



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

A thoughtful parent recently invited me to join a local touch rugby group to improve my health. The group is full of great people in the same boat as me—well past our prime, but still convinced we possess the skill and agility we had at 21 (or at least think we had). Sure, none of us are exactly physically fit, and our limbs are held together more by tape and optimism than actual muscle, but that's hardly a deterrent.

Before I left the house, my wife gave me the usual warning, about "not getting too competitive," "remembering my age and responsibilities," and "thinking about how much pain you were in last time." She even threw in the reminder that some of the other players might be parents of children from Highfield, so maybe try not to upset anyone. Of course she said all this with a tone of resignation, knowing full well that by the end of the game I'd have achieved all those warnings. I often say to pupils that mistakes are positives, our culture of error is how we learn. Thankfully, I preach better than I practise.

Well done to everyone: children, staff, parents and carers on a great half-term. I'm going to finish with a cinquain poem written by Eleanor in Year 5 and I thought it was a great way to finish:

Highfield
Being well taught
Teachers helping students
Students feeling happy at school
Good days

Enjoy your week and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

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**:

3FL - Aleena, Dawud, Lana, Thomas
3T - Harold, Joseph, Mia, Mohid
4V - Adam, Jessica, Lara, Reyansh
4O - Alex, Emma, Matild, Rory
5E - Alexander, Isabel, Sehj, Thomas
5L - Dashini, Joe, Mason, Naomi
6BH - Elijah, Ellis, Izzi, Omika
6G - Arjun, Ella, Laila, Millie

A visit from Florence Nightingale
 Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Florence Nightingale today. Florence brought with her lots of artefacts for the children to enjoy and this included the opportunity to write using slate and chalk. The children also had a go at wrapping each other in bandages!



Picture news



Happy Diwali from School Club!



To celebrate Diwali coming up in half-term, School Club have been getting creative and making Rangoli patterns. They want to wish all those celebrating the festival a wonderful time.



Also at School Club, the children have been sweeping up the leaves to help clear our grounds. However the urge to dive in/shuffle through/kick the leaves into the air was too much of a temptation for many! Here are Tiana and Cerys preparing the next pile to be enjoyed.

Applications for Year 7

The deadline for applications for Year 7 places falls in half-term, on 31 October 2024. If parents need help with an application, they can contact startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk

A world champion dancer at Highfield (x2)! Miss Mountain competed in the World Irish Dancing Championships in Belfast at the weekend. Amazingly, she retained her title that she won last year! All our congratulations for what is an incredible achievement. The trophy you can see was so heavy that the airline refused to let her board with it unless she paid for another seat! Thankfully a friend was on hand who brought it back on the ferry.

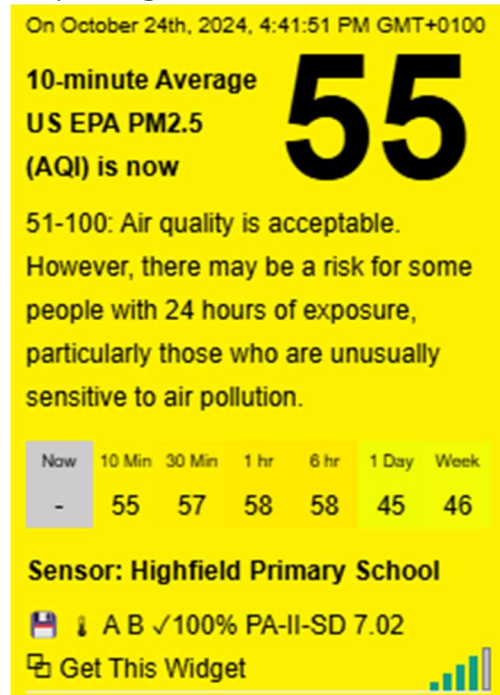


Dates for your Diary!

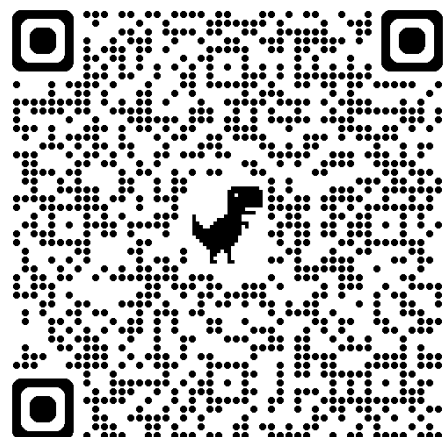
- **Mon 4th Nov:** Bikeability groups begin for Year 6
- **Weds 6th Nov:** Pumpkin parties
- **Thurs 7th Nov:** Year 4 trip
- **Fri 8th Nov:** Winter voices rehearsal for the school choir

<https://highfield-primary.co.uk/our-school/calendar/>

Air Quality at Highfield



Did you know we have our very own air quality monitor at Highfield? We use it to monitor the quality of air our children breathe through the day to look for trends as to when we need to improve our living environment. This links with our work with the [Alwoodley 2030 Climate Action Hub](#) on initiatives such as Walk to School Week to help promote awareness and build better habits. If you would like to see the air quality monitors across Leeds you can find them here:



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-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.