

Highfield Highlights

Celebrating those who choose to BE THEIR BEST



Highfield
Leadership Academy

Highfield's BIG Coffee Morning



We enjoyed a brew, a bake, bingo and spending time with members of our local community to raise money for MacMillan. Mackenzie Kent and Rosie Jones were the winners of Bill's Show Stopper Bakes. We raised £230 which will help to support those affected by cancer, helping them to be hopeful and live their best life.

Keira Evans - Highfield Helpers



Silver Surfers

Our work with Blackpool Coastal Housing and Blackpool & Fylde College continues. Our project tackles social isolation in the local community. Many older and vulnerable people find themselves cut off from their community. The digital world can be a great way for them to keep in touch with others and learn new skills. We help clients to use the internet and develop their basic ICT skills - but it is more than that - we chat, listen and laugh. Our confidence has grown, communication skills have developed and we now realise that good teachers need to be patient!



Samia Hoque - Highfield Helpers

Beach Buddies

Our Year 7 pupils will be volunteering with BeachCare throughout the year. Here is Emily Parr from BeachCare educating us about how to stay safe on the beach, and why we need to keep the environment tidy to support marine life. Our Year 7 Pupil Council is also setting up projects to help us look after our academy environment and Thomas Harrison from Year 8 will be relaunching his recycling project to support the Kicks Count Charity.



Isabell Scott – Highfield Helpers

Food For Thought

Blackpool Foodbank reports that there are over 9000 children in our local communities living in food poverty even though at least one of their parents could be working. Being hungry is not just something experienced by the Homeless. Rent increases, benefit decreases and unexpected events are leading to ordinary, hardworking people struggling to feed their families. Our Pupil Council helped us to organise a food collection, and Mrs Dodgson and Mrs Thompson challenged each tutor group to collect at least 20 items.

We are delighted to report that we smashed it! 900 food items were donated. Well done, Miss Taylor's tutor group 8R1 who had the most donations. Highfield Headquarters was busy with volunteers sorting and labelling all the items. Mr Brookfield also helped us to support World Food Day by preparing a special PSHE workshop which helped us to understand the importance of a balanced diet, and our tutors then invited us to set ourselves a healthy eating target. **Sophie Hesselden – Highfield Helpers**



Bill's Kindness Kitchen

Highfield Helpers and Mrs Benson were delighted to open Bill's Kindness Kitchen this half term. Under the expert supervision of Carol, every half term, pupil volunteers and teachers will learn how to cook affordable and balanced meals. Everybody in the academy gets involved by voting on what we cook so that volunteers can then create this meal for themselves and people who access local soup kitchens. This half term, we enjoyed cooking chicken curry and leek and potato soup. This project helps us to be kind and friendly, and gives us the opportunity to teach fellow pupils and members of staff new skills. **Emma Gittins – Highfield Helpers**



Highfield's Transition Tour

Throughout September, some of our Transition team visited local primary schools to tell them about our academy and reassure Year 6 pupils about the big move to High school. Looking back, we would probably admit we had questions about getting lost, homework and making new Friends. Hopefully, our visits helped pupils feel excited rather than worried. We told everyone about Bill and it was so funny when the Year 6s asked to meet him at our Open events. Our Transition team has also been going into Year 7 tutors this term to help them with their PSHE work. There are lots of us looking out for our new Year 7s around the academy and we are excited about working alongside our Anti – Bullying Ambassadors in the primary schools in November. We've also ordered our elf hats for our Trinity Hospice fund raising event which we will be doing with some of the primary schools. **Fajer Harrak – Transition Prefect**



Our Voices Matter

I was so proud to be elected as a member of the Year 7 Pupil Council. All tutor groups took part in a PSHE workshop



about democracy and the importance of using our voice to help our academy be its best. I delivered a speech and my class had to vote. I was so happy when I was elected. I have already met Sir Michael Wilshaw, Lord Shuttleworth and David Laws! I have also been on a beach clean and taken part in UK Youth Parliament's Make Your Mark Ballot. I am looking forward to setting up an environment team with the other members of Year 7 Pupil Council and I aspire to sit on the Star Council like our Year 11 team.

Kian Kane-Manderson
Year 7 - Pupil Council



Restart A Heart With Baby Shark!

You either love it or hate it, but we have learned how it might help us save lives! Mr McCleary, our CCF instructor, Mr Gartside and Mr Pilkington helped to train over 100 of us in CPR. We enjoyed learning about vital life-saving skills and I feel proud that we could save someone's life.

We listened to a talk and all practised. We think this is another way that young people can have a positive impact on our community.

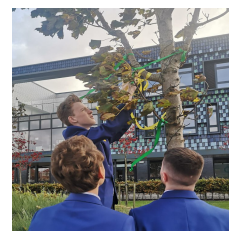
It was a great opportunity to be Brave, open minded and try something new!

McKenzie Kent –
Yr8 Cadet



Little Things – Big Difference

As our amazing Year 11 team start their GCSE intervention Programme, they have passed the reigns to us, the younger Anti – Bullying Ambassadors. We have already been busy - from Year 7 workshops, assemblies, interviews, information Leaflets and parent presentations to our Mental Health Awareness week. As part of our Be Your Best work, we worked with our teachers to think about how we can all look after our mental health. Our theme was 'little things, big difference' because we can all make small changes to help look after ourselves. We thought about the importance of being connected with others, being active, kind, aware, open minded and being brave enough to try new things. We presented an assembly and had the opportunity to take part in lots of different workshops. From making pom-poms to sing songs, relaxation sessions and sports activities, there was something for everyone. Mrs Haylor continues to deliver resilience and mindfulness sessions to help us deal with the ups and downs of life as well as the stresses of exam seasons. We also enjoyed finding out about how our teachers stay active and connected. At the end the week, we watched a mental health video featuring the Dukes and Duchesses of Cambridge and Sussex. We took time out to reflect on the 'Every Mind Matters' campaign. If you had a broken leg, you wouldn't worry about asking for help so we don't think you should worry about asking for support if you have a mental health issue. Just like you can recover from a physical illness, with the right help, you can recover from a mental illness too. We remind ourselves of all our important work by tying a ribbon on our new Be Hopeful Tree. Whoever you are, there is a Bill Club for you. Please do not suffer in silence. **Talk to us or trusted adult, text the Diana Award Crisis Manger (DA TO 85258) or ChildLine: 0800 1111. Maria Preda –Year 10 ABA**



NCS - Be Brave!

We embarked on the first stage of our National Citizen Service Award, taking part in a 4-day residential at Kepplewray in Broughton-in-Furness. Over the four days, activities included: canoeing, archery (Mr Corner's favourite), crate stack, rock climbing, abseiling and ghyll scrambling. Split into four groups, we all tried to be our best and displayed our leadership and teamwork abilities. Many of us overcame our fears and managed to step over the edge when abseiling down from a great height. The activity leaders said we were the best group they had worked with! The lack of sleep and decent food was worth it. A huge thanks to all the staff who supported us; we couldn't have done it without you! **Mason Stanley – NCS Volunteer**