

May - During the month of May Y2 have SAT's Week

Monday 22nd May -
Friday 26th May -
Y6 Ingestre Hall Residential

Tuesday 23rd May -
Nursery Home Visits

Tuesday 23rd May -
Y4 trip to the Botanical Gardens

Thursday 25th May -
Nursery Home Visits

Friday 26th May - Y1 trip to the Black Country Museum

Monday 29th May -
Friday 2nd June -
Half Term - Whit Week - School closed to children

Tuesday 6th June -
Fathers Days gift sales Friends of Highfields

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Class Photographs

Wednesday 7th June -
Fathers Days gift sales Friends of Highfields

Wednesday 7th June -
YR trip to Twycross Zoo

Thursday 8th June -
School closed to children for General Election

Friday 9th June -
Y5 trip to Compton Verney

Week beginning 12th June 2017 - Y1 Phonics Screening Week

We couldn't be more proud!

I would just like to spend a few minutes thanking the children in Years 2 and Year 6 for their attitude and enthusiasm over the last couple of weeks. During May all schools nationally have taken SAT's tests. As a school I truly believe we have a responsibility to make SAT's as pressure-free as possible. At Highfields the message was very clear SAT's are not the most important focus for Years 2 and Year 6 and we are so proud of how the children have taken everything in their stride. They have been calm, hardworking and I've even seen a few smiles! We value your children and know they are so much more than a test score! Thank you Year 6 and Year 2, I am constantly amazed by the incredible people you are becoming and whatever scores these tests give you, know that you have worked hard to get it and that you have done everyone proud!

Mrs S Garratt

Congratulations!

All of the staff, children and Governors here at Highfields would like to say a massive congratulations to Mrs Seville and Mrs Pardoe who have both recently found out they are expecting babies! Mrs Seville's baby is due in October and Mrs Pardoe is due in November. All of the children in Years 3 and 4 are doing a wonderful job of looking after them both.

Musical Maestro!

Massive congratulations this week go to *Reegan Jenkins, Class 4K* who recently achieved a pass mark in his elementary exams in both cello and Tenor Horn - it really is great to hear about fantastic things Highfields children do outside of school! Keep it up Reegan!



Professional Pool Player!!

A huge congratulations this week also goes to *Jaden Billingham, Class 5B*, who came to see me this week to tell me all about his pool trophies! Jaden plays pool for the county and is currently top of his league! He has won several trophies during his playing career and is extremely proud to have been awarded with the 'most improved player' recently. Well done Jaden!



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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



Nam	-	Isabelle Hall
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RW	Umara Naveed	Scarlett Mulvey
RS	Cameron Adlam	Cameron Rutter
IE	Callum Stokes	Sam Macfralane
IW	Shuaib Mohammed	Curman Johal
2P	Priya Pathak	Liam Cox
2H	Myles Evans	Evie Carpenter
3R	Harrison Smart	Paige Lester
3S	Erin Oakley	Harvey Richards
4K	Grace Brookes	Ethan Lester
4P	Saeed Muhammed	Charlotte Ellis
5P	Emerson Knight	Qasim Qayyum
5B	Daniel Emms	Furqan Nawaz
6C	Liam Evans	Madelaine Priest
6P	Freddy Parker	Zara Mughal
PE	Harrison Barnett	Sara Masri

SPORTS DAYS

This year we are trying to organise Sports Days slightly differently as last year we are aware that some children missed their sports day due to the weather.



This year we are having KS1 and KS2 sports days on the same day.

Thursday 22nd June - KS1 - 9.15-11.45am

Thursday 22nd June - KS2 - 1.00-3.00pm

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) will have theirs on the same day as well

Friday 23rd June - Nursery - 9.00-10.00am

Friday 23rd June - Reception - 10.15-11.30am

More details will follow so please keep an eye out on the newsletter!

Friends of Highfields needs you!

In preparation for the craft stalls at this year's Summer Fayre could we please ask children and parents to send in used, clean chocolate bar wrappers and crisp bags please?

Any excuse to eat more chocolate sounds good to me!

There will be a box in the front office for any wrappers you can bring in!

Thank you in advance!



Guide Dog Assembly

On Monday 8th May we had an assembly all about guide dogs. They showed us what they did to train the dogs and a German Shepherd came into school, he was called Leo. Leo had only just started his guide dog training, his handler/trainer taught us what to say to him to go forward or to turn, they also showed us what

to do if you were training them. The trainers then asked some children to come up, they were blindfolded and Leo walked them around so they could experience what it is like for a blind person following their dog. Did you know that it costs 50p for someone to buy a guide dog but it costs up to £50,000 to look after that dog for the rest of its life? Remember if you see a guide dog they are always working so please ask permission from the owner if you want to give them some fuss.

Amelia Day, Class 4P

House Point Winners

Since the last newsletter the house point winners have been

12/05/17

1st - Rowley

2nd - Haden

3rd - Clent

4th - Kinver

19/05/17

1st - Rowley

2nd - Kinver

3rd - Clent

4th - Haden

Sainsbury's



Active Kids

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their active kids vouchers. Can we please make sure that ALL vouchers are handed into school on or before **Friday 26th May** to make sure we have time to count them all and order our equipment before the end of the school year!

100 Book Challenge!

After half term, we will be introducing the Times Educational Supplement's (TES) '100 Book Challenge'. We will be encouraging pupils to read as many of the 100 fiction books as possible before leaving Highfields. The books are from a variety of genres and we hope that the children will enjoy the challenge. A list of the books will be available for children to take home and copies of the Key Stage Two books will be available in the school library. There will also be some home learning ideas which relate to the books. If Key Stage Two children wish to complete these, they will be given tokens. At the end of the half term, a token will be drawn out and the winner will be given a prize. Key Stage One books will be available for children to read in school. Happy reading!

Science Challenge - Blobs in a Bottle

You will need

- A clean 1 litre clear bottle
- 3/4 cup of water
- Vegetable Oil
- Fizzing tablets (such as Alka Seltzer)
- Food colouring
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What to do

1. Pour the water into the bottle.
2. Use a measuring cup or funnel to slowly pour the vegetable oil into the bottle until it's almost full. You may have to wait a few minutes for the oil and water separate.
3. Add 10 drops of food colouring to the bottle (we like red, but any colour will look great.) The drops will pass through the oil and then mix with the water below.
4. Break a seltzer tablet in half and drop the half tablet into the bottle. Watch it sink to the bottom and let the blobby greatness begin!
5. To keep the effect going, just add another tablet piece. For a true lava lamp effect, shine a torch through the bottom of the bottle.

How does it work?

To begin, the oil stays above the water because the oil is lighter than the water or, more specifically, less dense than water. The oil and water do not mix because of something called "intermolecular polarity." Molecular polarity basically means that water molecules are attracted to other water molecules. They get along fine, and can loosely bond together (drops.) This is similar to magnets that are attracted to each other. Oil molecules are attracted to other oil molecules; they get along fine as well. But the structures of the two molecules do not allow them to bond together. When you added the tablet piece, it sank to the bottom and started dissolving and creating a gas. As the gas bubbles rose, they took some of the coloured water with them. When the blob of water reached the top, the gas escaped and down went the water. By the way, you can store your "Blobs In A Bottle" with the cap on, and then anytime you want to bring it back to life, just add another tablet piece.

MAKE IT AN EXPERIMENT

- Does the temperature of the water affect the reaction?
- Does the size of the bottle affect how many blobs are produced?
- Does the effect still work if the cap is put on the bottle?
- Does the size of the tablet pieces affect the number of blobs created?

Sports Council Challenge

This week the Sports Council here at Highfields would like to challenge you to find out... **How many times can you throw a ball in the air and catch it before dropping it?**



Attendance Awards

This week's whole school attendance was **96.7%**

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

The recent winning classes attendance was **EYFS - RW 97.2% KSI - 2P 100% KS2 - 4K 99.4%**

