



# Highfield Newsletter



## Assistant Headteacher's Message

Spring can be considered a time of great promise, positivity and new beginnings. As the poet John Koethe, says,

*...the sky shakes itself out. And the invisible birds  
Winter put away somewhere return, the air relaxes...*

There are signs everywhere of the restless nature of the coming season - daffodils forcing their way through the cold ground, blue skies, light bright mornings, Here Comes the Sun in Year 1 and Joseph's coat in Year 3 (so many colours!) I've often thought that the idea of restlessness applies very much to us here at Highfield too. We are a place of policies, systems, rules and routines - walking on the left side of the corridor in single file, greeting each other in classrooms every morning and making sure we are READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE. These social norms and routines allow other brilliant things to happen - they make space for the learning to breathe and for us to hear each other in our classrooms, to ensure that conversations are reciprocated and they keep us safe and provide places of calm and stability. However, like spring, we are also a place of great restlessness. We are constantly looking outwards, seeking to improve and reflecting the restless, diverse and ever-changing nature of our community and our cohorts. We are constantly seeking answers to questions. *What does the research say about the best way to teach this? This worked well this year, but can we make it even better for next? What else can I do to make my classroom an enabling environment?* It is, I believe, a paradox at the heart of what we do. And doesn't that make it the best job ever! I encourage you - get restless this spring, seek answers to questions and if Maths has been a "tricky" subject for you, say a polite but firm goodbye to that notion and get involved in LEEDS CITY OF MATHS 2026-2027! (see later for details)

I hope your weekend unfolds nicely for you. Mr Brassil.

### 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:

3FL - Anahita, Layla, Lilyanne, Oscar

3T - Arian, Elisia, Robyn, Sushrut

4C - Elspeth, Maggie, Sienna, Zidan

4O - Ben, Diana, Roaa

5E - Frankie, Harri, Isla, Noah

5L - Alice, Jessica, Luna, Selina

6BH - Joe, Monro 'Skye, Naomi, Sehj

6G - Anika, Jiwan, Lucy, Ralph

### Tanishi's special day

Miss Woolmer recently attended Shikshak Vandana Divas (Teacher Appreciation Day) at the Leeds branch of HSS UK, a registered charity founded in 1966. Across the UK, HSS brings together more than 5,000 participants aged 3 to 85 each week at over 117 activity centres. This year's celebration on 1st March offered children a meaningful opportunity to express their respect and gratitude for teachers' contribution to children's learning, character building and overall growth. In Hindu and Sanatan Dharma traditions, knowledge is sacred and teachers are honoured with the highest reverence, making this event an important part of nurturing these values in young minds. Miss Woolmer's presence at Tanishi's request was truly special and it is a memory she will cherish for years to come. The event welcomed four other teachers and their students, with a total of 68 attendees ranging from ages 3 to 56.



### Taking it to the net!



On Monday, Emilia received some exciting news: she had been scouted by Leeds City Basketball, who invited her to join their club after recognising her talent and passion for the sport. She was even given a special "golden ticket," awarded to standout young players, along with the offer of a free coaching session. We couldn't be prouder of her accomplishment and look forward to seeing where her love for basketball takes her next.

### Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Autism Awareness week, Audiology tests (Y1), Skipping workshop (Y2), Parents evening 1
- **Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Model Village open morning (Y1), Parents evening 2
- **Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Spring Term Ends

**Safeguarding.** For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs Dalglish, Mrs Bowker, Mr Brassil 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.

## LEEDS- CITY OF MATHS 2026-2027



Leeds is the first city in the UK to be named a CITY OF MATHS! We are delighted to be able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the subject of Maths. As the CITY OF MATHS website itself says, "***whether it's budgeting, baking, building, or solving the biggest problems in science and society, maths has got your back.***

***So, we're here to transform attitudes and create a culture where everyone feels confident and excited about maths. Ultimately, it's about unlocking greater opportunities for residents of Leeds."***

To celebrate this and to publicise this exciting event, there is a free **Maths Adventure Box** available to download from the website below. Packed with hands-on maths, including puzzles, games, code breaking and craft. There is something for everyone in this box!

[www.cityofmaths.co.uk/resources/adventurebox](http://www.cityofmaths.co.uk/resources/adventurebox)

Not only this, but if you visit the website overleaf, there is a brilliant variety of ideas to get involved with. I would really recommend trying the game of **GEOBASH** - it took me right back to games I played in the, ahem, 1980s!

I promise you - there is something for everyone here!

### MATHS QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK....

Thinking about Maths is something we are all capable of doing without even realising it. Try this one...

Which one of these numbers is the one that doesn't belong? Why? Can you think of a reason why each one might be considered the one that doesn't belong? Try it at home. There are lots more of these at this website: <https://talkingmathwithkids.com/wodb-shapes/>



Like to try a further challenge? Here's a good question to think about:

***A bat and a ball together cost £1.10. The bat costs £1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?***



# HIGHFIELD EASTER BONNET COMPETITION



**Make your own Easter Bonnet / Hat /  
Headband!** (We can provide card)

**Bring your creations into school on:**

**Thursday 2nd April**

Decorate with colourful eggs, bunnies, chicks and  
flowers!

✦ **Be as creative as you can!** ✦

✦ **There will be prizes for the best hats!** ✦





Happy  
Easter



# HIGHFIELD PRIMARY

## CAMP INCLUDES



# EASTER

# ACTIVE

# CAMP

Scan the QR Code  
for pricing &  
bookings



- ✓ Lots of Games, sports, crafts, activities and FUN!!!
- ✓ Delivered by minimum level 2 sports coaches
- ✓ Theme Days!!!
- ✓ Staff trained in First Aid and Safeguarding

## DATES



7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## TIME



8:30am - 5pm