Headteacher's Message

On Monday morning, standing nervously in front of the whole school, Hafsah in Year 5 took a deep breath before beginning her talk on Ramadan. She spoke with confidence about its significance, the importance of the fast, the values of patience and community, and how her family observed the holy month. She finished with a quiz and then took questions from her captivated audience! As she finished, a wave of applause filled the hall, marking a moment of pride and achievement.

I am sure you will be aware of how Respect, Equality and Diversity are the key drivers of our curriculum and underpin our ethos as a school. But I also hope Hafsah's example will serve to inspire others to strengthen and test their oral presentation skills. Effective spoken delivery helps lay the foundations for future challenges—teaching her the power of public speaking, the importance of articulating her thoughts clearly and the confidence to stand before an audience. This takes an awful lot of courage and bravery which Hafsah had in abundance!

Hafsah has aspirations to be a lawyer. I hope that, years later as she prepares for an interview for her law degree, she will recall this moment—not just as a memory, but as proof that she has the ability to present herself with poise, put forward her case persuasively and pursue that dream.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

Safeguarding. For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs Dalgliesh, 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-Eamily/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.





News & Updates

NATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING **CHAMPIONSHIPS**



On the 22nd March, Ernie Martin, from 4V, took part in the National Primary Cross Country Finals in Stoneleigh, Kenilworth. He finished in a very impressive 11th place in a time of 6:03mins for a 1600m run against the best runners in the country. He was very close to finishing in the top ten-just one second away!

Congratulations Ernie.

Dates for your Diary!

- Mon 31st March: Year 6 football fixture
- Tues 1st April: Parents Evening
- Thurs 3rd April: Parents Evening
- Fri 4th April: Easter Assembly (decorated egg boxes competition)

Great performance!



Victory tastes sweeter when you have tasted defeat. I am sure that's true. Our victory against St. Urban's Primary School on Friday certainly tasted delicious! There have been many matches this season that have ended with defeat for us. We didn't let this affect us though and we have bounced back stronger and played some lovely football along the way. Congratulations to Luca Docherty for two beautifully-struck goals, to Ben Holton for getting on the scoresheet and to Will Magyar, who has scored in two games on the bounce. A wonderful team performance.

RED Day Reminder

Mrs Homan would like to remind parents of our Respect, Equality & Diversity open event on the afternoon of Thursday 1st May. If there are any parents out there who would like to share their cultural talents then please get in touch - we would love to hear from you!





Poster Competition Alert!

This year's Walk to School Week theme is "Walk with Joy", and we're kicking things off with a splash of colour and creativity!

Alwoodley Action are inviting all children to design a bright, bold, and joyful poster to promote this exciting week. Get creative think vibrant colours, eye-catching designs, and of course, fun and funky socks to match the theme!

Your poster must include:

- The theme: "Walk with Joy"
- The dates of Walk to School Week
- A colourful, joyful design that spreads happiness!

The winning poster will be announced during assembly on **Tuesday** 22nd April, when Jen from Alwoodley 2030 will join us to share why Walk to School Week matters and what fun activities are planned.

Let's get designing — and don't forget to wear your brightest socks!

Entrants to be submitted (hard copy only) by 9am - Tuesday 22nd April 2025.



Highfield Signposting



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Scan the QR Code for pricing & bookings



Lots of Games, sports, crafts, activities and FUN!!!

Delivered by minimum level 2 sports coaches

Slip n Slide on Wednesday (weather dependent)

Staff trained in First Aid and Safeguarding

DATES

27th - 30th May 2025

TIME

8:00am-5:30pm









SCAN ME!



VEEKLY SESSION

TAKE YOUR FIRST STEPPING STONES INTO BASKETBALL WITH OUR COMMUNITY COACHES IN A FUN & RELAXED ATMOSPHERE FOCUSED ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT.

ST MARY'S ACADEMY, BRADFORD RD, MENSTON, ILKLEY, LS29 6AE



BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS) MONDAY 16:30-17:45



LBU ARENA, LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY, LS6 3QQ



MINI BOUNCE (5-7 YEAR OLDS) SATURDAY 09:00-10:30 SUNDAY 09:00-10:30





BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS) SATURDAY 09:00-10:30 &10:30-12:00 SUNDAY 10:30-12:00





NEW HEIGHTS (12-14 YEAR OLDS) SATURDAY 10:30-12:00 SUNDAY 09:00-10:30





ALL GIRLS (8-14 YEAR OLDS) SATURDAY 09:00-10:30





RAISE YOUR GAME (15-18 YEAR OLDS) SATURDAY 10:30-12:00 SUNDAY 10:30-12:00



MORE SESSIONS ADDED REGULARLY - KEEP UP TO DATE ON OUR WEBSITE. BOOK NOW AT COLBC.CO.UK/SESSIONS