



The Highfielder

The Highfield Highlights edition!

Highfield Highlights — From the Editor



I cannot believe where the year has gone! It feels like only a week ago that I was in my classroom, going through transition activities with the current 6G. What a year it has been. This term's *Highfielder* is a special issue reflecting on the year gone by. The team have shared their memories and interviewed the children of Highfield to find out what really stood out for them.

Across school, we have been incredibly busy. Flicking through my diary alone, I can see residentials, orchestra performances, guitar shows, choir shows, sports days and, of course, a stupendous Year 6 production.

On top of all that, we have been awarded Music Champion status by Artforms, who provide our children with strings and woodwind lessons. Hooray for us!

Thank you to everyone involved!

Highlights from the team:

Jenson:

Looking back over our time at Highfield, we've made brilliant memories from Reception all the way to Year 6. Even though we were only in school for half of Reception because of lockdown, we still loved collecting conkers under the trees and competing to see who had the biggest stash. Year 3 was packed with exciting learning, from discovering the Victorians and ancient Egyptians to watching tiny caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies. Year 6 has been one of our best years yet, especially our three-day Marrick Priory residential, where we stayed in dorms and tackled wall climbing, abseiling, canoeing and the high ropes. We also visited Allerton Grange's DT workshop to build our own instruments using equipment we'd never normally get to try. Now we're looking forward to finishing the year with our Robin Hood production on Wednesday 15 July and our sports morning on the 16th, after several delays caused by the heat.



Katherine:

I have had a brilliant time in Year 6. We went on lots of trips, including the Barbara Hepworth Gallery, where her sculptures inspired us to create our own prints, which we later printed onto tote bags and sold at the summer fair. Our residential to Marrick Priory was unforgettable, and we learnt new skills such as abseiling, canoeing, climbing and completing the leap of faith. In class, we explored fascinating topics, from ancient civilisations in history to floating gardens in science. I also loved being a Highfielder, researching school events and interviewing pupils and teachers. One of my favourite memories is spending time with my Reception buddy, Archie, who is always kind. This year has been amazing, and I will really miss Highfield when I move on to high school in September.

Nerea:

One of my highlights in Year 6 was our trip to Marrick, where we had an amazing time trying new, challenging activities and pushing ourselves to do things we'd never done before. We also went on lots of brilliant trips, but my favourite was visiting the Barbara Hepworth Gallery, where we explored her sculptures and completed creative challenges inspired by her work. Another memorable experience was our DT visit to Allerton Grange, where we each designed and made a musical instrument and then used them to compose and perform a piece of music for our class.

Safaan:

My best memories of Year 6 definitely include our three-day residential to Marrick Priory. I loved staying in the dorms with my friends, playing games late into the evening, and taking part in all the brilliant activities. Canoeing was my favourite, especially when we had to throw a rubber duck into each other's boats, and I was proud of myself for completing the leap of faith even though it was so wobbly. The food was phenomenal, and I also enjoyed abseiling. Another highlight was going to the Playhouse to watch *A Christmas Carol*, which felt magical, especially because we saw it with friends and even had ice cream. Throughout the year, I've enjoyed visiting different classes, making new friends, and preparing for the next step. My most treasured memory is meeting my buddy, Hugo — he was the best buddy anyone could have, and I know he'll do brilliantly at this fantastic school. I'm excited for high school, but Year 6 will stay with me forever.

Team News

by Mr Gath

The end of the school year always brings change, and new things to look forward to.

This year, we are saying goodbye to Mr Walsh who has been a wonderful custodian of the school. His cheery 'Cool, cool!' welcome has brightened up the grey days in winter for many children over the years! Best of luck, Mr Walsh!

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Garbutt, an outstanding reception teacher! I remember working with Mrs Garbutt to make sure that Year 6 and their Reception buddies had plenty of opportunities to work together. We also collaborated to achieve the Artsmark Gold award for Highfield – Mrs Garbutt is an art expert!

Our final thanks goes to Mrs Lupton Walker! It has been great hearing children talking about all the fun and exciting times they had had with Mrs Lupton Walker over the years! It has been a pleasure to help Mrs Lupton Walker with her ICT issues and I will miss the chuckles in the staffroom.

Between them, Mr Walsh, Mrs Lupton Walker and Mrs Garbutt have had a positive impact on the lives of literally thousands of children! Best wishes from us all – you have earned the break!

Looking ahead to next year, we will be saying a cheery 'Hello!' to some new members of the Highfield team. Some of you may have already met them on your transition days. We are welcoming Miss Millar to Year 5, Miss Dodsworth to Year 4 and Miss Stone is joining our outstanding HLTA team!

We can't wait to get to know you all.



Getting to know you... Mrs Flynn

A look into the mind of a teacher - By Nerea and Jenson

Good morning Mrs Flynn, please could we ask you some questions about your time at school?

Of course, go ahead.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

"I decided to become a teacher because of my Year 5 teacher and wanting to be just like her."

What do you remember about Primary School?

"I remember doing a project on trees and doing all sorts of activities based on trees."

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

"My favourite teacher was my Year 5 teacher, Mrs Jefferies, because she was strict but fair."

Why did you decide to work at Highfield?

"I decided to work at Highfield because, when looking at the website, everything on there seemed wonderful and I wanted to be a part of it."

What other years have you worked in and which one was your favourite?

"I have worked in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, and Years 1 and 2 were my favourite."

Thank you Mrs Flynn, have a great day!

"Not a problem, you too!"

Year 1:

Josh and Mia have been catching up with Safaan and Katherine.

What have you enjoyed most this year?

Joshua: I enjoyed going to Nell Bank because it was fun playing with water before we did pond dipping.

Mia: I enjoyed dressing up as a pirate and playing lots of fun games on pirate day.

Tell us about something interesting you've done.

Joshua: Making sandwiches was interesting because I learnt something new. I had ham and butter on my sandwich.

Mia: I also thought making sandwiches was interesting because I didn't know how to make them before the lesson. I had ham, butter and cucumber on my sandwich.

Which people have you worked with – can you tell us about them?

Joshua and Mia: We have worked with Miss Woolmer, Mrs Eastern, Mrs Booth, Mrs Galbreith, Mrs Hansrani and Miss Hill. We also work with people on our table.

Any school trips or visitors?

Joshua: We had a teacher called Emily who stayed for a week.

Mia: We went to Nell Bank.

What is your favourite lesson(s) and why?

Joshua: Maths is my favourite lesson because I like learning about numbers.

Mia: P.E is my favourite lesson because it keeps you fit and healthy.

What are your personal highlights or funny memories?

Joshua: My friend Zachary caught a newt when we were at Nell Bank.

Mia: My friend Shaan splashed me with water.



Year 2:

Nerea and Jenson spent some time chatting with Noah and Rudy.

What have you enjoyed most this year?

I've really enjoyed making smoothies and building skateboards.

Tell us something interesting you've done this year.

One of the best things was building castles with working drawbridges. I learned all about the mechanisms that make them move, and it was good to see how things fit together.

Any school trips or visitors?

We had some visitors this year, including Guy Fawkes' friend and Florence Nightingale. It was exciting hearing their stories and learning more about history through them.

Favourite lessons — and why?

My favourite lessons have definitely been *maths*, especially *addition and subtraction*. I enjoy solving problems and getting the right answer.

Do you have any personal highlights or funny memories?

One of my funniest memories is Miss Harrower saying "67". It still makes me laugh whenever I think about it.



Year 3:

Katherine and Safaan popped in to see Alice and Kailash.

What have you enjoyed the most this year?

The Tropical World trip. Alice liked seeing the meerkats and Kailash liked seeing the cotton tamarins (because they were agile).

Tell us about something interesting you've done.

We loved releasing the Butterflies and learning about poems at the beginning of year 3.

We enjoyed making Butterfly Air Fresheners too!

Which people have you worked with? Tell us about it.

Miss Thackrah, Mrs Hollick, Mrs Lupton Walker, Mrs Hill, Mrs Damby

Any school trips or visitors?

Tropical World, Herd Farm, Synagogue. Maya joined in year 3 which was great.

Do you have a favourite Lesson? Why?

Kailash- Geography, Science, and Computing because I like doing digital stuff, learning about animals, doing experiments and maps.

Alice- History because I like learning about the past.

Do you have any personal highlights or funny memories?

Kailash-. When I said "BOO!" and scared my friends. Me and my friends always tell funny jokes that are sensible and I enjoy having my friends by my side.

Alice- My butterfly backflipped when it was released outside- I like to make people laugh, like Harrison, I made him cry with laughter.



Year 4:

Jenson and Nerea met with year 4!

What have you enjoyed the most this year?

I enjoyed going to Whitby because all the activities that we did were so much fun and doing it with friends made it much more memorable. I also enjoyed Whitby because of the things that we got to do and being with friends whilst doing it.

Tell us about something interesting you've done.

We went to the Mosque and learned lots about the features within it. The Mosque was an interesting trip that we went on because of what we learnt about and some of the tasks and activities that we did.

Any school trips or visitors this year?

My favourite school trip was when I went to the tennis tournament, and had lots of fun, and when I went to Whitby with all my friends.

My favorite trip was the Synagogue and when we learned about Judaism and what they do in the Synagogue every time they go.

Do you have a favourite lesson? Why?

My favourite lesson is PE because I am a very sporty person and I love all the sports that we do in the PE lessons. My favourite lessons are PE, DT and Art because I love drawing and making things in Art and DT and in PE our lessons are always so much fun and I love doing all the things that we get to do.

I love computing because I like learning about all the different types of technology and how each one works and then testing it or using it to complete a piece of work or project.

What are your personal highlights or funny memories?

My personal highlight of the year is when we did the Play in a Day because I liked the way that I got to act and the games that we played too.

My highlight was Sports Day because when I was competing, I made lots of funny mistakes and the parent race was also very funny because my mum kept falling over!



Year 5:

Katherine and Safaan spoke to Frankie and Rosa.



What have you enjoyed the most this year?

Frankie- I enjoyed making swingboats and Ferris wheels. Rosa- I enjoyed going to the theatre to watch The Boy at the Back of the Class.

Tell us about something interesting you have done.

Frankie and Rosa- life cycle because we found it interesting and the water cycle because we liked the song and thought that it taught us a lot.

Which people have you worked with- tells us about it.

Rosa- Miss Ladley and Mrs Vine; Frankie – Miss Elson and Mrs Vine, Cleo (Mrs Vine's daughter) came to help year 5

Any school trips or visits?

Frankie and Rosa- We enjoyed the theatre and Nell Bank (we went orienteering and the instructors talked about rivers).

Favourite Lesson? Why?

Rosa- Art and D.T because she found it interesting and liked making the swingboats.

Frankie: Science and maths because it is exciting to learn about life cycles and do experiments and he likes to learn new ways to multiply.

Personal Highlights or funny memories?

Rosa- When Ernie said he would be a peacock when they were saying animals they wanted to be and when the girl's football team won a match. Frankie- Miss Elson started singing a Taylor Swift song and I started laughing and Miss Elson said in a funny way

Year 6:

Jenson and Nerea interviewed Abdallah and Ashita

What have you enjoyed the most this year?

Definitely Marrick- specifically being with my friends.

Can you tell us about something interesting you've done this year?

Again, Marrick was by far the most interesting thing we did. We completed the Leap of faith and Jacob's ladder!

Which people have you worked with?

Abdallah: As well as Mr Brassil, Mrs Homan and Mrs Hollick, I worked a lot with Verity, Karyn and Sehj.

Ashita: I was the same – but I worked with Dashi and Joe a lot.

Any school trips or visitors?

Loads! I remember the best ones were going to Allerton Grange for D.T, Marrick and bike ability week.

What were your favourite lessons and why?

Maths we both enjoyed the challenge.

Do you have any personal highlights or funny moments?

Completing an all nightery at Marrick

School trips with my friends – all of them.



Summer Fun for all!

Apologies again for the terrible jokes – Mr Gath!

A little Summer fun...

Why did the sun go to school?

To get a little brighter!

What do you call a penguin at the beach?

Lost!

Why did the flip-flops disagree?

They were toe-tal opposites!

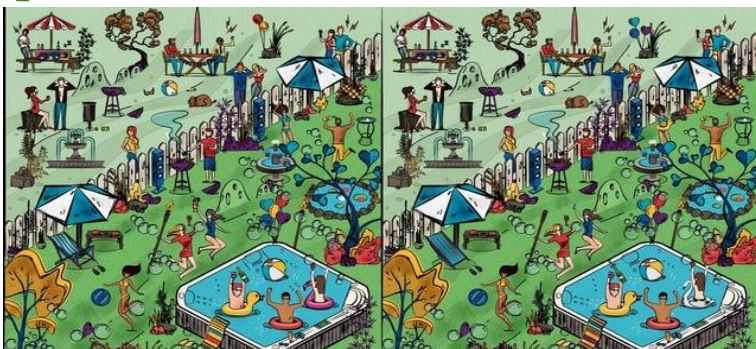


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Whenever you visit, you can stroll through the ruined abbey buildings and the lovely parkland on the banks of the river, plus more about the monks who lived here, on display at the visitor centre.

Hunt for the 25 Leeds Owls...

If you visit the twenty five locations across Leeds City Centre marked on the Leeds Owl Trail map you will discover some unique owls. Suddenly you will set out on a voyage across history as each owl informs you of why it is there and gives you a brief snapshot of what it has seen in its lifetime.

You'll have to keep your eyes wide open as some owls are not in the most obvious of places. If you spot any other owls along the way that we have missed then please let us know! Find the map here:

<https://www.leedsowltrail.com/owl-map/>

Leeds Discovery Centre

With around 1.3 million items stored here, [Leeds Discovery Centre](#) is a literal treasure trove, a state-of-the-art storage centre that's home to everything from elephant skulls to a medieval log boat, mummy bandages and meteorites.

There are sometimes special events, or you can speak to them about arranging activities for groups, as well as family friendly visits.

Best of all, it's free to visit, although you do need to book in advance to get access.