



26th April 2024

Highfields Primary

newsletter



Head's Welcome

It has been another busy two weeks here at Highfields, with the children participating last week in a WOW assembly all about walking to school. You will have received a letter home about this and the children have been asked to self report in class how they have travelled to and from school. Badges will be awarded to all of the children who actively travel to school at least once a week for a month.

This week has been Arts week across school and every class will have enjoyed taking part in a variety of art activities in their classrooms. There will be an art gallery on the 11th of June to celebrate the work produced so keep an eye out for more details about this.

Thank you,
Mrs Garratt

Attendance

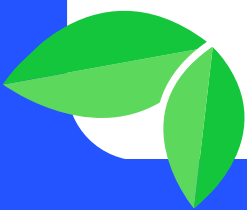
At Highfields we have high expectations when it comes to attendance and so our attendance target is **97%** This week's whole school attendance was **92.5%**. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RP - 85%
KSI - ICS - 94.7%
KS2 - 5NB - 99.3%



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Amelia K - Year 1 - Fundraising



At the beginning of this term we heard the heart breaking news that one of our Year 1 children has had a cancer relapse. Unfortunately, the treatment she requires is not fully funded by the NHS, so the child's mother has set up a Go Fund Me page to raise money towards the cost of her treatment. Here is the link to the Go Fund Me page and you can also use the QR code if you would like to donate. <https://gofund.me/lf2077dc>

On Friday 2nd May 2024 we will be holding a non-uniform day and ask children to wear a pink or purple item of clothing; Amelia's favourite colours, for a suggested donation of £1. School will be organising other fundraising events in the future so please keep an eye on the newsletter for further details.



A relative of Mrs Plant has organised a fundraising event for Amelia, through the Bumble Hole Conservation Group, that will take place on Monday 6th May 2024 at Warrens Hall Local Nature Reserve Visitor Centre, Windmill End, Dudley, DY2 9HS. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

School will be organising a raffle and we have already had some wonderful raffle prizes donated from local businesses including a hotel stay, beautician voucher and a meal voucher. If you have a business or work for a business that might be able to donate something similar, school will be collecting donations. More information about supporting the raffle through purchasing tickets will follow.

Theme of the Month - April

Freedom



During the month of April, we will be looking at the theme, freedom.

We will be asking the children to think carefully about what freedom is, how we might achieve it, what freedoms should people have and when do they feel most free.

At home, we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts.

SMSC Calendar - April

April - Stress Awareness Month

April 2nd - World Autism Awareness Day

April 7th - World Health Day

April 15th - World Art Day

April 22nd - Earth Day





Eco-Council Update

The Eco Council have been working hard to create an Eco-Code for school. This is being shared with our school community as we continue to implement our action plan.

Highfields Primary School Eco-Code:

Care for our school grounds and community.

Look after our wildlife and their homes.

It's important not to waste our resources.

Make our school Eco-friendly.

Always put our rubbish in the bin.

Turn off lights and taps when not being used.

Educate our pupils to make the world a better place.



School Council Update

This term promises to be another exciting one for our School Council. The council have worked very hard on their posters to help children to stay safe at all times around school. Gracie, Jasneet and Poppy produced a wonderful display poster which has been framed and displayed in the Highfields meeting room. This will allow our visitors to understand our values even further. Well done!

School council have also completed an initial safety learning walk around school with Mr Savvides to identify areas where the school environment can be improved for everyone who uses the building.

With their eagle eyes, the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 spotted a number of possible improvements including chairs needing to be tucked in, resources stored tidily away and suggestions for the roof and outdoor areas of school.

Children in Key Stage 2 also noticed some areas where foliage could be cleared, areas for coat storage as well as other suggestions to make the school site more aesthetically pleasing.

The children will now meet with Mrs Garratt to discuss their findings.





Healthy Lunchbox Project

A small group of pupils are presently working on alternative ideas to what pupils could have in their lunchboxes instead of sandwiches. They have worked out that if a pupil joins our school in Reception and stays until Year 6 having a daily packed lunch then they would have had approximately 1,140 packed lunches by the time they leave Highfields Primary School.

In a Lunch time Cookery Club, they have created the following recipes.

Couscous Salad

225g couscous
Parsley and mint chopped
1 red onion
1 lemon zest and juice
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Cover the couscous with twice its volume of hot water and leave to soak for 10 minutes.
2. Chop parsley and mint.
3. Chop red onion.
4. Zest lemon.
5. Juice Lemon.
6. Once the couscous has soaked up all the liquid add everything else to the bowl.
7. Mix.
8. Let the mixture stand for 30 minutes to let the flavours develop.
9. Serve or store in fridge in a sealed container.

Add sweetcorn or other vegetables that you like.

Tri-Colour Pasta Salad

Ingredients
1 packet of tri-colour pasta
Broccoli florets
Tomatoes
Seasoning

Method

1. Cook pasta according to package directions.
2. While cooking prepare the tomatoes.
3. Add broccoli during the last 5 minutes of cooking.
4. Drain and rinse in cold water.
5. Transfer to a large bowl.
6. Add the tomatoes.
7. Salt and Pepper.
8. Chill until serving.

Other things that you can add are olives or sweetcorn.





Summer Term - Diary Dates

April

- 26th - Reception assembly to parents
- 29th - 5year old dental checks
- 30th - Reception - School Nurse - heights & weights and hands & teeth talk
- 30th - Y6 - School Nurse - heights & weights and secondary transition talk

May

- 1st - Y2 - School Nurse - PANTS talk
- 1st - Y5 - School Nurse - body changes talk
- 1st - Y3 & Y4 - School Nurse - healthy eating talk
- 2nd - School closed for voting
- 6th - Bank Holiday - school closed
- 13th - 16th - Y6 SATs
- 21st - Class photographs
- 24th - Break up for half term

June

- 3rd - Children return to school
- 7th - Drama club production 5.30pm
- 11th - Art Gallery (details to follow)
- 18th - Y1 trip to Essington Farm
- 19th - KSI Sports Day (details to follow)
- 20th - KS2 Sports Day (details to follow)
- 20th - Reception trip to Telford Wonderland
- 21st - Y3 assembly to parents
- 26th - Reception Sept 2024 parent meeting
- 28th - Y2 assembly to parents

SAT's Boosters Y6

English - Monday	Maths - Thursday
22nd April	25th April
29th April	9th May

July

- 1st - Y6 Loudmouth production
- 2nd - Y4 Zoolab workshops
- 5th - Y4 assembly to parents
- 8th - KS2 Sports Council tripto Wimbledon
- 9th - Rocksteady concert
- 11th - Y2 trip to Weston-Super-Mare
- 12th - Y3 brass assembly to parents
- 16th - Y6 production
- 17th - Parents' Evening (drop in)
- 19th - Break up for Summer



Golden Book Awards



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

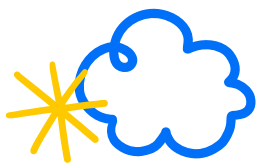


19th April

- RW - Elsie
- RP - Taliya
- ISS - Harry
- ICS - Connie
- 2D - Natasha
- 2M - Noah
- 3C - Divine
- 3K - Cloe
- 4G - Jasneet
- 4L - William
- 5NB - Olly
- 5LB - Darcie
- 6R - Isla-Jo
- 6C - Leo
- PE - Ibrahim (Y6)
- French - Isabel R (Y5)

26th April

- RW - Ava
- RP - Russell
- ISS - Husna
- ICS - Layla
- 2D - Albie
- 2M - Miral
- 3C - River
- 3K - Charlie
- 4G - Mikey
- 4L - George
- 5NB - Lilly-Grace
- 5LB - Lola
- 6R - Divine
- 6C - Charlie
- PE - Jack T (Y4)
- French - Jasmine J (Y6)



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!



Tea Party - 19th April

- 2M - Eliza B
- 2D - Amelia R
- 3K - Jorie A



Reception Newsletter

We are well into our Transport topic in Reception and the children have been really enjoying it so far (particularly our space station role play!)

We have read non-fiction books about rockets and aeroplanes; recalling different facts. Check if your child can remember some! We have also practised writing sentences about our story 'The Way Back Home'.

We would like to say a big well done to the Reception children for their performance during our class assembly, we hope you enjoyed it!



Y1

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

The children in Year One have been continuing to read the story of Handa's Surprise. This week we have tasted the different fruits from the story, collected adjectives to describe them and then wrote a description of the fruit.

In Art we have continued to look at the work of Guiseppe Arcimboldo and have evaluated his work saying which portraits they do and do not like giving reasons for their choices.

In Year Two, we have begun to think about the puppets we are going to make this term and how we are going to join the pieces of fabric together. The children tried stapling, gluing, over stitching and running stitch to see which one is suitable for a puppet. Ask your child what method they preferred to use and why. For Arts week, we have learnt about a variety of ways we can save our ocean. We have also created an ocean in a bottle!



Y2

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3 have been busy writing their own Greek myth in English. They have also started to work with clay to create patterns, ready for when they make their own Greek pots later in the half term. In history, the focus has been on learning about democracy and the children have compared ancient and modern democracies. In science, the properties of reflective materials suitable to be used for a book bag have been analysed and discussed.

Year 4 have written a setting description this week in their English books, based on the reading they have done of 'The Shaman's Apprentice.' The children have also explored printing in their art lessons and enjoyed continuing learning how to Samba in their PE lessons. In history, learning has started about the Mayan Civilisation and the children have started learning about the religious beliefs that the Mayan people had. .

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In Year 6 we have been creating our artwork for arts week. The children really enjoyed creating their pictures and needed a lot of patience to roll the paper carefully. The final pictures are very effective! In English Mrs Comery and I were greatly impressed with the explanation texts the children wrote about the flying machines they created. They included plenty of detail and managed to get the tone of an explanation text just right, which isn't easy.

The children of Year 5 really enjoyed the work they did for Arts week. We made a plate by weaving recycled materials together and the end results were excellent. Ask your child about their creation.



Y3

Highfields Hall of Fame

This page is used to celebrate the things your children do in their spare time that they would like to share with us all e.g earning gym certificates, football or swimming trophies etc. If you would like your child to appear here, please could send a photograph and a short explanation via email to highfields.enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk so we can will publish them.

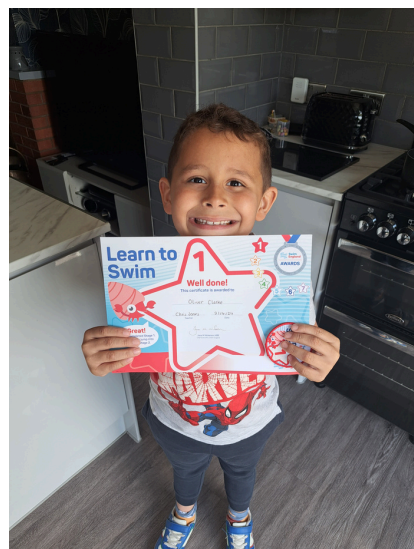


Jennifer F and Lola P have worked really hard to achieve their Blue Peter Badges. They completed work outside of school and sent this off to Blue Peter.

Now they have received their badges they will be able to access lots of free days out as a result of their hard work.
Well done!

Oliver C from 2M recently achieved his Stage 1 Swimming Award.

Well done Oliver!



**BUMBLE HOLE
CONSERVATION GROUP
MAY BANK HOLIDAY EVENT**

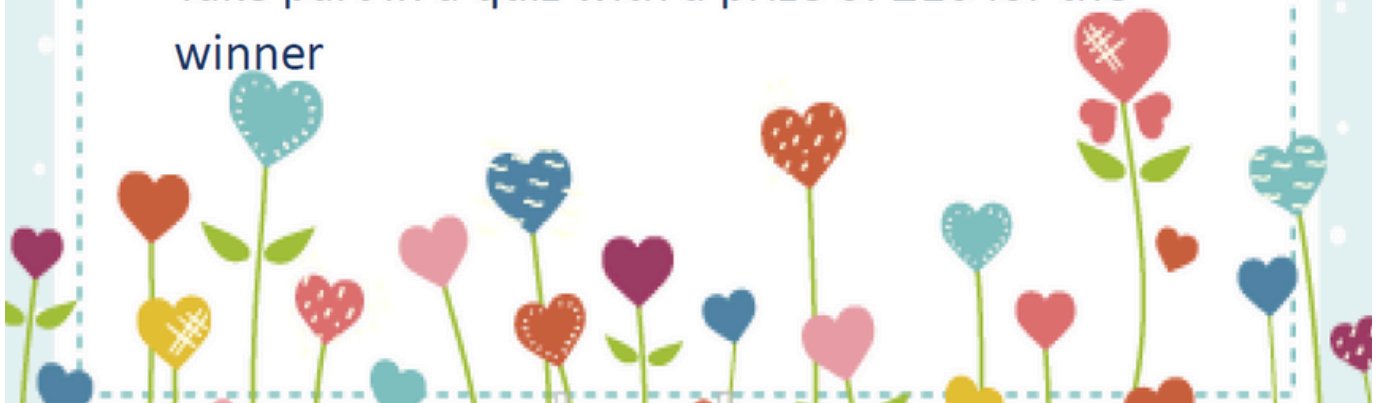
Please join us on

Monday 6th May

10am til 2pm

We are having a fundraising event for Amelia who needs treatment for a childhood cancer. Unfortunately, this treatment is not funded by the NHS.

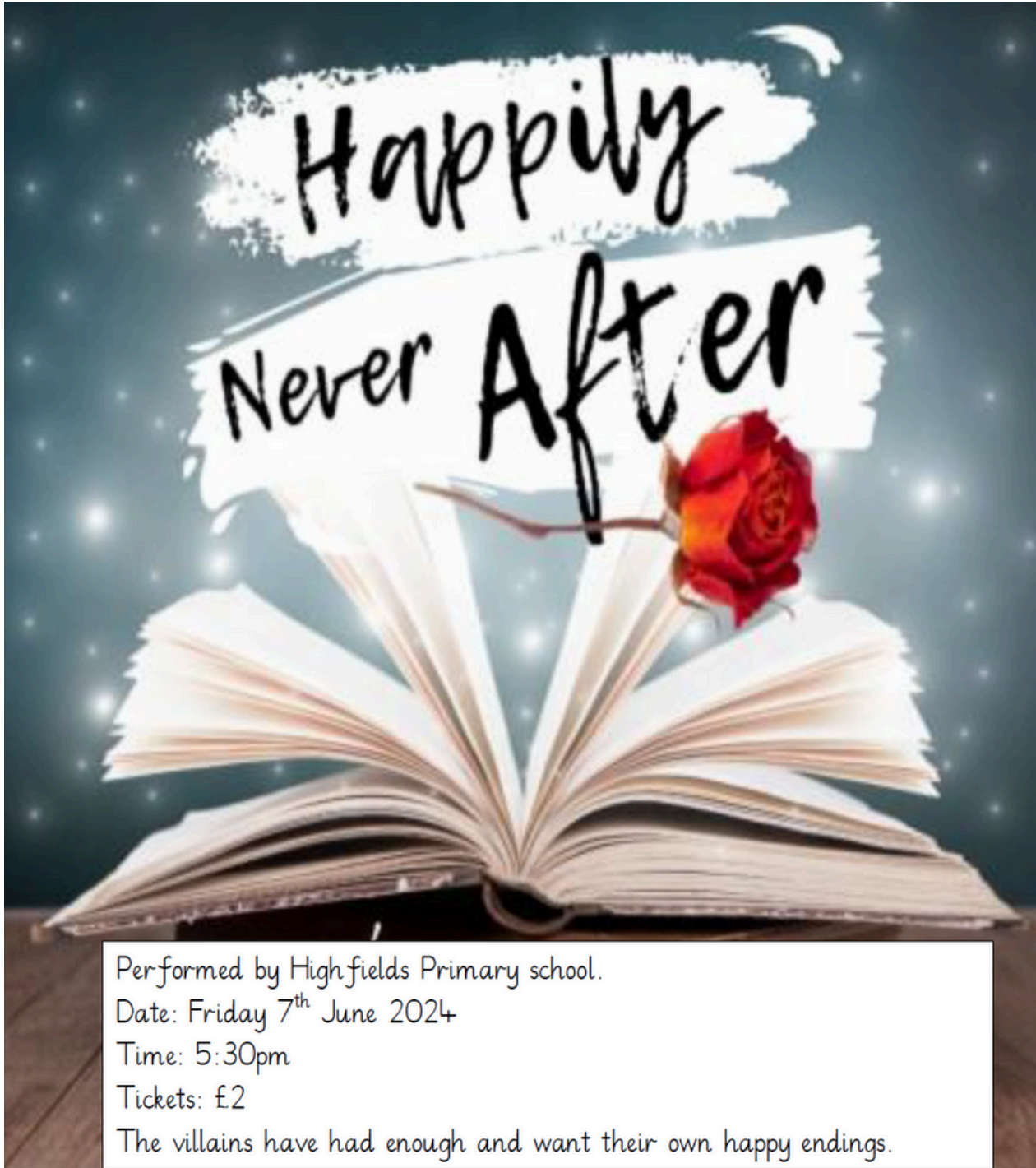
- We will be holding a raffle with the first prize of a hamper full of goodies
- Pick a number to win a hand crocheted "Picnic by the River" Blanket
- Take part in a quiz with a prize of £10 for the winner





Drama Club Production

Our drama club have been been practising for their 'Happily Never After' production, that they will perform to parents on Friday 7th June 2024 at 5.30pm. Tickets are initially on sale to the parents of the children that attend the club but will be opened up to the rest of the school should we have sufficient capacity.



Performed by Highfields Primary school.

Date: Friday 7th June 2024

Time: 5:30pm

Tickets: £2

The villains have had enough and want their own happy endings.

