



Highfield Newsletter



Deputy Headteacher's Message

Tonight sees the return of the annual Friends of Highfield Quiz. A fabulous opportunity for parents to get together and test their general knowledge against each other. More often than not, events planned by the Friends of Highfield benefit our children directly, whether that be them participating in pumpkin parties, film watching with hotdogs or partaking in workshops the Friends have funded. Very easily we could forget that supporting parents is equally as important. Providing opportunities for new social networks to be built and parent friendships to strengthen are vital and only enhance our school community. The Friends of Highfield are key in supporting school and ultimately our children, however we hope that this event supports the wellbeing of our parents.

The staff team are ready for the challenge!

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Bowker

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:

3T – Ashwin, Dhanishta, Eva, Simran

3FL – Ellis, Ethan, Oscar, Shaam

4C – Evie, Grace, Lana, Thomas

4O – Charlotte, Dan, Louis, Oscar

5E – Eesa, Fayyaz, Nate, Thea

5L – Grace, Hamza, Meredith, Reyansh

6BH – Mason, Nancy, Raajveer, Thomas

6G – Ali, Safaan, Sam, Seth

World Book Day

Thursday sees the return of World Book Day. This year children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas to support our theme of 'Reading for Pleasure'. In the current world it is a great opportunity to share the benefits of reading. We have many activities planned throughout the day, including reading class swaps, writing a whole school story to be shared in our World Book Day assembly at the end of the day and the new initiative of Secret Reader at Highfield. We would love as many parents / family members to sign up for a 'secret reader' slot to show our children that adults love reading too. Please contact the office if you would like to participate in this event – it doesn't have to be on World Book Day. It can be at other times throughout the year.

Girls' Football



We are immensely proud of our Girls' football team after their close game against Gledhow Primary School. It was so nice to see the sun out again and enough daylight to play an after-school fixture. The work rate of our team was absolutely superb and we had a number of shots on goal through the game. We also defended well and had a super goalkeeper in Eleanor Clarke. Special mentions too go out to Hafsa Merchant, who was voted by the other team as our outstanding player, and Larisa Jackson-Santos, who captained the team by example.

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 2nd March:** Football fixture (Home)
- **Tues 3rd March:** Cross country finals
- **Weds 4th March:** Class 3T assembly
- **Thurs 5th March:** World Book Day
- **Friday 6th March:** Football fixture (Away)

Fencing champion



Charlotte recently competed in the Yorkshire Fencing Championships and achieved 1st place in the U10 foil category, making her the Yorkshire Champion for her age group. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects her dedication, hard work and commitment to her sport.

A real life Historian

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Michael into our classrooms. He is an expert on life in medieval times, the Wars of the Roses and the Tudor dynasty which began after Henry Tudor won the Battle of Bosworth. He is also a grandparent of 3 of our children.

Michael brought along a range of fascinating artefacts for us to examine. We had to work out what they were made of and what they might have been used for, which was great fun! He then guided us through the key events of the battle, using drama and costumes to help bring the story to life.



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.