



Highfield Newsletter



Mrs Matheson's Message - Celebrating Black Excellence and Diversity in Leeds

Our assembly on Monday, **celebrating Black achievers in Leeds** and the positive impact they have made on their communities was truly inspiring, educational and empowering. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of recognising black history, celebrating diversity and ensuring that the achievements and contributions of black individuals are seen, valued and remembered. What particularly resonated with me was the opportunity to celebrate individuals whose talents, determination, resilience and commitment have helped shape not only their respective fields but also the wider communities around them. From the musical achievements of Corinne Bailey Rae (a former Highfield Primary School pupil) and Mel B, to the sporting excellence of Nicola Adams and Lucas Radebe and the contributions of Gertrude Maretta Paul, each individual offers a unique story of achievement, perseverance and inspiration.

Assemblies such as this are so important within our school community because education extends far beyond the classroom. By celebrating black achievers and exploring their contributions, we help broaden children's understanding of history, culture and identity. We create opportunities for pupils to see positive representations of black excellence, learn about people whose experiences may differ from their own and recognise the value of every individual, regardless of their background. **Representation matters.** When children see people who reflect their heritage and communities being celebrated for their achievements, it can nurture a sense of pride, belonging and possibility. Equally, for children from other backgrounds, these stories can challenge stereotypes, encourage curiosity, develop empathy and foster a deeper appreciation of the diversity that enriches our society.

I was particularly touched by the assembly because it demonstrated a genuine commitment to inclusion, equality and the celebration of our shared humanity. It was encouraging to see black history being recognised not simply as something to acknowledge on a particular occasion, but as an important part of the wider story of our city and our country. I expressed my appreciation because I believe this makes a meaningful difference. By creating space for these conversations, together we are helping to cultivate a school environment where every child feels seen, respected, valued and empowered to fulfil their potential.

Ultimately, assemblies like this remind us that diversity is something to celebrate, representation is something to prioritise and education is one of the most powerful tools we have to build a more understanding, inclusive and compassionate society. I am grateful to see these important messages being championed within our school and hope that they continue to inspire our pupils, staff and wider community for years to come.

Mrs Matheson

News & Updates

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage 2 who were recognised for their fantastic effort and attitude last 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 are:

3L - Arshaan, Avela, Fatima, Maanvir

3EF - Aiza, Cairo, Johanna, Rudy

4D - Aiden, Amber, Lewi, Libby

4H - Arthur, Lucas, Maya, Shloka

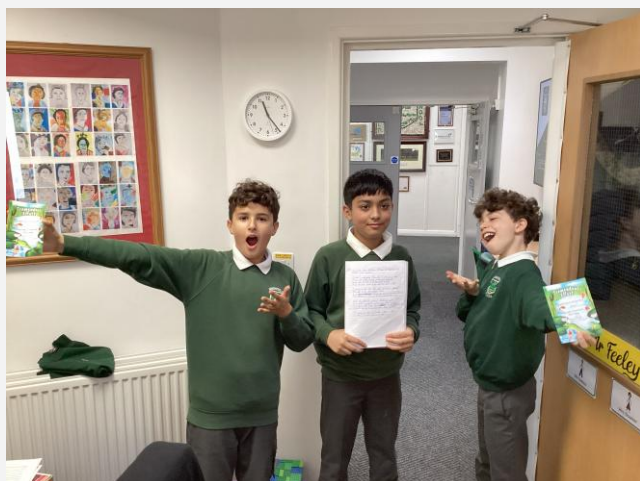
5M - Charlie, Emilia, Joe, Orson

5T - Ben, Evie, Reuben, Truly

6B - Dilraj, Hamza, Lottie, Nina

6G - Akira, Frankie, Roman, Thea

Thou art more lovely and temperate...



We have been learning about and performed Shakespeare's famous poem called Sonnet 18 written in 1609. This is a love poem saying someone is better than a summer's day. The pattern is called iambic pentameter, which is the rhythm of the poem. It has 14 lines, 3 quadrants and a couplet.

By Harri, Adam and Albie.

Championnes championnes ole ole ole!



Miss Thackrah, Mrs Bowker and Mr Gath attended the prestigious *Artforms Music Champions Celebration* on Wednesday at Leeds University to receive our **Champion School Status**. This is a fantastic achievement which we are extremely proud of. Well done to everyone involved!

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 2nd Nov:** Year 6 Bikeability
- **Tues 3rd Nov:** Year 3 trip
- **Weds 4th Nov:** The Friends Firework event
- **Thurs 5th Nov:** Leeds Story Bus visit
Reception, Girls football Vs Gledhow (H)
- **Fri 6th Nov:** KS1 Celebration Assembly

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

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

ACTIVE CAMP







MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Design-a-Pumpkin		Inflatables Tuesday		Wet Wednesday		Mystery Thursday		Dress to Impress	
Get creative and design your very own spooky pumpkin!		Bounce, play and conquer the most inflatable course!		Water games, water slides and splash-tastic fun!		Something spooky and exciting awaits!		Dress to impress and dance into the weekend!	



8:30AM - 4PM

Wrap around care for working parents - drop off from 8:30am | pick up until 4pm

**AGES
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YEARS**



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