



The Highfielder

Highfield so far! - A 'Hello!' from Mr Gath and the Highfielder team.



Highfield Highlights from the editor.

It has been another typically busy and eventful term here at Highfield, filled with learning, enrichment and many memorable moments. It has been a pleasure to see so much creativity across the school; on more than one occasion, the staffroom has welcomed a Viking, a member of the Tudor military and even, I believe, Guy Fawkes—clear signs of the imaginative approaches bringing our curriculum to life.

The children of Year 6 have had an exceptionally full term. Barely a week has gone by without a visit or a trip. We have been all over Yorkshire: enjoying a performance of *A Christmas Carol* in Leeds as part of their drama studies, exploring the work of Barbara Hepworth in Wakefield, and visiting a local mosque to enrich their understanding in Religious Education.

I had the opportunity to talk to pupils from all around school about music and I was even invited to drop in and see how learning was happening. It was awesome to see how our music teaching and learning progresses from year to year. I will never forget the meaning of 'ostinato' thanks to Year Two.

As always, it has been wonderful to see our pupils moving around school with such positivity and enthusiasm—reflected in the brightening weather. We are all looking forward to making the most of the school grounds again soon, with more opportunities for outdoor learning.

Having learned so much already, I can't believe there is still more to come!

Spring Highlights from the team:

Jenson: A personal highlight for me was our D.T trip to Allerton Grange, this is because we were given the opportunity to use machinery we normally wouldn't and I got to do it all with my friends.

Nerea: My spring highlights were how the weather has gotten better and is now allowing us to use our school field. It is also nicer because when doing P.E the sun is hotter and makes it a little easier to enjoy our time outside.

Katherine: My spring highlights were how the weather changed from freezing to slightly warmer, which is great for P.E and break time, when our year went to the Barbara Hepworth gallery, and when we carved pictures of Barbara Hepworth's sculptures onto linoleum. It has been an amazing term.

Safaan: My spring highlight was when our class went to Allerton Grange to make musical instruments with lots of upgraded equipment and I like doing P.E because of the hot weather and the fun activities we do.



Team News

By Mr Gath

How great it is to be part of a winning team! Well done to the Highfield staff quiz team who won this year's PTA quiz. I hear that some of the questions were particularly challenging!

Year 4 have welcomed Mrs Cole to Highfield, and she has instantly become a valuable part of the team. It is great to have you with us, Mrs Cole!

What's been going on?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - By Katherine and Nerea

Reception

It has been such a busy time for our youngest learners here at Highfield—here are some of their highlights. On the 4th of February, Reception had their film night, which was held by the friends of Highfield (the P.T.A). It was after school, and they all had a great time.

Towards the end of the spring term, they went on a school trip to Temple Newsam farm. They all had a wonderful time: looking at animals, enjoying the fresh and travelling on a coach! Even the teachers enjoyed it! All the children were well behaved, and best of all, it was a sunny day, so it was perfect for a trip.

Year One



Easter was a particularly exciting time for Year One. On January 11th, they began a digital art project which involved learning how to mix colours, lighten and darken different colours, and create secondary colours. They are currently making digital paintings inspired by the artist Kandinsky.

On January 15th, 1B acted out Billy Goat's Gruff (the story they were learning about) during drama and they were extremely good at it. They had a lot of fun doing it. 'Who is that clip-clopping over my bridge?'

Year one cleverly combined their geography unit about human and physical features with their D.T project about houses, by going on a walk around the local area. During the Moortown walk, they learned lots, including how to be safe on the roads.



Towards the end of the spring term, both year 1 classes performed a spring production to the school and parents. There were lots of colour and songs, and they did a brilliant job. It was enjoyable to watch, and they all had a great time performing it.

Year 1 have introduced secret readers to Highfield. This is when one of the child's parents comes in without the children knowing and reads them all a story. Everyone loved it, and had a brilliant time. Thank you for supporting year one if you were one of our secret readers!

Year Two



Year 2, have been extremely active; they had a tennis coach teach some of their P.E lessons and they thoroughly enjoyed every bit of it. They learned ball control skills, throwing and returning. In the classroom, Year two worked extremely hard to create some interesting acrostic poems. Some children showed their confidence by performing their poems to the

What's been going on? Year 3 and 4 - By Nerea

It has been crazily busy in the lower half of Key Stage two throughout Spring. There have been assemblies, plays and even Viking visits!

Year 3:

In Year 3, they have been working hard on their Joseph play and performed it to the school and their parents. It was so enjoyable. The singing was amazing and everybody performed so well. As well as all that rehearsing, pupils still made time to create a fossil using rocks and toy dinosaurs to imprint on some hand-made salt dough.

In computing, Year 3 were honing their skills by making a broadcast using Scratch.

Year 4:

The Spring term brought a rather unexpected visitor to Year 4—a Viking visitor!. They had a great time, putting on costumes, carrying tools, wearing armour and learning what a Viking's lifestyle looked like.

They have also been learning some tunes on the glockenspiel in Music.

On Friday mornings, as part of the PE curriculum, they went off to Scott Hall swimming pool and had a nice, chilled morning. They learned lots about water safety and practiced swimming. Thanks must go to the adults involved in orchestrating those sessions! .



What's been going on? Year 5 and 6 - By Jensen

On the 28th of January years five and six had a friends of Highfield movie night. The school office sent out a parent mail and everyone that wanted to attend geared up in their sleeping attire for a fun afternoon watching movies and eating snacks.

We would like to thank the friends of Highfield for organising this night to remember and all of the parents who volunteered to chaperone for making it possible.

On the 3rd and 4th of February year 6 took a walk to Allerton Grange for a thrilling D.T experience. Everyone observed perfect road safety, checking twice before they crossed and staying single file on every path. Upon arrival, they made their way to the D.T room to meet the head of design technology at Allerton Grange. She went over all of the safety needs while operating heavy machinery such as industrial drills. They were all thrilled to finally be in their safety goggles at the ready. Everyone armed themselves with saws and sandpaper ready to complete the task of making a working musical instrument of their own.

It has been such a busy term. Year 6 were fortunate enough to visit the Hepworth Gallery, where they stood in awe of Winged Figure. We used our inspiration to print Tote Bags, which can be purchased for a very reasonable and heavily discounted price, at the Summer Fair.



Showing our Super Powers

By Safaan and Mr Gath



February 13th was superhero day, where most children came dressed as superhero during Anti-Bullying Week so we could show our own super powers. Thanks to Mrs Homan and Ms Overduin for organising the day.

We were proud to support the Lord Mayor of Leeds Charity Appeal - Just One Day, which this year raised money for local charity Leeds Mencap. In keeping with the theme, "Unleash Your Inner Superhero", pupils and staff came to school dressed as superheroes for the day (Mr Gath wore his DIY clothes—he was 'Handy-man!' for the day). We were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor, who spent time with our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils before meeting with Key Stage 2 children. Our older pupils asked thoughtful questions and shared what they felt their own "superpowers" were. Their responses reflected the values we celebrate in school: "Spreading kindness... everyone deserves to be treated with kindness." "Respect — it's really important we treat everyone with equal respect." "I'm wearing my Sunshine and Smiles T-shirt for my younger sister, she is my superhero." We would like to extend our thanks to the Lord Mayor for taking the time to visit, and also thank all of our families for supporting the day and for your generous donations to the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal. Your support will make a meaningful difference.

The sound of music with the Highfield choir!

By Katherine and Nerea



We are so proud of our fantastic choir! The choir have been rehearsing every Wednesday and sometimes Tuesdays and Thursdays, ready to perform with Allerton C of E primary and Brodetsky primary, in front of parents and even the lord mayor! Highfield had the pleasure of hosting the performance this year, and it was an enjoyable experience for all involved.

They practiced the following songs: I Can See Clearly, The Power of my Voice and Unwritten. The Mayor of Leeds (Dan Cohen) gave a speech after every song, telling the schools how good they were.

As a finale, all three choirs sang The Power of my Voice together. At the end of the performance, the crowd roared cheers of joy and happiness, the sound of the clapping echoed down the corridors. Some people even cried!

It is lots of fun being a part of the choir, because you build confidence, and learn new songs.

World Book Day

By Jensen



On the 5th of March everyone came to school in their storybook attire for one of the most fun days of the school year. We had everything including knights dragons witches and so much more. We spent the day learning all about books but still managed to fit in our normal lessons. A few days after, on the 11th Highfields annual bookfair officially opened. Every day the room was full to the brim with booklovers all looking for the right book for them, many children even came back for seconds.

Sport at Highfield

By Jensen and Safaan

Unfortunately, we seem to have recently been struck with a curse in our football department as we have not seen a victory in almost a month but that doesn't mean we played badly. Spirit and communication was high and morale stayed up throughout every match.



On the 26th of March Highfields U-11s boys team played Moor Allerton Hall Primary and walked away victorious with a score of 1-0 . The game was tense and everybody played amazingly. Every position of the pitch played wonderfully from our goal scoring striker at the top to our shot saving goalkeeper at the back.

Moving on to the girls team, recently they played Immaculate Heart Primary. While the scoreboard didn't reflect it they played well and kept their heads up right up until that final whistle. The end of March saw some positive results. The team played Shadwell and drew 1-1 and then beat Moor Allerton Hall Primary School 5-3. There are signs that the Highfield Girls are becoming a really good passing team who can finish well and who always work hard and communicate well with each other.

Safaan was able to catch up with some Year Two pupils who were happy to talk about tennis, and their tennis coaching sessions.

Manny said that he enjoyed the games they played and the training activities. Kyro also liked the all the drills. Two pupils from 2F, Kellen and Will were so inspired that they even went to the tennis club on Saturday and Sunday.

Highfield Supporting the local Community: Simon On the Streets

By Mr Gath



Way back in January, we were delighted to welcome Lauren from Simon on the Streets to Highfield. We were even more delighted to see that she had brought along a cheque for £1,291. This fantastic amount was raised through our sponsored Christmas Elf Run, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and supported the event. Lauren thanked pupils, staff and families for their generosity, explaining that the money raised will go a long way towards helping the charity support local people experiencing homelessness. The charity provides essentials such as food, blankets and vital help and guidance. A huge thank you to everyone involved for making such a difference. We would also like to say a thank you to Mrs Danby who has arranged for supplies to be sent to local food banks. You can still donate using the QR code provided.



Getting to know you... Mrs Harrower *A look into the mind of a teacher by Safaan.*

Hello Mrs. Harrower, do you mind if I ask you some questions?

Sure

How have you enjoyed your experience in Highfield?

Well, I joined Highfield in 2013 and worked with Miss Elson, Miss Thackrah and Mrs. Flynn over the past years. I also taught 390 Highfielders since I joined.

What are your best memories of Highfield?

Going to Robin Hoods Bay and working with all the lovely teachers.

What memories do you remember of your times at your own primary school?

Mr. Harris because he was funny used to make all the children giggle and he played the piano amazingly. The only reason, I became a teacher is because of my interest in Primary school

What were your favourite subjects when you were at school?

Doing art and DT because there was one day in the week where we did a whole day of DT only!

Thank you Mrs. Harrower.

A pleasure!

Sunny Day activities
Summery Jokes By Mr Gath (...So Sorry!)

Can you spot the differences?

How many can you see?



SUMMER



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| SEA | SUNGLASSES | VACATION | WAVES |
| SWIM | ICE CREAM | SWIMSUIT | TRAVEL |
| BEACH | SUNSHINE | SUMMER | HOT |

Heee Heee Heee!

Why did the sun go to school? Because it wanted to be a little brighter!

What does the sun drink out of? Sun-glasses!

Why did the ice cream smile on a sunny day? Because it finally got to chill out before it melted!

Things to do in and around Leeds...
By The Team!

There are all kinds of fun things to see and do in Leeds. Here are some great ideas—and best of all... lots of them are **FREE!**



- Visit the Royal Armories.
- Spend some time outdoors at Roundhay Park, or feed the ducks at Golden Acre Park.
- Story Explorers - Every Thursday from now to the 29th August, Leeds central library is hosting a reading event suitable for families with young children.
<https://libraries.leeds.gov.uk/what-you-can-do/story-explorers>
- If you're feeling brave, older children may want to visit the Thackray Medical museum. Be warned, it could be a bit yucky!