



Highfields Primary newsletter



12th June 2026

Head's Welcome

As we move towards the end of another busy and exciting school year, I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all our children. This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have shown fantastic effort, determination and enthusiasm during their Phonics Screening Check, and they should be very proud of themselves. Our Year 4 children have also worked exceptionally hard in their Multiplication Tables Check and have truly done themselves proud. Meanwhile, Year 4 are thoroughly enjoying their residential visit and have not let the rain dampen their spirits or stop the fun! As this is always the busiest term of the year, with secondary school transition events, Sports Days and end-of-year celebrations fast approaching, please remember to keep checking the school calendar regularly so you don't miss any important dates.

Mrs. Garratt.

Attendance

At Highfields we have high expectations when it comes to attendance and so our attendance target is 97%. This week's whole school attendance was 93.8%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RH 94.4%

KSI - ISS 95.3%

KS2 - 5A 97.9%




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Summer Term - Diary Dates

June

- 10th-12th June - Y4 Bell Heath residential
- 17th June - Superhero gift sales
- 18th June - Y1 trip to Essington Farm
- 19th June - Reception assembly to parents at 9am
- 19th June - Superhero gift sales
- 23rd June - September 2026 Reception parent mtg at 2.30pm
- 24th June - Reception Sports Day 9.15-10.30am
- 24th June - Y1 & 2 Sports Day 2-3pm
- 25th June - Y3 & 4 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
- 25th June - Y5 & 6 Sports Day 1.30-3pm
- 26th June - Y1 class assembly to parents at 9am
- 26th June - 2nd July - Book Fayre
- 29th June - Reception parent mtg for Y1 transition 2.45pm

July

- 2nd July - Reception trip to Wonderland
- 3rd July - School Disco
- 6th July - Ukulele concert to parents at 2.45pm
- 7th July - Rocksteady concert to parents at 2pm
- 8th July - Highfields Helpers Fun Day
- 9th July - Y2 trip to Weston
- 10th July - Y3 Brass assembly to parents
- 14th July - Y6 End of Year production
- 15th July - Parents Evening drop in session 4-6pm

PE Days

Here are the days you will need to send your child to school in their PE kits for the second half of the summer term -

Monday - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Thursday - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Jewellery & Make Up reminder

As a school we are seeing a real increase in the amount and types of jewellery being worn and also children coming to school (or bringing to school) makeup and nail varnish.

Just a reminder that the only jewellery that may be worn at school is one pair of stud earrings and sensible wrist watch. and all jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, including PE lessons and science experiments. (If a child cannot remove their

earrings for a set period, they may be covered by micro pore tape provided from home so the child can participate in P.E.)

No make-up is to be worn to school by any pupil.

This includes nail varnish and any form of artificial nail. If a child comes to school with make up or nail varnish they will be asked to ensure that the following day they do not wear make-up or nail varnish. If they persist, then home will be contacted via a letter or phone call asking for co-operation with the uniform policy.

Children are also discouraged from having temporary tattoos.



Books of the Month - June

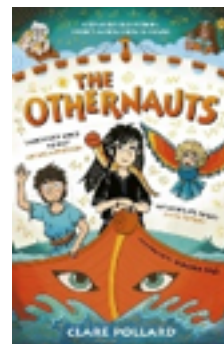
Please see below, June's Book of the Month that we will be sharing in school. In reception and years 1 and 2, the book will be placed in the 'book to share' box so that your child will be able to bring it home and share it with you at some point during the year. In years 3-6, copies will go into the school library for children to select as their reading book as and when they wish. The books for June are:

EYFS: 'Broken' by X. Fang

Years 1 and 2: 'The Perfect Match: A Football Fairy Tale' by Chris Becker

Years 3 and 4: 'The Othernavts' by Clare Pollard

Years 5 and 6: 'Wishbound' by Clemency Brown



Theme of the Month - June

Safety

During the month of June, we will be looking at the theme, safety. The whole school will focus on the importance of staying safe and remind children of article 19 in the UNCRC, that they have the right to stay safe, both inside and outside of school.



SMSC

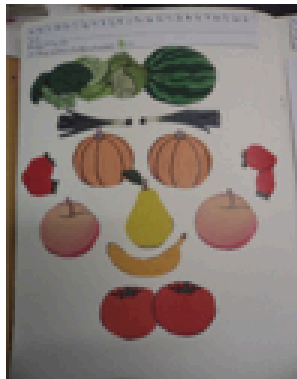
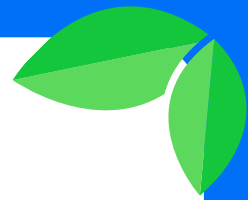
June



- All Month - Pride Month
- All Month - Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month
- June 1st - 7th - Volunteers' Week
- June 5th - World Environment Day
- June 8th - World Ocean Day
- June 14th - 20th - World Refugee Week
- June 21st - World Music Day
- June 25th - RSE Day

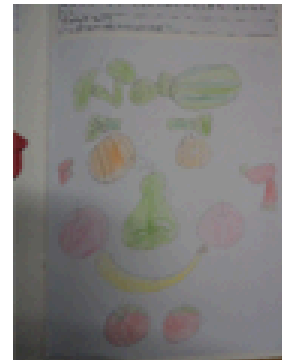
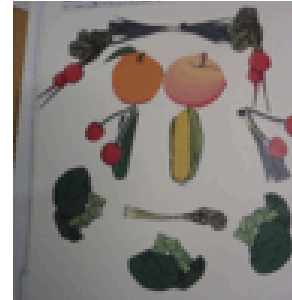


Art at Highfields



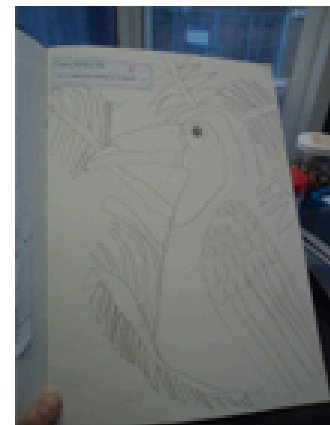
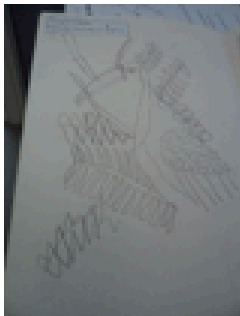
Year 1

In Year 1, the children have been exploring the work of the famous artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. They carefully studied how he created imaginative portraits using fruits, vegetables and other natural objects. Inspired by his artwork, the children designed their own creative faces using different fruits and drew detailed plans of their ideas. They are now beginning to transform their designs into clay sculptures, using their modelling skills to shape and create their unique fruit faces. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using their imagination and experimenting with different artistic techniques.



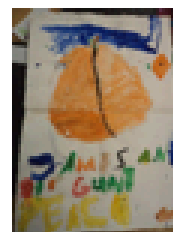
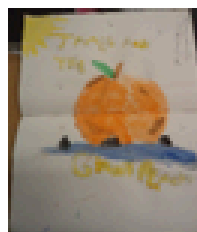
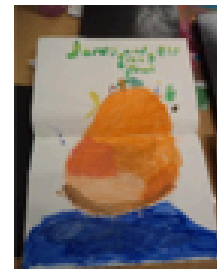
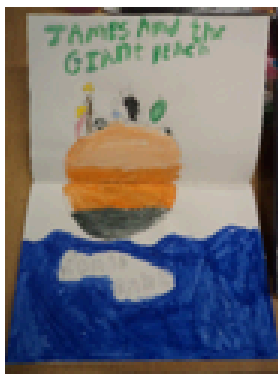
Year 2

In Year 2, the children have been exploring line drawing to create animal artwork. They experimented with line, tone and texture, using pencils of different hardness to develop their drawing techniques. Through this work, the children learned how artists can use simple marks and shading to add detail and depth to their drawings while building their confidence and observational skills.

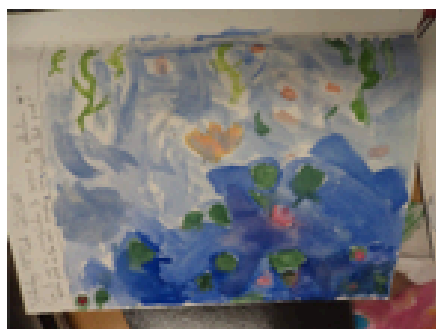


Year 3

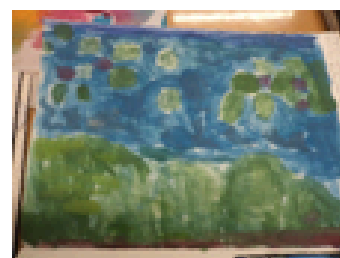
In Year 3, the children created paintings inspired by the front cover of the book James and the Giant Peach. They used a range of different sized paintbrushes to add detail and experimented with mixing tints, shades and tones to create different effects. The children also explored how to show light and dark within their paintings, helping to bring depth and atmosphere to their artwork.



Year 4



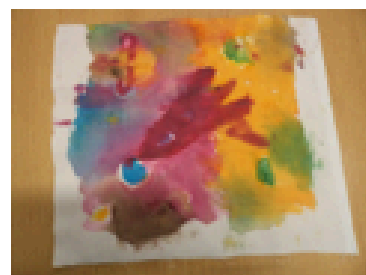
In Year 4, the children explored the work of the artist and created watercolour paintings inspired by his famous Water Lilies artwork. They used gradation techniques and layered their paint carefully to create different effects within the water. The children also used viewfinders to help them focus on specific sections of the artwork and consider composition within their own paintings.



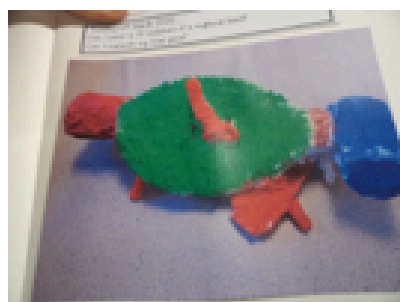
Year 5



In Year 5, the children explored the art technique of batik and created their own space-themed designs. They combined patterns and shapes to produce bold and imaginative artwork inspired by space. The children also experimented with using glue to create different effects and textures within their batik pieces, helping to make their final designs vibrant and eye-catching.



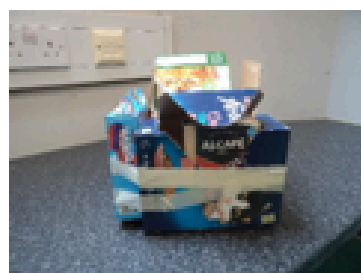
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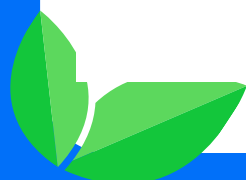
In Year 6, the children created imaginative mythical creatures using Modroc and wire. They learned how to manipulate wire in different ways to create strong structures and interesting shapes before carefully covering them with Modroc. The children showed great creativity while designing and constructing their unique creatures, developing both their sculpting skills and understanding of 3D art.



Reception



In Reception, the children have been learning about different types of transport and exploring how vehicles are made. Using junk modelling materials, they designed and created their own imaginative trains. The children used a range of boxes, tubes and recyclable materials to build their models, developing their cutting, joining and creative skills. They thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with different shapes and materials while bringing their train ideas to life.





School Council - Safety Walk

School Council enjoyed their safety walk of the school. They were armed with clipboards and were asked to inspect each classroom of the school and note down anything that they thought was unsafe from their own point of view (Individual Liberty). The school counsellors were thorough in their investigation and worked excellently in their pairs to check every classroom in the school. The children even found some cracks in the ceiling, loose tiles, some chairs not tucked in and some coats and bags on the floor. Well done School Council!



Golden Book Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a 'Golden Book Certificate' since the previous newsletter

5th June

RP - Millie-Mae

RH - Maizie

ICS - Jimmy

ISS - Henry

2B - Amiyah

2D - Zara

3K - Layla

3C - Harper

4G - Zainab

4M - Lexi

5R - Rosie

5A - Harrison C

6P - Mya

6C - Edward

PE - Arlo (Y5)

French - Natasha (Y4)

12th June

RP - Elleil

RH - Esmee

ICS - Aurelia

ISS - Aubany

2B - Logan-Tate

2D - Simrat

3K - Lola

3C - Dilpreet

4G - Ire

4M - Ira

5R - Amir

5A - Ehli

6P - Jasneet

6C - Isla

PE - Kiera (2B)

French - Ava (5A)



Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



A huge well done to last weeks nominees for tea party...

5th June

RH - Cora

ISS - Ariyah

ICS - Shaylan

2B - Ellissia

4G- Abdullah

5R - Ismail Khan

5A - Ehli

6P - Zoe



Gone Green Awards

A huge congratulations to the following children who have all 'gone green' on Times Tables Rockstars since the previous newsletter

Oliver C

India-Rose



Half Price Book Fair

Highfields will be hosting a Scholastic Half Price Book Fair. We will be selling the books from Friday 26th June to Thursday 2nd July from 3.20pm-3.45pm in the hall.

A colorful promotional poster for a Scholastic Half Price Book Fair. At the top, the Scholastic logo (a red book icon) and 'SCHOLASTIC' are on the left, and 'TRAVELLING BOOKS' with a small dog icon is on the right. The main text reads 'Come to the HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR!' where 'HALF' is in a red box, 'PRICE' is in blue, 'BOOK' is in blue, and 'FAIR!' is in a blue box. Below this, it says 'AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL'. The poster is decorated with various icons: a pair of eyes, a peace sign, a star, a rainbow, a yellow cross, and a red bookmark. On the left, a sad-looking cookie character with a face is shown. On the right, a happy dog character wearing a blue uniform with a yellow crown emblem is shown. At the bottom, there is a blue wavy line representing a bookshelf. Small text at the bottom reads 'When Cookie Crumbled © Tom Knight, 2023; Illustration from Dog Man © Dav Pilkey'.



Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Geography Year One have learnt what a continent is and where each one would go on a world map. We have learnt which is the largest and smallest, the hottest and coldest continent. In Art we have been looking carefully at fruit and drawing it from observation, looking at the marks and patterns we can see. Please could you practise with your child identifying which is their left and right hand.

Year Two have started writing their play scripts based on the Lighthouse Keepers Rescue and we are so impressed their ideas, presentation and spellings. In Art we have started to learn about Beth Krommes, an illustrator for children's books and this half term we will be making our very own print based on the ocean. In Maths we have continued to learn about time, can you please encourage your child to look at analogue clocks and see if they are tell you the time.

Reception Newsletter

Welcome to our last term in Reception! We will be continuing with our topic 'On the Move' this half term and we will be learning even more about different modes of transport and travel.

Our first book is called 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers – this week we have been building a boat to sail through a storm together!

It was lovely to see some of our Reception children choose the junk modelling room at the Art Workshop last week. They worked hard with their friends and family to create some imaginative pieces!

Reminder - Our PE days are now Monday and Thursday.

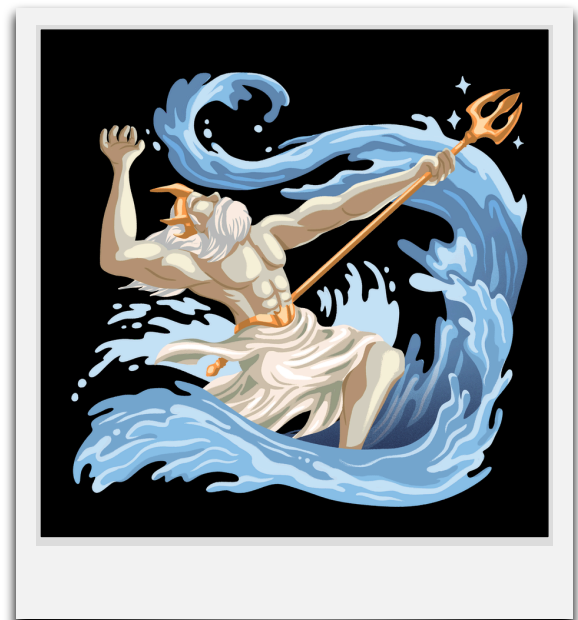


Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

In Year Three, we have been busy with lots of exciting learning. In English, the children have been writing their own Greek myths, showing great creativity.

We've had a lovely couple of days at Bell Heath. The children have been very well behaved and shown perseverance in every activity. The children have enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities, including the zip line, problem-solving challenges, bushcraft, high ropes, bridge building, orienteering, rock climbing and archery.

Take a look on our website to see the pictures from each day. The children who have remained in school have worked hard to design their own theme park. They have designed tickets, uniform and their park.



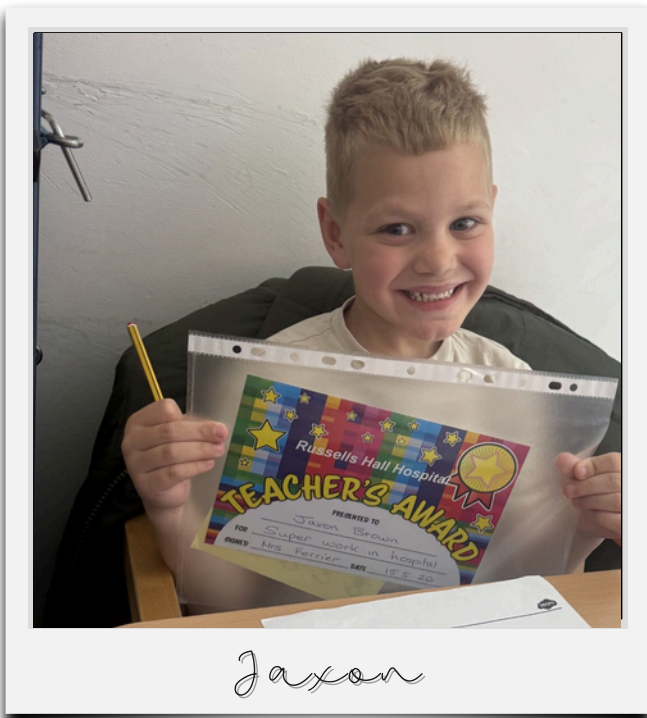
Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In Year 5, the children thoroughly enjoyed our Anglo-Saxon day. The children looked brilliant in their costumes so thank for your help. We all enjoyed a fantastic day of activities. In the morning, the children learnt how to create ink, stamp leather, make bracelets, create clay models and much more. In the afternoon, they took on the role of archeologists and discovered evidence in order to consider what we could learn about Anglo-Saxon settlements. The children have also really enjoyed creating their own cam toys. They were fiddly to make but the end results are excellent.

This week, we have begun practising our production in earnest. The children have got off to a good start in learning their lines and any help you can give them at home in order for them to become more confident with them would be much appreciated. We have also begun our DT topic using the skill of sewing. We have begun by looking at using blanket stitch to join material together and the children will eventually make a pencil case.

Highfields Hall of Fame

This part of the newsletter is for us to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. If your child/children have done something you would like us to know about and to share on here (and our social media pages) please email a short description and a photograph to Highfields.Enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk with the subject #myaspirations



We are incredibly proud of Jaxon who has sent this photo in for us to share. Jaxon has received a teachers award certificate from the hospital teacher he has been working with. He has worked hard completing some super work, all whilst staying brave and positive! Well done Jaxon!
#myaspiration

