



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

This school year feels as though it's moved so quickly, to the point where many will now be looking forward to 2026-27 and what that brings. I'm continually reviewing what I've learned and what our priorities are. But over the course of this school year Government policy has started to filter through; although the current Government has been in power for just short of 2 years, the new vision for education takes time to develop.

Don't worry, I'm not about to break out into educational jargon and my opinions on individual policy, but I do think it is worthwhile sharing with you the key documents and frameworks we work from. Every Child Achieving and Thriving (white paper), the SEND Reform consultation, new Ofsted framework and Curriculum and Assessment Review have all been released this school year.

What is important, is the approach we take to employing them at Highfield; the most valuable asset we have is our identity. We have a set of established values built around our diverse, caring and proud community. So national policy doesn't dictate the principles and direction of our school, instead we use it to help us improve. There are clear priorities coming from the DfE, centred around raising achievement, supporting wellbeing and inclusion, improving attendance and behaviour and ensuring no child is left behind. These are priorities which are aligned with our own. If you would like to talk about any of this, I would be very happy to hear from you. This is a partnership, your voice is valued.

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:

6BH - Whole class

6G - Whole class

5L - Albie, Hamza, Roman, Rosa

5E - Huzafah, Lara, Navneet, Thea

4C - Amrita, Dawud, Ian, Truly

4O - Dan, Florence, Maya

### Walking with Wildlife Poster Competition

Huge congratulations to Anika and Rosa who were winners in the Alwoodley 2030: Climate Action Hub Walking with Wildlife Poster Competition! The Hub received hundreds of entries but Anika's Red Clover and Rosa's Hedgehog clearly impressed the judging panel. They have been published on the Alwoodley 2030 website here:

<https://www.alwoodley2030.org/nature-corridors/alwoodley-wildways-trail/red-clover>

and here:

<https://www.alwoodley2030.org/nature-corridors/alwoodley-wildways-trail/hedgehog>

### Training with the Rhinos



Charlie, Seth, Lindo and Mason had the chance to train with the Leeds Rhinos at Roundhegians rugby club recently. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn from professionals and get some tips. Here are Seth, Charlie and George with Leeds stars Ned and Fergus McCormack and Hull KR player Rhyse Martin. The Roundhegians U11's team will be playing Yarnbury in a few weeks at halftime during The Rhino's and Huddersfield Giants game – All the boys are super excited!

### Jujitsu Jac!



Here is Jac after competing in his first ever Jujitsu competition. Jac entered the Yorkshire Open last weekend and even though it was his first experience at an event, amazingly he came third and received the bronze medal! Great work Jac, we are all very proud.

### Miss Connell running for Mencap



Congratulations to Miss Connell (our student teacher in year 1) who ran the Leeds Half Marathon at the weekend and raised £910 for Mencap, a local charity that supports young people in Leeds with learning disabilities, autism and other complex needs. Well done Miss Connell!

**MindMate**  
Support Team**NHS**  
Leeds Community  
Healthcare

## Coffee Morning

Highfield Primary School are holding a **coffee Morning** to give parents and carers the opportunity to meet with the **MindMate Support Team**.

The MindMate Support Team is a new service for education settings to support the emotional and mental health of their students. MindMate work with school's parents/carers and existing services to help young people with mild to moderate mental health needs using evidence-based interventions.

**Please come along on the 19th May at 9am to find out more about the service and how they can support you / your child.**



**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.

### Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Brownlee Triathlon
- **Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Mindmate Coffee Morning for parents
- **Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May:** 3FL Class Assembly, Year 4 mosque visit
- **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Harmony in Diversi'tea'
- **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** KS1 Celebration Assembly