



Highfields Primary

newsletter



4th October '24

Head's Welcome



And so we head into October!

It has been another busy fortnight here at Highfields. Thank you so much for your support with our wearing red/ pink day to raise awareness for organ donation. The children looked fantastic!

Our Harvest sale was a success- thank you for all of your support and the food that was sent into school to enable this to happen. Any food that was left following the sale has been collected by Manna Pantry and will go to helping the local community in Blackheath.

Thank you for your support with helping your child access EdShed, Little Wandle E-Readers and TT-Rockstars at home. Your child's log in details are in their reading record and if you need any support with accessing these programmes, please let us know and we will try to help.

Mrs Garratt is well on the road to recovery and is hoping to be back in school in the next week or so. Hopefully, the next newsletter welcome will be written by her- we are looking forward to welcoming her back!

Mrs. Lewis



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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 94.6%. The highest attending classes this week were;


EYFS - RP - 92.8%

KSI - 2D - 98.0%

KS2 - 6C - 99.3%

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Autumn Term - Diary Dates

October

- 8th - School photographs
 - 11th - SEND coffee morning
 - 14th - ICS parent reading workshop
 - 15th - Reception Stay & Play
 - 15th - ISS parent reading workshop
 - 15th - Girls football match vs St. Philips
 - 17th - Reception Stay & Play
 - 17th - Y4 trip Lunt Roman Fort
 - 18th - Y1 circus workshop
 - 22nd - Boys football match vs Ferndale
 - 23rd - Panto performance in school
 - 23rd - Parents Evening
 - 24th - Parents Evening
 - 24th - children break up for half term
 - 25th - training day school closed to children
- Half term - Monday 28th October - Friday
1st November

November

- 4th - children return to school
- 6th - Y3 Stone Age workshop
- 11th - Y6 SHAPE roadshow in school
- 13th - Y2 trip to Bethel Church
- 14th - Y5 trip to RAF Cosford
- 15th - Children in Need
- 15th - Highfields Helpers disco

School

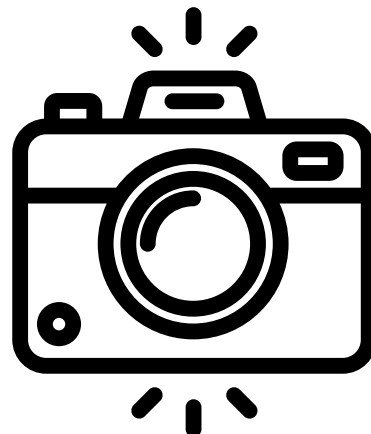
Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 8th October taking individual and sibling/family photographs.

Families with children that do not attend Highfields are able to have family photographs taken with their brothers/sisters that attend Highfields in the school hall from 8.10am.

Where brothers/sisters/siblings attend Highfields, children should arrive at school at the normal time and we will ensure family photographs are taken during the school day.

All children should wear their school uniform as there will be no PE lessons in school. If your child attends the KS2 dodgeball afterschool club on a Tuesday, they should bring their PE kit into school with them for them to change into.



Careers and Aspirations

A few weeks ago, year 6 enjoyed a fantastic 'stunning start' to their topic when they visited Edgmond Hall. The children developed their collaboration and leadership skills whilst building shelters, lightning fires and solving a range of problem solving challenges. They also took time out of their busy day to find out a little more about the career paths of the instructors at Edgmond Hall, with Debbie who started her career in the armed forces and the military police before working in the outdoor education industry. Meanwhile, Craig began his career as a motor mechanic and then taught welding before he found a vocation he truly enjoyed after volunteering with the Scout movement and then becoming an instructor at Edgmond Hall. #myaspirations

This month's career assembly focused on one of the regions biggest employers - the NHS. The children were able to name lots of different career opportunities within the NHS from doctors and nurses to paramedics and midwives. We found out more about a different opportunity - that of a medical engineer. We discovered how they solved problems to create and maintain technology to support the NHS and focused on the career path of one specific medical engineer who began her career through an apprenticeship.

If you want to find out more, follow these links:

<https://medicalmavericks.co.uk/resources/> - scroll down to medical engineering assembly
<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/healthcare-science/roles-healthcare-science/physical-sciences-and-biomedical-engineering/medical-engineering/real-life-story-hollie-owen>

Eco Council

Eco-Council is presently completing an Environmental review of Highfields Primary School so that they can then prepare their action plan for this school year. As part of this process every Eco-Council member wrote down their own vision for the school garden and grounds onto wooden log discs. The wooden discs were varnished and then the pupils hung them outside in the garden. They will revisit these in July 2025 to discover if they have been achieved.

14th - 20th October 2024 is Hidden Nature Week. Eco-Council will be taking part in the Hidden Nature Challenge and uploading their findings onto the National Education Park and Climate Action Awards website.





Attendance

You may have seen in the media that the DfE is really focussing on attendance at school and has given new statutory guidance to schools to follow in regard to children's absence from school and leave of absences during term time.

Highfields have been issued with letters from our local attendance service to send to parents that are in line with the DfE guidance in regard to attendance. You may notice that the wording of these letters is slightly different to before.

Please come and talk to us about any concerns regarding your child and their attendance, as we will always support families where this is needed.

School Council

Highfields are excited to announce our new School Council for 2024/25 as voted for by the children in their classes. Thank you to all the children who applied and all the children who voted. This follows our British Value of Democracy.

The children selected were:

ICS	Gurbaz
ISS	Amiyah
2D	Luna
2M	Olivia
3L	Matilda
3B	Reggie
4G	Edith
4K	Toby P
5K	Aiyanna
5C	Sallome
6P	Miracle
6C	Zahra

The new counsellors have enthusiastically begun their training. They have taken part in an ice breaker getting to know you activity where they practised their listening skills. They have also shared their views and learnt more about their exciting new role! Well done children!



Golden Book Awards

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

27th September

Reception - Llorenz
Reception - Sarah
ISS - Elliot
ICS - Lawson
2D - Sebastian
2M - Mohsin
3B - Oliver
3L - Mohsin
4G - Malakai
4K - Zavier
5C - Matthew C
5R - William
6C - Ameerah
6P - Lola
PE - Aubany
French - Sebastian F

20th September

Reception - Milena
Reception - Jaxon
ISS - Azaan
ICS - Logan-Tate
2D - Rayan
2M - Jenson
3B - Jasmine
3L - Albie
4G - Ishaq
4K - Thomas
5C - Zoe
5R - Lewis
6C - Logan
6P - Isabel
PE - Elliot (ISS)
French - Jasneet (5C)

Head's Tea Party

27th September

ISS- Simrat
ICS-Izzy
2M- Elliyah
2D-Freddie
3L- Ebony
5R- Dawson
6C- Evie-Mai
6P- Abrar



20th September

2D- Harry
3L- Sylvia
4G- Yusuf

Reception

Newsletter

This week Reception have been reading *The Little Red Hen*. They have had a fantastic time retelling the story, grinding wheat into flour and making playdough hens. We have also been learning about weight in Maths.

We are looking forward to our Stay and Play's on 15th and 17th October. Our Stay and Play sessions are a great opportunity for you to spend time with your child in the classroom, supporting their learning and development. The sessions will begin promptly at 2.15pm and run up to the end of the school day. Due to Health and Safety restrictions, only 1 adult per child is able to attend.

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate younger siblings, including babies. Could you please sign up on the school gateway to indicate which session you would like to attend – you may only attend 1 session. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.



Reception

Year 1 & 2's

Newsletter

In Year One in our Art lessons we have been learning about the designer Alexander McQueen.

We looked at some of his designs and then designed our own circus costume in the same style. In Science we have been learning how to classify animals into mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles.

In Year 2 we have continued learning about *The Great Fire of London*. We have written a diary in the role of Samuel Pepys experiencing the fire in 1666. In Music, we have learnt the song 'London's burning' and can play this using claves. In Art, we have created a tertiary colour wheel and created tints and shades of primary colours.



Lawson 108

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter



Years 3 and 4

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

Year 5

In Year 5, we have been enjoying our studies of World War II. Initially, we focussed on the geography of the war, the countries that were involved and the countries that were annexed or invaded. This week the children really enjoyed learning about the Dunkirk evacuation and were very good at assessing whether it was a success or failure for British forces.

Year 6

Last week Year 6 were visited by two members of the Islamic Relief charity who talked to us about careers within the charity sector and explained the work they do for the charity. This included Charity Week – a volunteer led week every October. They also explained the 5 values of Islamic Relief – Sincerity, Excellence, Mercy, Social Justice and Trust – and how they linked to the Islamic faith.

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week, the children have written in the role of the little boy from the story 'Stone Age Boy'. They addressed their letter to a family member or friend to explain about their fantastic time in the Stone Age! They had to use paragraphs, adverbs and description! In addition to this, in geography, the children used atlases to find and locate the seas and rivers of the UK. They worked with a partner to do this and used the maps wonderfully to complete their task!

Year 4 – Year 4 have been rehearsing their volcano documentaries in groups! The children were tasked with including a range of volcano information into their videos: how a volcano is formed, how an eruption happens and different types of volcanos! The Year 4 teachers will be filming these videos and hopefully uploading them to the school website in the next couple of weeks.

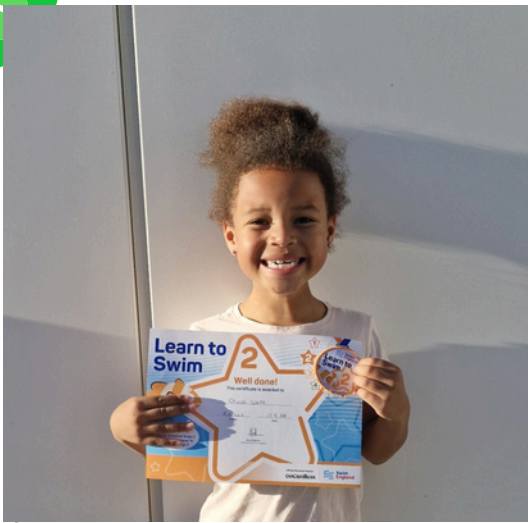
We can't wait to see!



Years 5 and 6

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.



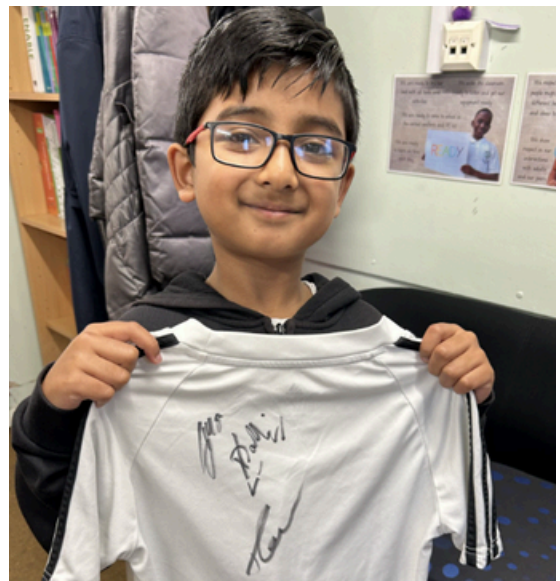
Congratulations to Olivia in year 2 who has completed her level 2 in swimming and is very excited to move to the bigger pool!

Well done Olivia!

#myaspirations

Zavier in year 4 was very excited to meet 3 West Bromwich Albion players (Lewis Dobbin, Jayson Molumby and Tedd Cann at a recent Goals football session. It has really motivated him to keep practising his skills!

#myaspirations





Highfields Helpers Newsletter

HIGHFIELDS HELPERS

V O L N T E E

WHAT'S MISSING?

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**Any spare time (no matter how small!)
you could put towards volunteering with
HIGHFIELDS HELPERS?**

**We organise fun events to raise funds for
the pupils of Highfields Primary School**



Please email Charlotte & Claire on the below address for more information, or with any queries and fundraising ideas
highfieldshelpers@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk

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Keep water beads away from young children



Children love water beads. But it's really dangerous if a young child swallows them.



They expand in the belly and can block the bowel. Some grow as big as golf balls.



A child may need major surgery to remove them. So please keep them away from young children.



If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead, get medical help straight away.

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