writing Isaac – Keep it up!

Ella shows our school value, peace, daily. She is always so respectful, kind and caring to those around her. Ella is a wonderful role model for how to be a great learner and a super friend. You're a star Ella!