

IMPORTANT DATES

10th March - 19th March - British Science Week 2017

Friday 10th March - Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 14th March - Mother's Day Gift Sales - Girls football tournament

Wednesday 15th March - Mother's Day Gift Sales

Friday 17th March - Reception Class Assembly - Nursery application closing date

Thursday 23rd March - Nursery Mother's Day assemblies - 10.4-5am and 2.4-5pm

Friday 24th March - Comic Relief Day

Thursday 30th March - reception trip to Sudbury Hall

Friday 31st March - Year 1 Class Assembly

Tuesday 4th April - EYFS Easter Bonnets 2.15pm

Wednesday 5th April - Parents Evening 4.00-6.30pm - KS2 decorated eggs in school

Thursday 6th April - Parents evening 4.00-6.30pm - KS1 Easter Bonnets 2.00pm and KS2 eggs judged

Friday 7th April - Brass Band Assembly 9am - Year 1 Knight & Princess Party

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Busy, Busy, Busy!

For the past few weeks we have been going on lots of trips to help us develop our learning outside the classroom. Whether it's in a museum, a space shuttle, a castle tower or at the top of a climbing wall we take every opportunity to extend our learning! The first hand experiences trips and residential provide our children with are really important to us at Highfields. I hope you enjoy reading about our adventures!

Mrs S Garratt

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting World Book Day 2017 so wonderfully. All of the children and staff looked fantastic in the red, white and blue of Wally and Wenda and enjoyed hunting for the characters hidden around the school site on the day. I think everyone found at least one which was brilliant to see! The writing that year groups worked together to produce is also a real triumph and is currently being compiled into books to be put on display in classrooms. Well done everyone!

Mrs M Lewis



Warwick Castle

I liked it when we mended the clock, it was fun to find the missing pieces. I liked the different castles because they were brilliant. I also liked when we coloured the shields in. By Gurman Johal, Class 1W



I liked the Princess Tower at Warwick Castle, I liked it when we made the shields and because the weather was sunny. The princesses all wore beautiful dresses.

By Lilah Jones, Class 1W

Victoria and Albert Museum

On Tuesday 28th February all of Year 2 had an amazing day because we went to the Victoria and Albert Museum. Why were we at the museum? We went around to see The Great Exhibition. Everyone loved it when we saw the sketches. Thanks for a great trip

By Dharma Meredith, Class 2P

On Tuesday 28th February Year 2 had to be at school for 7.20am to go to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. It took 2 and a half hours. Everyone went to see the Indian Exhibition. We found out the Queen Victoria was crowned as Empress of India. My favourite part was the workshop. Thanks for a great trip. *By Leah Macfarlane, Class 2H*



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

Since the last newsletter these children have received Golden Book certificates...

Nam - Matthew Hale and Brooke Price

Npm - Elijah Ellis and Taleah Priest

RS - Edward Willetts and Zak Hussain

RD - Charlie McRobert and Hasan Kaid

IW - Jannat Shah and Melorien Fathi

IE - Selina Kouser and Riley Barnett

2P - Liam Miller and Jevikah Nega

2H - Ethan Mulvey and Navdeep Bangar

3R - Nathan Smith and Samantha Wignall

3S - Ryan Howles-Flavell and Lily Fellows

4K - Kingswood and Lauren Price

4P - Kingswood and Summer Wilks

5B - Luca Harrison and Travis Parry

5L - Riley Johnson and Peter Wilmott

6P - Hollie Garbett and Emma Palmer

6C - Megan Charley and Benjamin Jones

PE - Kingswood and Jessie Hatton

Well done everyone!



Leicester Space Centre

On 10th February Year 5 went to Leicester Space Centre to learn more about space. At 8.30am, Year 5 left in the coach heading to the Space Centre. On the coach we all sat by our friends and the coach



exploded with chatting and laughter. An hour and thirty minutes later we arrived, we all lined up outside the tall tower. As we walked past 4 giant boosters stuck out, afterwards we split into our groups and went to the planetarium. The first bit was scary but we still enjoyed it. Afterwards we went to look around, we went to the planet area and played a meteor game then we drove the RC Mars Rover, we were good! Then we went to lunch, we sat by our friends and enjoyed our food. Then we went to look at the Space Shuttle area. We could watch a video of a space shuttle landing and we went inside part of a space shuttle, Columbia. There were lots of buttons. We watched another film in the planetarium and it was soon time to come home on the coach.

By Jacob Macfarlane, Class 5B

Beat the Street update

We have received our update for Beat the Street. Highfields is doing very well lying in 22nd place and we hope parents and children alike are enjoying the game. Keep walking and earning those points for school.



Football Updates

A massive **WELL DONE** to our boy's football team who played a match last night at Four Dwellings. The team won 7-3 and we are incredibly proud! Well done lads!



Cinderella Ballet Trip
On the Cinderella ballet trip we got to meet the conductor and hear all of the instruments. We saw

the ballet dancers perform Cinderella. They did high lifts and danced beautifully, they had to wear pointy shoes! I enjoyed when Thumpy and Skinny fell out, Skinny and Thumpy were the ugly sisters.

By Erin Oakley, Class 3S



Red Nose Day 2017

As usual we are supporting Red Nose Day here at Highfields on Friday 24th March 2017.

This year we are asking pupils to pay £1 and they can come to school in red clothing for the day. School Council will be selling cakes at 50p each.

Sports Council Challenge

We will now be running a sports related challenge in every newsletter, these will be set by members of Highfields Sports Council. The first challenge is...

How many star jumps can you and your family do in one minute?

Please let Miss Hunter or a member of the Sports Council know when you have had a go at home



House Point Winners

Since the last newsletter the house point winners have been...

03/03/17

- 1st - Clent
- 2nd - Haden
- 3rd - Kinver
- 4th - Rowley

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'The Million Minute Challenge'

This week each child in Years 1-6 will have brought home a bookmark on which to record the number of minutes that they read daily. We are taking part in a national competition to promote reading and there are prizes to win!! If you could support your child to read as much as possible; complete their book mark and bring it into school daily, it would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.

School dinner charge increase

Just so you are aware school have recently been informed that the cost of a school dinner will **increase to £2.30 from 1st April 2017.**

To keep up to date with everything Highfields please check the schools website and your child's class page at <http://www.highfields.sandwell.sch.uk>

We also continually update your child's class page with write ups and photographs so please use that to have a look at what's been happening recently in your child's class

Our trip to Kingswood

Last week, we went to Kingswood activity centre in Doncaster. It took about three hours to get there by coach. When we got there, we ate our lunch in the games hub. Once we had finished our lunch, we had a tour around Kingswood. Then, we were all very excited as we got to see our rooms, find out who we were sharing with and get ready for our first activity. Group A did nightline, group B did laser and our group did crate stack. We built our crates really high before kicking them all down and falling from the top. It felt like we were flying! Then, it was time to go back to our rooms and get ready for tea. For tea we had a choice of gammon or chicken with roast potatoes or mash, carrots, green beans and gravy. For desert, it was chocolate sponge and custard. We went back to our rooms to get all wrapped up for the campfire. At the camp fire we sang camp fire songs, told jokes and toasted marshmallows. Mmmmm! It had been a long day so it was time for bed!

The next morning, the teachers woke us up really early for breakfast. As soon as we were ready, we walked down to the dining hall. When we got there, we had a cooked breakfast and it was yummy! When we had eaten, we went back to our rooms to get ready for a full day of activities. Group B went to the river and we started with nightline. During nightline, we wore blindfolds and helped our team around the assault course. It was very muddy and wet! For our next activity, we tackled the climbing wall. It was very tricky because it was so high up and hard to reach the top. We all cheered for each other to encourage our friends not to give up. Then, it was time for lunch! It was spaghetti bolognaise or pasta and meatballs. That afternoon, it was time for our river study. It was fun. We got to put out wellies on a walk in the river and tested the speed of the water using an orange. We also used nets and magnifying glasses to go pond dipping.

That night was a very special night because it was Miss Thomas' birthday. We surprised her with a cake and she cried because she was so happy! We relaxed while we watched the movie and some of us even fell asleep! Before bed, we drank our hot chocolate. When we got to bed, everyone was very tired so we all fell straight to sleep. Friday morning when we woke up, we started to pack all of our things as we were going home that day. We spent time with our friends when we had packed everything and tidied our room. Then it was time for breakfast. That morning, there was sausages, hash browns, mushrooms, egg, beans and toast. We were all very full but ready for the morning. Our last activity was air-o-ball and laser quest. Air-o-ball was very tiring because there was lots of jumping but we had fun. Blue team won! When we were at laser quest, we were split into two teams, red and blue. We used our laser guns to shoot the opposite team and protect our base. It was time for lunch! Burger and fries mmmmm! Sadly, it was time to go home. It took us 3 hours to get back to school but we were kept occupied by singing with the teachers.

It was a fantastic trip with lots of exciting activities, our favourite ones were crate stacking, laser tag and night line. We had an amazing time and enjoyed it very much! If you get the opportunity to go, you would love it!

You can look at our class websites to see lots of photographs.
By Darcey Woodward Class 4P and Lauren Patrice Class 4K

Attendance Awards

This week's whole school attendance was **95.4%**

Don't forget, the whole school target we have to achieve every week is **96.5%** so this week we were below that!

The recent winning classes attendance was **EYFS - RW - 96%** **KSI - 1E - 96.9%** **KS2 - 4K - 99.7%**

