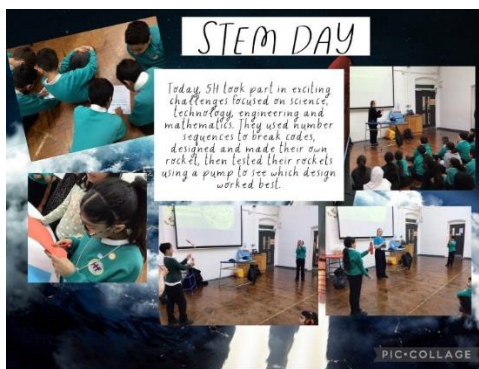


Friday 26th January 2024



HELPING CHILDREN TO GROW... **Happy** in the richness of their past **Inspired** by the diversity of their present **Focused** on their possibilities for their future

## *An update from Mrs Davies*

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy few weeks at Highfield Junior and Infant School with lots of exciting activities taking place. Our students have been enthusiastically engaged in learning new topics, and we are thrilled to share some highlights:

STEM Day Success:

Year five had an amazing opportunity to participate in a STEM day. They delved into the world of technology, mastering the use of Sphero robots. It was a day filled with exploration and hands-on learning, and the children had a fantastic time.

Anglo-Saxon Wow Day:

Year four experienced an immersive Anglo-Saxon workshop, creating a 'wow day' filled with historical exploration and discovery.

Resource Base Journey to Australia:

Our Resource Base students had an immersive experience exploring the wonders of Australia. It was a captivating journey that brought their learning to life.

Attendance Challenge:

As we near the end of our Attendance Challenge, we want to commend all students for their commitment to regular attendance. The winners will be announced next week, so stay tuned for the exciting results!

TT Rockstar Launch:

Get ready to rock with the launch of TT Rockstars! An exciting platform for improving times tables proficiency. Children, parents, and teachers, gear up for a musical journey through multiplication tables.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Davies

(Head of School)

# Safeguarding

Our safeguarding focus this week is... Online safety



Our commitment to the safety of our students extends to the digital realm. Community champions have been actively teaching children how to stay safe online. Save the date for our special Online Safety Day on the 6th of February, where we will celebrate the importance of being digitally aware.

## School dates and calendar – Spring Term

Please find below an overview of what is happening in school and when over this next term. Please note that dates and content are subject to change but plenty of notice will be given of any amendments to plans.

SPRING TERM 2024		
When?	What?	Additional detail:
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Australia WOW Afternoon & Exhibition	Resource Base will be having an afternoon of Australian activities. Parents are invited to join us, where they can see what the children have learnt so far.
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Y6 Coffee SATs parent Afternoon	Start time 2.30pm. Location- Infant hall Practical tips to support your child at home to prepare for SATs tests.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Resource Base Trip to Ward End Library	Resource Base will be visiting Ward End Library, Parents are welcome to join us. We will be leaving school at approximately 9am and will arrive back at school at approximately 11:00
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Timetable rockstar launch	We are excited to announce we have renewed our licence for TT rockstars. A fantastic resource for children to learn times tables. To mark this occasion we are asking for children to come to school dressed as rock stars.  Year four and year three parents are invited to our special TT assembly in the junior hall at 9.00am.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year three parent workshop	9.00am – Junior hall.

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	The computing lesson that week will focus on safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology for all pupils (in an age-appropriate way). Coffee morning for all parents – discussing the importance of Online safety and how to keep your child safe on devices – 9.00am in the Infant Hall.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 2.1 finishes.  Chinese New Year	School closes for half term at 3:15pm  Themed lunch menu Assembly for parents? All pupils are invited to wear RED as this is considered a lucky colour.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens to pupils. Y2 Parent workshop	Term 2.2 begins 9.00am – Infant hall.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Language Showcase	A celebration of the rich diversity of languages in our school. Parents of the performers will be invited to watch their child.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	CEO – Parent coffee morning	9.00am- Infant hall. Come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat with our CEO – Mrs Sherlock Lewis.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Parent Workshop	9.00am – Infant hall
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Visit To Think Tank	Year 4 visiting Think Tank as part of Science (electricity)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Whole-school celebration of reading for pleasure. Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book characters and will be given a £1 World Book Day token. There will be a book-themed menu in our school canteen.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day celebrations	Mothers day coffee morning. Family members should enter school/sign in via the main school office.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 parent workshop  Ramadan begins	9.00am Infant Hall  Whole-school focus for Collective Worship. Daily acts of kindness during the month of Ramadan.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	Pupils are invited to wear RED clothing/red noses for a £1 donation to this national charity. A whole-school assembly will focus on where this fundraising goes and the success of Red Nose Day campaigns.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Visit to Cadbury World	Resource Base will be visiting Cadbury World. This will link into developing the children's knowledge of their local area.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter events in school  Easter performance	Easter bonnet parade EYFS to Y3 (on playground from 9:10am, family members welcome) Easter story box decorating competition Y4-Y6 (on display in Junior Hall for family members to see from 2:45pm)  Timings TBC
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Deserts Exhibition for Parents	Resource will be holding their third exhibition where Parents can come in and see the learning journey that the children have completed this term.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	RE enrichment day	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Term 2.2 ends.	School closes for Easter holidays to all pupils at 1pm





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