



Highfields Primary newsletter



24th May 2024

Head's Welcome

I want to start this newsletter by saying how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 children.

Last week they took their SATs tests, the children were fantastic, they worked so hard and the effort and the attitudes they showed towards the tests was amazing! Well done, whatever happens, you're all superstars!

I am also incredibly proud to be able to share with you that our recent Ofsted inspection report is now live on Ofsted's website and we have updated the link on the school website.

[Highfields Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#)

We have got so much planned for the final weeks of term, Y6 production, leavers assemblies, Bell Heath residential, as well as a trip to Wimbledon so we would like to wish you all a restful break and we will see you back at school on Monday 3rd June.

Have a lovely break!

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%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RP - 98.6%

KSI - ICS - 97.3%

KS2 - 6C - 100%



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AMELIA'S FAYRE

Friday 21st June
2:00 – 4:00pm

HIGHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN AND
HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR AMELIA!

- Silent Auction
- Tombola
- Raffle
- Bake sale
- Craft stalls
- Splat the Leadership Team
- and much more!

For more information on our fundraising cause:
<https://gofund.me/1f2077dc>

Want to know your Monet from your Matisse?
Your pop art from your pointillism?
Then why not come along to.....

HIGHFIELDS ARTS AFTERNOON

Date: Tuesday 11th June 2024

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Have a go at designing
and drawing!

Create with charcoals

Practice with paints

Construct with clay

Work in watercolour

With special performances from...

The Highfields Primary
choir

Highfields Drama Club



What have School Council been up to?

School Council School Safety Walk

School Council completed their school safety walk. They thoroughly enjoyed investigating each classroom, the corridors and the school playgrounds to advise Mrs Garratt of possible defects. They were very professional in their searches and enjoyed telling Mr Savvides of ways the school could be even safer. They advised of making sure that coats were hung up neatly and tables were tidy as well as missing tiles! Well done school council!

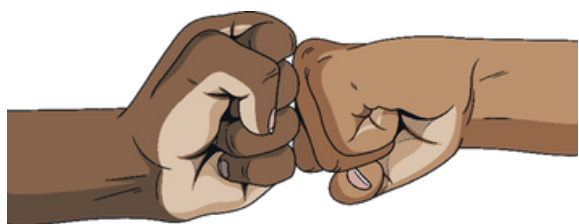
School Council Whole School Assembly presentation


School Council have been helping Mr Savvides in the Picture News British Values Assemblies. They have enthusiastically been explaining the British Values symbols and how they link to Highfields to the whole school!

School Council Year 6 presentation to Reception presentation

Year 6 explained British Values to Reception recently, with the children copying the symbols for each of the values of Democracy, Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Mutual Respect and Tolerance. They also asked Reception for ideas of how to improve the school and they enjoyed sharing their creative thoughts of improving their playground. Thank you, Reception and well done year 6!

Do you know which symbol matches which value?



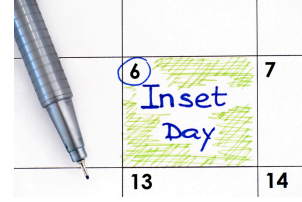


Summer Term - Diary Dates

June

INSET Days 24 / 25

3rd - Children return to school
3rd - Y4 multiplication check parent meeting 3pm
6th - Y1 phonics parent meeting 9am
6th - Wimbledon trip parent meeting 2.4-5pm
7th - Drama club production 5.30pm
11th - Art Gallery 2.30-4.20pm
17th - Mufti day (fayre donations details to follow)
18th - Y1 trip to Essington Farm
19th - KSI Sports Day
20th - KS2 Sports Day
20th - Reception trip to Telford Wonderland
21st - Y3 assembly to parents
21st - Amelia's Fayre 2-4pm
26th - Reception Sept 2024 parent meeting
26th - Y4 Bell Heath residential
28th - Y2 assembly to parents



We are currently planning the INSET days for next academic year. The days we have planned so far are;

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 25th October 2024
- Monday 21st July 2025

We will notify you of the other dates later this term

July

1st - Y6 Loudmouth production
2nd - Y4 Zoolab workshops
4th - School closed for voting
5th - Y4 assembly to parents
8th - KS2 Sports Council trip to 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

KS1 SAT's Tests

As some of you may be aware, from this academic year, the KS1 SAT's tests for Year 2 children became optional. As a school, we have always put the emphasis on teacher assessment as this takes place across the year rather than us making a judgment on a child's ability based on how they achieve one day on a test. Therefore, as a school, we will NOT be asking our Year 2 children to take SAT's tests; we will continue to use teacher assessment. As Year 6 SAT's are currently not optional, they still had to sit them.



Golden Book Awards



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

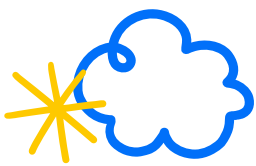


17th May

- RW - Emma
- RP - Adriana
- ISS - Precious
- ICS - Aryan
- 2D - Animae
- 2M - David
- 3C - Ana-Sofia
- 3K - Adam L
- 4G - Toby N
- 4L - Lewis S
- 5NB - Prabhneet
- 5LB - Emily T
- 6R - Charlie C
- 6C - Bella P
- PE - Emily C (Y5)
- French - Mia-Leigh (Y4)

24th May

- RW - Gabriel
- RP - Na'imah
- ISS - Yahya
- ICS - Rania
- 2D - Jaxson SW
- 2M - Amelia
- 3C - Jeeven
- 3K - Ishaq
- 4G - Mya
- 4L - Isla
- 5NB - Abdul
- 5LB - Ranveer
- 6R - Anabia
- 6C - Amelie
- PE - Aaira
- French - Alfie K



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 - 17th May

- Harper P - RP
- Izzy E - RW
- Dwit - ICS
- Natasha - 2D
- Archie - 5LB
- Lilly-Grace - 5NB



Tea Party - 25th May

- Laura - RP
- Alysa - ICS
- Isa - ISS
- Summer - 2M
- Tanisha - 4G
- Broden - 4L



Reception Newsletter

Over the last two weeks we have been learning about trains, bringing an end to our transport topic. The children have really impressed us recalling facts from our non-fiction text 'All Aboard: All About Trains'. Their retrieval of topic specific vocabulary has been fantastic, well done Reception! Take a look at some of the work created over the past couple of weeks... The children have also been enthusiastic about our Geography learning; exploring a range of maps. It would be wonderful if you are out and about over half term, you could find some maps and explore these together.

After the holiday, we begin our final topic in Reception! It is called 'Splish Splash Splosh' keep an eye out for some more information on what the children are learning.

Have a lovely week off Reception!



Y1

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Year One we have started reading our new story 'Last Stop Market Street'. We even went on a bus journey around our classroom. The children bought a ticket before boarding the bus. We stood at the bus stop and thought about how we felt when we were waiting for the bus. We made lots of stops on our bus tour. The children visited lots of places including a supermarket, football stadium and toy shop. In Art we have designed our own portrait in the style of Arcimboldo and later will be drawing this.

In Year Two we have created our seaside puppet.

We have sewn them together and applied a variety of finishing techniques. We have also discussed what we liked about our puppets, what we didn't like about our puppets and what we could change. In Art, we have been creating our own sand sculptures. We found this tricky but kept going and got there in the end. Please look out for photos of the children's Art and D.T.

Work on the website!



Emma M

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3

Year 3 have finished their Greek style pots this week and really enjoyed working with clay. They have also written non-chronological reports this week and worked hard in Geography to learn more about the geography of Greece and Europe. The children also completed their unit of Greek dancing and performed some wonderful Zorba dances!

Year 4

Year 4 have finished their unit on Samba dance and they were performing some wonderful shimmys by the end of the half term! The children have considered the issues caused by deforestation in the rainforest and have completed a debate around this as part of their English work. The children have also been practising their times tables in preparation for the Y4 multiplication check and any practise they can complete on TT Rockstars will be very useful.



Lily C - Y5

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

Last week we visited the field as a reward for the excellent effort the children made during SATs week. The weather was glorious and the children had a brilliant time releasing plenty of energy. This week we have begun working on our Year 6 production that will take place in July. The children auditioned for roles on Wednesday and will know which parts they have on Friday 24th May. When they bring their scripts home, please encourage them to learn their lines, as the sooner they are confident, the quicker progress we can make. In Year 5, we have been creating Anglo-Saxon style jewellery using wire. The children used a lot of skill as the wire is not easy to bend into shape. In our English, the children really enjoyed creating their own machine for capturing a monster and will be creating an explanation text based upon it.

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 publish them.

We would like to say a huge well done to Olivia in ICS, last week she took part in dancing competition, this was the first time Olivia had performed an Acro solo and she did really well, in fact she finished in 2nd place, she also achieved another 2nd & 3rd award place for her troupe dances.

Amazing work Olivia!

#myasprations

