



7th June 2024

Highfields Primary newsletter



Head's Welcome

Welcome back to the last half term of the academic year.

This is a really important term for our children as they will all start transition work towards moving into their new classes. For Y6 they will begin the transition into Year 7 which will see them spending a day or two at their new school. For the children at Highfields, they will have a whole day with their new teacher, in their new classroom very soon!

We still have lots of things to fit in before we break up, sports days, productions, assemblies, trips and even a residential! Please keep an eye on the Facebook page and the diary dates page coming up for important dates that you may need to know before the end of the year.

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 **93.7%**. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RP - 95.9%

KSI - ICS - 95.3%

KS2 - 6C - 98%



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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





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>

Aspirations Work - Jude Bellingham

Over the last 12 months we have been doing lots of work with your children around aspirations and their future careers. We have spent a lot of time sharing the work of different local people in assembly and we wanted to share this with you so you can see a typical assembly your children have been part of. This one is all about 'local lad' Jude Bellingham.

At just 20 years old, Jude Bellingham has:

- Won the Champions League
- Won La Liga
- Won the DFB-Pokal
- Won La Liga POTS
- Won the Golden Boy award
- Scored a brace in El Clásico
- Scored at the World Cup



Stourbridge man wins the Champions league!



As he grew up, he was seen as a boy who listened well and had a passion for football. He was ambitious. At first he started in a local Stourbridge youth team though he wasn't sure that football was the sport for him. He showed resilience and learned a lot in this time. At the age of 6, he started supporting Birmingham City and joined the under 8 football team. He continued to work hard at school while training with the club he supported. He was the youngest player to ever play for Birmingham and was the youngest player to ever score for Birmingham aged 16 years and 63 days. Bellingham joined Borussia Dortmund to become the most expensive 17 year old in the history of football for £25 million. He could have gone to Manchester United though made his own decision

Ask your children if they can tell you which parts of Jude's story relates to our British Values



Summer Term - Diary Dates

June

INSET Days 24 / 25

- 7th - Drama club production 5.30pm
- 11th - Art Gallery 2.30-4.20pm
- 17th - Mufti day for fayre donations (KSI chocolates, KS2 bottles please)
- 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



Golden Book Awards



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

7th June

RW - Elliot

RP - Russell

ISS - Grayson

ICS - Royalty

2D - Matilda

2M - Esmé

3C - Zavier

3K - Ehli

4G - Gracie

4L - Kalibra

5NB - Thisaru

5LB - Inayah

6R - Ashley

6C - Elijah

PE - Lewis (Y4)

French - Hugo (Y3)


School Uniform

Just a reminder that we still have seven weeks of term left and unless it is a PE day, we expect all children to be in full school uniform. We are starting to see a lot of trainers and 'high tops' with the school uniform. Jewellery and make-up are also becoming an issue in some year groups, so again, can we please ask that children do not come to school in make-up (including nail varnish) and only wear small stud earrings.



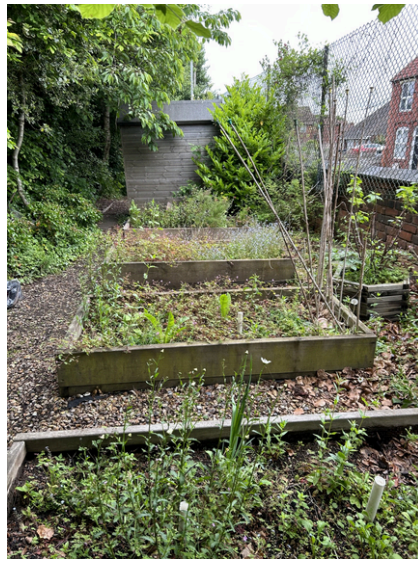
For the children moving to Year 7, there are very strict rules at the secondary schools, and so we are trying to prepare them for that as well.

There is a section on the Highfields website all about the uniform if you are unsure, the QR code will take you straight to the uniform link on the website.





Garden Project



We are currently having some work done to improve our outside area, the plans will improve the garden space we currently have for our children. We have some big plans coming in September and we are hoping to be able to use our new outdoor classroom for lots of lessons including science, we are also hoping to maybe look into some forest school activities that we could do with the children in next year's plans!

Here are the before and after pictures to show you how we are doing so far!



Reception Newsletter

This week we have been reading a non-fiction text called 'If Sharks Disappeared'. We have been learning about the importance of sharks in our oceans and what would happen to our eco-system if they disappeared.

The children have been doing some fantastic writing to describe sharks.

We are really looking forward to our trip to Telford Wonderland on Thursday 20th June. Please be reminded that children will need to be at school for 8.00am.

If you have any questions about our trip, please speak to a member of Reception staff.

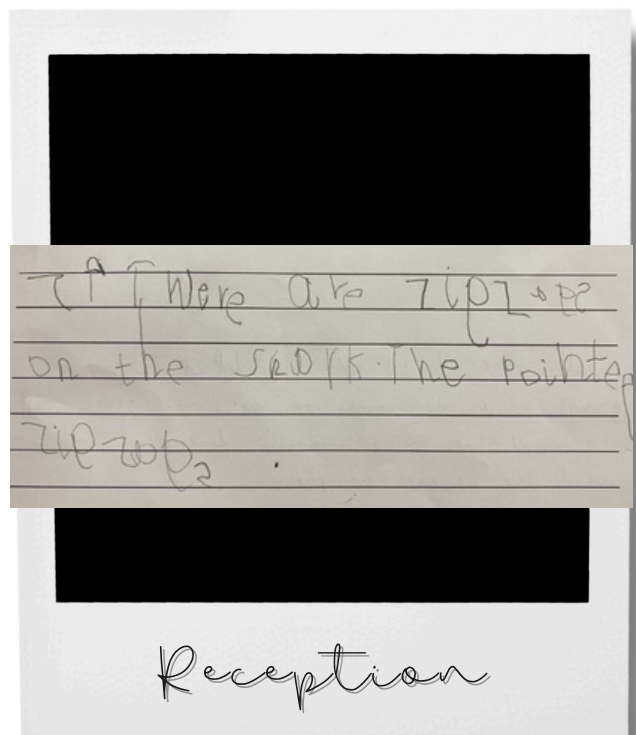


Y1

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In Year One we have continued our Yum Yum topic and have been making observational drawings of different types of fruit. We have looked carefully at the shapes and patterns we could see on the fruit and used shading and mark making to show this. In DT we have continued practising the skills we will need to make our fruit salad and this week used a knife to slice a pear. In Maths we have been working on place value up to one hundred.

In Year Two, we have started our new topic in English. Our genre is poetry, the children have researched a world leader and began to think about what they would change if they were in charge of the world. In Maths, we have continued our topic on Statistics. The children have created their own pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams about a survey that they have carried out.





Y6 - Ukelele

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

Year 6

In Year 6, we are beginning rehearsals for our production in earnest. Please ensure that your children have their scripts in school, it really helps our practising. We have also begun ukelele lessons, led by Logan (a musical specialist). We have really enjoyed the two sessions we have had so far.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have begun thinking about screen use as part of our English. We interviewed Mrs Lewis to gain her opinion on the subject and we will use the information gained in our finished reports. We will also finish our Anglo-Saxon jewellery this week. Ask your child about their finished product.

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 4 have made a great start to the half term in their English work where they are thinking about plastic straws and their impact on the environment. The children will be writing persuasively about how drinking from edible straws (stroodles) is more environmentally friendly. In maths, the children are learning about acute, obtuse and right angles!

Year 3 have started drafting sentences about Theseus and the Minotaur in preparation for writing their own version of the myth in a few weeks time. Science work has seen the children start their unit on forces and begin to explore with magnets. The children are busy rehearsing for their brass assembly in a few Fridays time and are sounding really good!



Stroodles