

#### Headteacher's News

#### Highlands Parents and Friends Association (HPFA)

The Highlands Parents and Friends Association are a registered charity comprised of parents of students at Highlands School. Their objective is to raise as much money for the school as possible through events including quiz nights, barbeques and other fun occasions. They also support parents and open evenings.

Most recently the HPFA have kindly raised enough money to provide us with the funds to refurbish the old Head of Year office, into a fantastic 6th form study centre (see photos). It provides a calm and noise free environment next to the 6th form area for silent studying, and is proving to be very popular. It can also be used to deliver training/workshops when required so is a very valuable resource. We would like to thank the Highlands and Parents Friends Association for their support and hard work in raising these valuable funds.

Additionally, the HPFA have funded a great many other worthwhile projects for the school. These include mini-buses, a covered area at the rear of the school and a suite of computers. Without your support they are at risk of not being able to continue their great work.

Getting involved and offering your support would mean attending meetings and helping steer their direction in the future, through deciding on the events run and how funds are raised. You would take a very real part in helping the school with much needed resources. Please come to a special meeting on Tuesday 3rd December, 7pm and help the HPFA start their next great project.

If you would like more information, contact Mr Smith: postbox@highlands.enfield.sch.uk

#### Mr McInerney







### **Foodbank Collection**

Join the fight against poverty in Enfield this Christmas and support the North London Foodbank.

Highlands School are proud to be supporting the North London Food Bank, which is based here in Enfield. The school will be collecting donations in the coming weeks during the mornings and AM registration time.

Donations can be brought to the music office before school each day, or given to Ms Shah on Tuesday mornings between 8:35am-8:50am in the area outside the main hall.

Items that can be donated include non-perishable food, such as tins of fruit and vegetables, dry pasta, items in jars like pasta sauce, tuna and tinned fish plus cereal, amongst other items. We will also be collecting new toys for the foodbank to give to disadvantaged children, along with toiletries like toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and nappies.

Anything that you donate goes towards helping those in need over the winter. Many families in Enfield are facing poverty, so please help us fight poverty by donating some of the above items.

Many thanks.

Miss Brown, on behalf of the Charity Society of Highlands School







Jakub Warnawski (7OSD) and Natalie Warnawski (12BJC), took part in the Taekwondo National Championships on 9th and 10th November. This prestigious event, with over 900 competitors, was held at the National Cycling Centre in Manchester and Natalie and Jakub were representing Tiger Taekwondo Academy. Natalie came home with a bronze medal. Jakub was not so fortunate this time. However, it was the hardest competition so far for him. We wish these talented students further success in the future.



## Shoe Box Appeal 2019

Our shoe boxes are en route to deserving homes.

Thank you for your generosity – we created over 100 boxes!

<u>Mrs Selim</u>





#### Year 7 Art Homework

Our talented Year 7 art students had fun making colour wheels for homework, but presented it in an unusual/original way. Some students even made cakes to represent the colour wheel! Another way to embed their knowledge. Well done!

<u>Mrs Chrysostomou</u>





#### **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students: Mary Koumouris Robyn Penn Amelia Mills Cruz Ozari Next week is week A (Week beginning 2.12.19)



Last day of Autumn Term Thursday 19th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

## RE: Pupil premium for pupils who are adopted from care or with Special Guardianship/Residence Orders/Child Arrangement Orders

You may be aware that the school is given extra funding through the pupil premium grant for some groups of children. The Department for Education announced in October 2013 that from 1st April 2014, this extra money will be extended to pupils adopted from care, those who left care to Special Guardianship Orders, left care to Residence Orders or left care to Child Arrangement Orders will become eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant.

The additional funding the school will receive per child will be £2,300. This is a significant sum which we can use to support the progress of a pupil who may previously have experienced barriers to being really successful in school.

The family legal status of every child is a confidential matter and we want you to be sure that this is being handled with great sensitivity.

If your child is in one of the groups above, we need a letter from you before 16th January 2020 (letters to be addressed to Mrs C Fitzgerald, Assistant Head).

You will need to provide supporting evidence, for example, the Adoption (Court) Order and/or letter on headed paper from the social worker, in time for the school to record the child's status on the School Census.

Please do not hesitate to contact me personally if you want to discuss this.

Yours sincerely

Caron Fitzgerald

#### Messages from the School Office

**Letters Home:** Whole year/whole school letters sent home can usually be located on the 'letters home' page of the school website. Recent letters sent or emailed home include the following:



• 27.11.19 Horse riding

# ASETOURF

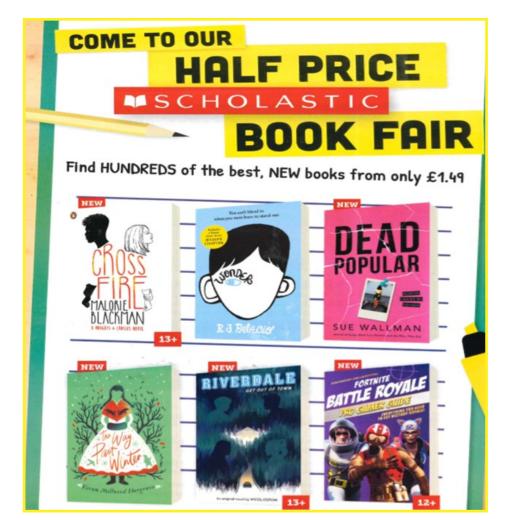
## AstroTurf rules

We have had a brand new astroturf recently laid, please ensure that students adhere to the following rules for usage:

- Only for use for playing ball games wearing suitable astroturf trainers
- Balls must be kept in bags when not on the courts/astroturf
- Leave the astroturf in full uniform.

#### Remember

- No food
- No drink
- No bags
- Must be kept locked when not in use.



#### Half Price Scholastic Book Fair

The Library will be holding the Half Price Scholastic Book Fair on 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December at break time, lunch time and after school.

Please come along.

<u>Mrs Mehmet</u>



#### PE News

You can get up-to-date information through our Instagram (pehighlands) and twitter highlandspe) accounts.

#### Year 9 Basketball

On Friday 22nd November, the year 9 basketball team had their first league game of the season. They played a competitive Broomfield team who were up for the game. After four very good quarters, Highlands ended up winning the contest 45-12. Everyone who played performed very well with some fantastic baskets being scored. Our next game is against Southgate, where we look forwards to the challenge. *Mr Avann* 

#### Senior Boys Football

Unfortunately the senior boys lost their Enfield Cup match v St Ignatius 6-3. Goals from Wackett, Lancaster and Watt. Man of the Match: Wackett. *Mr Johnston*