



Highfield Primary School



Newsletter

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Blinds for school

Take a look at our beautiful new blinds which we have had fitted in school. The hall now looks amazing and can be transformed into a bright PE gym or an atmospheric concert hall.

Thank you to The Friends for organizing so many events for par-

ents and children which will all raise money to pay for the blinds.



Our Flag for Parliament competition was won by Sam Rudd and Xavier Rickerby in Year six. Their flag represents the green spaces of North East Leeds, the city buildings and they also added a humanist "Happy human" logo which represents the many cultures and religions all living peacefully in our constituency.

Our MP Fabian Hamilton will be visiting school next Monday to see the designs and meet the children.



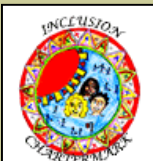
Staffing and governor news

Ms. Moss who has worked as a teaching assistant in school for the past five years left us at half term to further her career as the manager of Best Childcare school clubs. Luckily we will still be seeing

Olwyn around school and wish her well in her future career.

We held our parent governor election on Monday and I am pleased to announce the can-

didates receiving the most votes were Lisa Henry and Kevin Carson. I look forward to them joining our very active governing body. Many thanks to all the other parents who stood for election.



Office Reminders

- Remember that if your child has been sick they must stay off school for at least 24 hours following their last bout of sickness

Robin Hood's Bay Local designer and poet sees our work!

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY IS...
SMUGGLING CENTRAL
LARGE HILLS
AMAZING SUNRISES
SILLY SEAGULLS
TINY HOUSES
SMALL SEA CREATURES
ORANGE ROOFTOPS
TWISTY STREETS
COASTAL BREEZE
LOTS OF ROCKS
LONG WALKS
OUR CLASS ON THE COAST
MAGICAL MEMORIES

Dominic Balme in Year 4 has had his poem which was on the school website spotted by local designer David Cole. Mr Cole was so impressed he attended the Year 4 concert last

week in which the children shared their poetry and songs with parents.



Shakespeare in school

"When shall we three meet again in thunder lightening or in rain?"

The young Shakespeare Company worked with our Year 6 students on Friday 24th October.

The children enjoyed a full day of Shakespearean drama led by this very talented theatre group.

This workshop is

fully funded by The Friends and once again we appreciate their financial contribution to our workshop program each year.

This workshop has inspired some excellent writing, art and design technology work in the classrooms.



New sports kits



The school football team and netball team look great in their new kits which were purchased using some of the government Olympic legacy funding grant to schools.

Anti-bullying Week

This week we are revisiting our anti-bullying curriculum with the whole school. On Wednesday class 5B will be taking part in a theatre group and presenting a play called "Safe Click" to the school and their parents. Children in other classes are taking part in a variety of lessons such as Cyber Bullying, poster design and the power of words. Their work will be

shared with the rest of the school on Monday in our whole school assembly.

Our new Peer Mediators in year five have been trained and interviewed by Mrs. Bailey and have started work this week on the playground helping children who are having Playtime friendship issues. Mrs Bailey monitors their work and tells me that this year she has a group of very

diligent, sensible and caring children who have chosen to work as Peer Mediators.



Alwoodley Family of Schools Training Day

On November 3rd teaching staff from eight schools in our area all met at Alwoodley Primary School to take part in a shared training day. Our focus was to share good practice and discuss how we are all delivering the new National Curriculum. Every teacher in a Primary School as well as

being a classroom teacher is also responsible for leading a subject area. They oversee resources, planning, curriculum and assessment for their subject.

The school website now has an area for each subject with policies, plans and photographs of children's work.

Literacy: Mrs. Bowker and Mr. Beresford

Maths: Mrs. Wragg and Miss Harrower

Science: Mrs. Fritz and Miss Ryder

Computing: Miss Thackrah and Miss Elson

PE: Mrs. Barratt and Mr. Brassil

Geography: Mrs. Flynn

History: Mrs. Swales

Art: Mrs. Garbutt

Music: Mr. Potter

Design Technology: Mrs. Homan

RE: Mrs. Hargrave

Modern Foreign Languages : Mrs. Fforde

History Trips "History from a child's perspective"

Part of the new national curriculum history program of study allows schools to develop a historical theme which can run across the four KS2 year groups. We have chosen the theme of **"Life for children in historical times."**

The children will learn how historical events impacted on life for children in Victorian times, Tudor Times, Georgian times and World War 2. Our trips to Murton Park, Robin Hood's Bay and Armley Mills help children

understand first hand concepts taught in history.



Unlocking potential

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Mission Statement

Highfield Primary school lays the foundations for life by offering a rich enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all its pupils. It is characterized by a broad and balanced, creatively delivered curriculum facilitated by high standards in literacy, numeracy and computing. We aim to prepare our children to be citizens of the future – promoting wellbeing through safe, healthy lifestyles and nurturing respect of self and others. Social, emotional, spiritual and cultural development is a priority, ensuring all children feel valued. We are proud of our inclusive ethos.

We have a firm commitment to enable all our children to succeed as well rounded individuals. This is underpinned by strong relationships with parents and carers and the community enhanced by experiences beyond our immediate environment.

We offer every child the chance to achieve their full potential in a well supported atmosphere that inspires passion for learning and a firm foundation for life – a place where we want to be!

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primary.co.uk](http://www.highfield-primary.co.uk)

Dates for your diary (don't forget to check the website for all class assemblies and trip dates)

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Thursday 4th An evening with Mr. Beresford

Friday 5th Orchestra and Carols 2.30 p.m.

Wed 10th Year 2 Christmas Production 9.20 a.m.

Wed 10th Reception Christmas Production 10.30 a.m.

Thurs 11th Year 5 Christmas Production 9.20 a.m.

Thursday 11th Year 6 to the theatre to see James and the Giant Peach

Friday 12th December Reception and Key Stage One Christmas Parties (free dress)

Monday 15th Presents for parents day

Tuesday 16th Years 3 and 4 film afternoon (free dress)

Wednesday 17th KS2 Carol Service at St John's Church 2 p.m.

Thursday 18th Reception and KS1 Carol Service at St John's Church 2 p.m.

Friday 19th Year 5 and 6 film afternoon (free dress)