



20th October 2023

Highfields Primary newsletter



Head's Welcome

We have had some fantastic experiences since I wrote the last newsletter! First of all we got to meet the amazing Rebecca Adlington, she told us all about her swimming history and let us hold her gold medal! When we are working hard to raise aspirations, she is an absolutely fantastic role model for our children and I know they got a lot from meeting her.

Then we had the pantomime from the Grand which, as always, was an absolute smash with the children and staff and was the perfect way to end a week!

On no it wasn't, oh yes it was!! (sorry I couldn't help myself!)

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 95.6%. The highest attending classes this week were;

Reception - RW - 92.4%

KSI - ISS - 97.9%

KS2 - 3K - 98%



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Parking Reminder

Can I please remind all parents to park carefully and considerably around the school site, including when dropping children off on trips, we do not want any accidents!



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Autumn Term - Diary Dates



October

Black History Month

- 24th - SIPS theme menu day
- 25th - 4.00-6.30pm - Parents evening
- 25th - 10 children trip to Albion Dome
- 26th - 4.00-6.30pm - Parents evening
- 27th - 4L swimming
- 31st - Secondary application deadline

Half Term



30th October - 3rd November

November

- 6th - INSET DAY - Closed to all children
- 9th - Y2 trip to Aston Hall
- 9th - Y3 Stone Age workshop
- 10th - 4L swimming
- 10th - Minute silence for Remembrance day
- 13th - 17th - Antbullying Week
- 13th - Odd socks for school day
- 15th - Y5 trip to RAF Cosford
- 17th - 4L swimming
- 17th - Children in Need
- 20th - 25th - Road Safety Week
- 21st - Road safety assemblies
- 24th - 4L swimming

December



- 1st - 4L swimming
- 6th - Steelband performance in school
- 8th - 4L last swimming session
- 12th - 2pm Rocksteady concert
- 15th - 4G start swimming
- 15th - 2-4pm Highfields Christmas Fayre

More Christmas dates will follow over the next few weeks as more activities are planned so please keep an eye on this diary page in every newsletter

School Council Update

School Council have held their second meeting this week and have been given their first assignment!

The children have been tasked with asking their classes for ideas as to how we can improve the school. The School Councillors will discuss the importance of British Values at Highfields and ask for ideas as to how we can further promote these values at our school. They have been equipped with record cards where children in their classes will write all their amazing ideas.

These ideas will then be submitted to Mr Savvides and Mrs Garratt to discuss.





Golden Book Awards



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

13th October

RP - Azaan

RW - Adrian

ICS - Logan

ISS - Amelia

2D - Kaidon

2M - Sara

3C - Isabelle

3K - Annie

4G - Mikey

4L - Jensen

5NB - Ayden B

5LB - Inayah

6C - Hart

6R - Aaris

French - Gracie (4G)

Physical Education - Harvey (RP)

20th October

RP - Sahas

RW - Aaliyah

ICS - Elliott

ISS - Layla

2D - Irena

2M - Jaxson

3C - Toby

3K - Dave

4G - All of 4G

4L - All of 4L

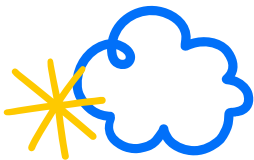
5NB - Harry

5LB - Deborah

6C - Yasmin

6R - Amelia

Physical Education - Lilly (ISS)



Mrs Garratt's Tea Party



A huge well done to the following children who have joined me since the last newsletter for a tea party to celebrate the over and above things they have done at Highfields!

Betsy - Y5

Elsie - YR

Natasha - Y2

Elouise - Y6

Zoe - Y4

Poppy - Y4

Isla-Rose - YR

Miss Hughes



Ibrahim - 6C

Max - 2D

Millie - 2M

Lilli - 5NB

Connie - ICS

Lilly - ISS

Zara - RP

Tiarna - ICS

The children have been talking about how we could improve the tea party even more and they suggested we could have some music in the background!





Timetables Rockstars

Last week saw our first in school competition on Times Tables Rockstars!

The children competed against their year group partners to see who would be the ultimate Year group Rockstars!!

A huge well done to the following year groups and a special shout out to the MVP's!



Winning classes were 2D, 3C, 4G, 5NB and 6C

This school's Most valuable players were;

Year 2 - Muhammad I (2D) Summer-Rose E (2D) and Lucia S (2D)

Year 3 - Toby P (3C), Harrison P (3C) and Isabelle W (3C)

Year 4 - Gracie M (4G), Salahuddin K (4P) and Amelia C (4P)

Year 5 - Thisaru G (5NB), Susan D (5NB) and Emily C (5NB)

Year 6 - Hart R (6C), Tristan J (6C) and Ibrahim M (6C)

Pre-Ordering Lunches

Can I please ask all parents to help support school by talking with their children about the school dinner options they are making wherever possible.

Over the past two weeks we have had lots of children who are either becoming very upset, or who are complaining and then not eating the meal that has been chosen for them. We are not allowed to alter choices made by parents due to allergies etc. but it is hard to get the children to eat their lunches if it is not what they want or like. We are also working hard to reduce waste and this has increased recently too.

Debate Time

Every fortnight we will be posting a debate question that you could do with your families at home.

This weeks debate question is...

Is food delivery a blessing or a curse?



Reception Newsletter

These past two weeks, Reception have continued exploring Traditional Tales, they have acted out the stories of The Little Red Hen and The Tortoise and the Hare. The children have also challenged themselves to write labels for the characters.

Reception have made some wonderful models of the characters with the playdough and have also enjoyed learning how to play games using a dice, to count their moves and practise taking turns.

Whilst exploring an Autumn Sensory Tray, the children have been questioning what the different items are and where they come from. If you go on an Autumn walk, we would love you to send us photos of anything you find through the Evidence Me app!

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Year One, in English the children have been looking at fiction and non-fiction books. They have also looked at what a Contents page is in a non-fiction book and have had a go at using one themselves. In Art they have completed their learning on Georges Seurat and pointillism. The children chose a circus character and carefully used pointillism to complete it. They look beautiful!

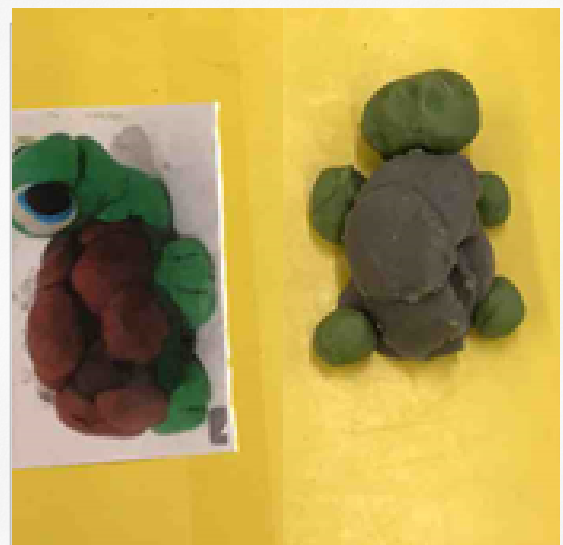
Over the past couple of weeks, the children have learnt about germination and carried out their own investigation into what plants need to grow.

They enjoyed watching the plants grow and came up with their own conclusions. Ask your child what they found out.

In History, we have learnt about causes and consequences of 'The Great Fire of London'



Phoebe Lily



Reception

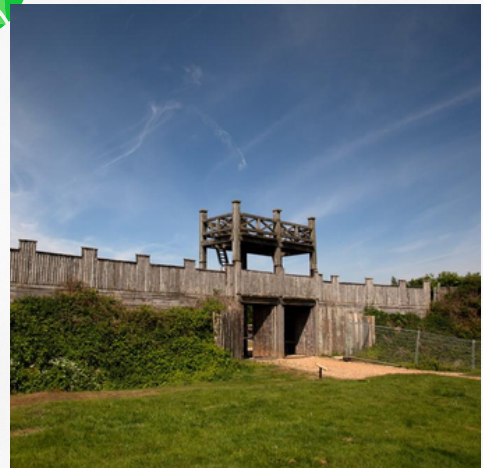
Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3 have been planning and starting to write their own version of the 'Littlenose' story that they have been reading in class. They have been developing their skills of addition and subtraction in maths.

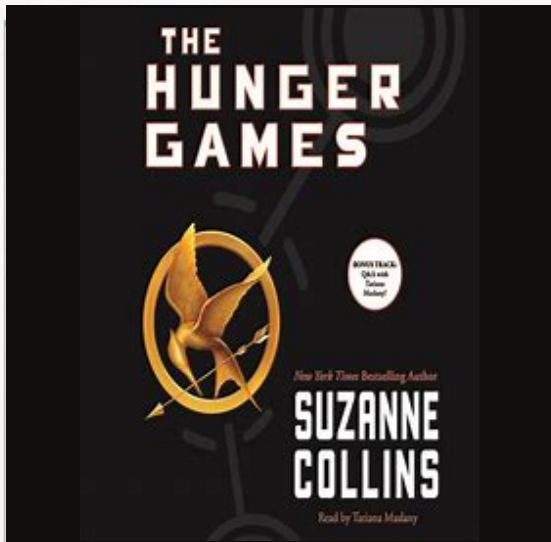
This week, as part of their learning during Black History Month, the year group have focussed on the work of the late 18th century writer and composer Ignatius Sancho. They have written letters and also completed portraits of him.

Year 4 have been busy in English planning a poem based on the wolf from Romulus and Remus. They are also working hard to develop their perspective drawings in art.

The children had a wonderful day yesterday at Lunt learning more about the Romans and the historical evidence that they left behind for us to learn from. The children represented the school wonderfully and asked some good questions during the day- well done year 4!



Lunt Fort



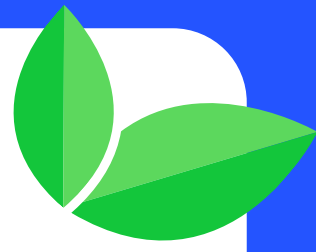
Year 6

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

Year 6 have been producing some excellent English work recently. We are coming to the end of our written work about The Hunger Games although we will be continuing to read the book for a few more weeks. They have really enjoyed engaging with the complex issues in the book and have dealt with them in a very mature manner. Their writing of an action scene last week was particularly good.

In Year 5 we have enjoyed our current DT topic. We are building up to creating night lights. The children have assessed the features of different night lights and particularly enjoyed creating their own switches.

Highfields Hall of Fame



Elsie - YR

We are so pleased to share this photo of Elsie who received her 3rd red stripe recently at Jiu-Jitsu. What a talented family, she'll be giving her brother a run for their money! She looks super proud and so she should, well done Elsie
#myaspirations

Last weekend Lola performed in her dance show, 'Where Did I Put That Thing?', where she did 6 dances and performed beautifully! It is so lovely to see the children dedicated to their achievements outside school!

Well done Lola!
#myaspirations



Lola - Y5

If your child has done anything outside of school that they are proud of and that you would be happy for us to share in the newsletter, please send a photograph (not including any other children due to permissions) and a short explanation of the award/trophy/certificate/medal and we will mention them here and on Facebook under our #myaspirations





Highfields Governors

Newsletter

This year our newsletter will be introducing you to our Governing Body so as parents, you are aware of who we are and what we do to support Highfields Primary School. If you would be interested in joining our Governing Body please let the front office or Mrs Garratt know.

Who am I? - My name is Mrs Lewis and I am the Deputy Headteacher at Highfields Primary School and also a member of the Governing Body

My Background - I grew up in the local area and had always wanted to be a teacher. I went to a local University and while I was there also worked in various jobs as a waitress and shop assistant. I qualified at 22 and went to work at a school in Wednesbury and came to work at Highfields in 2011,

Why do I like being a Governor? I like being a Governor because it allows me to work with the community who support Highfields. As a Mom of two, I can bring some of this experience when thinking about education and talking to the Governing Body. My role as a Governor also gives me the opportunity to share with governors all of the amazing things we do at Highfields in regards to English.

I like going to the theatre, concerts, running and walking with my dog!



Mrs Lewis

If you are, or know anyone, who would be interested in talking to school to find out more information about becoming a Governor, please contact leadershipteam@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk





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