

Highfields Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural (SMSC) Curriculum

Themes of the Week 2023/2024

The theme and objective is introduced each Friday for the following week during assembly.

i.e. Week 2 Objective is set at Week 1 Friday Assembly

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| 1 | 04/09 | / | ~ No Theme, First Week Back ~ |
| 2 | 11/9 | Compassionate | New Academic Year: New Year, New Faces <i>Show people they're welcome (starting with your face!)</i> |
| 3 | 18/9 | Determined | New Academic Year: New Studies <i>Set Yourself Achievable Goals</i> |
| 4 | 25/9 | Diligent | End of British Summer Time (Harvest) <i>Make a commitment to a healthy pastime over the next 6 months</i> |
| 5 | 2/10 | Diligent | World Vegetarian Day: 'Your Food, Your Choice' <i>Consider your eating habits, try to make a positive change</i> |
| 6 | 9/10 | Self-Aware | Mental Health Awareness (World Mental Health Day) <i>Take responsibility for your 'triggers', recognise your strengths</i> |
| 7 | 16/10 | Charitable | World Sight day <i>Do something positive for the school which can be appreciated by others - but without the use of sight</i> |

AUTUMN HALF TERM BREAK

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| 1 | 30/10 | | ~ No Theme, First Week Back ~ |
| 2 | 6/11 | Compassionate | Fire Safety – 'Avoiding hurting others' <i>Hold back on saying things that might hurt others, even when angry</i> |
| 3 | 13/11 | Charitable | Remembrance – The Role of Commonwealth Soldiers |

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| | | | <i>Thank somebody who quietly helps you in small but big ways</i> |
| 4 | 20/11 | Democratic | Diwali – Festival of Lights <i>To do something that gives pleasure ('light') to the rest of the school during the darker, colder days.</i> |
| 5 | 27/11 | Charitable | National Adoption Day – 'Blood is thicker than water, love is thicker than blood' <i>To recognise someone who has cared for you who isn't your biological mum or dad.</i> |
| 6 | 4/12 | Compassionate | AIDS Awareness / World AIDS Day – The Story of Gareth Thomas <i>Make an effort to change the slang we use (i.e. gay, retard etc)</i> |
| 7 | 11/12 | Charitable | Blue Christmas – Emergency Services at Christmas <i>Say thank you to somebody who has gone the extra mile for you</i> |
| 8 | 18/12 | Compassionate | Walking in Another's Shoes – Bereaved at Christmas <i>Think of way of positively remembering someone who has passed on</i> |
| CHRISTMAS BREAK | | | |
| 1 | 8/1 | / | ~ No Theme, First Week Back ~ |
| 2 | 15/1 | Determined | Resolutions – For the 'Common Good' <i>To work to a group resolution, making things better for all</i> |
| 3 | 22/1 | Charitable | International Holocaust Remembrance Day <i>Reach out to somebody having a difficult time, especially somebody you don't know that well</i> |
| 4 | 29/1 | Democratic | 'LGBT History Week' / Story of Alan Turing <i>Reach out to somebody who is different to you in age, religion, sexuality, experiences</i> |
| 5 | 5/2 | Open-Minded | Chinese New Year |

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| | | | <i>Remove the bad and the old - welcome the new and the good</i> |
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SPRING HALF-TERM BREAK

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| 1 | 19/2 | / | ~ No Theme, First Week Back ~ |
| 2 | 26/2 | Diligent | Eating Disorders Awareness Week <i>Consider your own eating habits and try to improve them and/or help someone else to eat more healthily</i> |
| 3 | 4/3 | Thoughtful | World Book Day <i>Make an extra effort to take part in reading – group or individual</i> |

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| 4 | 11/3 | Thoughtful | Celebrating Scientists Week – The Story of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson <i>To consider breaking your own stereotypes – do something positive and ‘that isn’t usually you’</i> |
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| 5 | 18/3 | Curious | St Patrick’s Day in England – One England, Many Roots <i>Make an effort to trace your family tree, compare with somebody else</i> |
| 6 | 25/3 | Self-Aware | Ramadan <i>Try to give up one thing as a way of making yourself healthier in mind or body</i> |

EASTER

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| 1 | 15/4 | / | ~ No Theme, First Week Back ~ |
| 2 | 22/4 | Determined | Easter – The Ancient Idea of Rebirth (‘The Phoenix’) <i>Make a commitment to a fresh start after a time of trouble</i> |
| 3 | 29/4 | Self-Aware | Deaf Awareness Week – ‘Actions speak louder than words’ <i>Work on improving your non-verbal communication (gestures, facial expressions, posture etc.)</i> |
| 4 | 06/05 | Curious | Pablo Picasso 140 Years On – Neurodiversity & Creativity |

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| | | | <i>Produce a piece of amazing classwork - without words</i> |
| 5 | 13/05 | Charitable | International Nurses Day – Remembering Coronavirus 2020 <i>Help someone move on from a time of great difficulty</i> |
| 6 | 20/05 | Compassionate | Foster Care Fortnight – Life in Care <i>Show support for someone struggling with family life</i> |
| SUMMER BREAK | | | |
| 1 | 03/06 | / | ~ No Theme, First Week Back ~ |
| 2 | 10/06 | Curious | Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Month <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tackle prejudice and challenge myths that exist in our society</i> |
| 3 | 17/06 | Charitable | World Blood Donor Day <i>Make a small sacrifice for someone else</i> |
| 4 | 24/06 | Democratic | Windrush Day – Institutional Racism <i>Consider what changes we would like to see in our own institution (school) – and how we might fight for them changes</i> |
| 5 | 01/07 | Curious | National Insect Week – It’s not how you look, it’s what you do! <i>Help Highfields be more insect friendly</i> |
| 6 | 08/07 | Discerning | Social Media – A World at our Fingertips, A War at our Fingertips <i>To commit to a ‘diet’ around using social media more mindfully (not just how we use it, but the amount of time)</i> <i>Review your social media activity, try to strip out any ‘risk zones’</i> |
| 7 | 15/07 | Democratic | Nelson Mandela Day <i>Spend 27 minutes helping someone else – just 1 minute for every year he spent as a political prisoner</i> |
| 8 | 22/07 | Determined | A Healthy Summer <i>Make a plan for a healthier, constructive summer</i> |

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| Final Day | / | ~ End of Year Celebration ~ |
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