



Highfields Primary newsletter



29th November 2024

Head's Welcome

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter. Well, the snow last week really surprised us all. Thank you to all of the parents whose patience and support meant we got school open safely - it was very much appreciated.

Christmas is now in full swing here at Highfields, and we are in great voice in Reception and KSI, practising the production and singing the amazing songs! We also have our 'Christmas Fayre' next Friday afternoon, which we are all hoping to welcome you to, so you can come and buy the lovely things your children have made.

We also have our Christmas film night coming up, so look out for details coming home soon!

Take care and enjoy!

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 87.2%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RP - 86.6%

KSI - ISS - 90.7%

KS2 - 6C - 93.1%



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Autumn Term - Diary Dates

November

29th - Mufti day for Christmas fayre



December

3rd - Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
3rd - Flu vaccinations catch up session
4th - Baggie Bird penalty shoot out
5th - Baggie bird penalty shoot out
5th - Reception Christmas production to parents at 2.30pm
6th - Christmas Fayre 2-4pm
10th - Rocksteady concert 2pm
11th - Boys football team tournament AM
11th - Christmas gift sales
12th - Y3 trip to Cresswell Craggs
13th - Christmas gift sales
13th - Christmas jumper and dinner day
13th - Y3 brass assembly
13th - Christmas film night
17th - Carol service at St Paul's Church
18th - KS1 Christmas production to parents at 5.30pm
19th - Sandwell Family Hub bus
19th - Y6 last swimming session
20th - Christmas party day
20th - 4k last swimming day
20th - Children break up for Christmas

January 2025

6th - Children return to school
10th - 4G start swimming
16th - Young Voices concert

PE Days 24/25

Just a reminder that your child's PE day has changed for this half term; Until Christmas children should wear their PE kit to school on the following days;

- Monday - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Tuesday - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
- Wednesday - Reception, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
- Thursday - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6
- Friday - Year 4

Can I also remind all parents that we have a specific PE kit and this can be found on the website.

want to be a Governor?

In the new year, we will be running a ballot for a new parent Governor here at Highfields. Being a Governor is an amazing opportunity to help support Highfields to become the best school it can be for all of our stakeholders. If this is something you would be interested in, please speak to Mrs. Garratt or Mrs. Lewis.

Important - No Nuts!

At lunch time recently we have seen a concerning increase in products and sandwiches that contain nuts.

Can I remind all parents that we are a completely nut free school and will send home products uneaten if they contain nuts.

We have staff and children on site who have extremely severe nut allergies so we are a nut free zone. This rule also remains when children are on trips and at break time as well as lunchtimes! Thank you



Being SMART online

We have done lots of work in school this week (and every week) about keeping our children safe online.

Ask your child if they can tell you about how to be SMART so we can all keep ourselves safe online

Communicating with School

As you may know, we currently have Facebook and Instagram social media pages.

However, can I please ask that if you should wish to discuss any concerns or issues you have in regard to school, that you either speak to myself or a member of SLT in the playground, or email the relevant phase or leadership team email address.

leadershipteam@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk

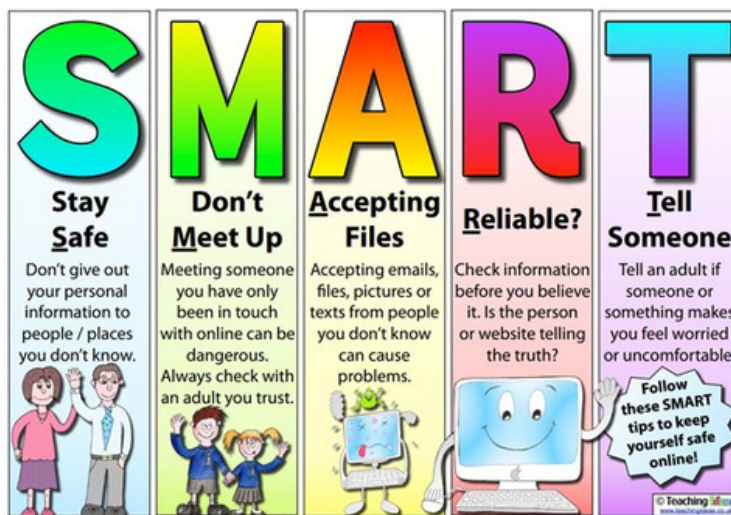
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Y5Y6@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk

Our social media pages are not the right forum for this, as they are purely to act as a reminder of our upcoming events, they are not always accessed daily and, most importantly, it is used to celebrate the children's amazing achievements both in and out of school.



Sandwell Family Hubs Spoke



Welcome to Sandwell Family Hubs Mobile Spoke

The family hub mobile spoke will be visiting Highfields Primary School on Thursday 19th December. It will be on playground from 2:30pm to 4.30pm. There will be a range of services including:

- Mobile Library
- Family Hub staff to provide advice and information about the services available.

Do pop in and say hello!

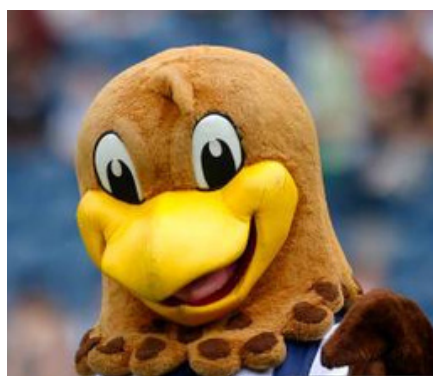


Baggie Bird Penalty Shoot out!

Just a reminder that we have Baggie Bird in school next week and we will all be taking part in a penalty shoot out!

Each class will have 20 minutes to complete the shootout and each child has three attempts to score a penalty against Baggie Bird and has a class photo opportunity with Baggie Bird.

Can we please ask that all sponsor money is sent into school in cash please by Monday 9th December at the latest please.





Golden Book Awards



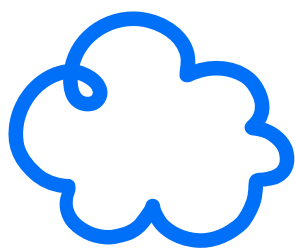
Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a 'Golden Book Certificate' since the previous newsletter

22nd November

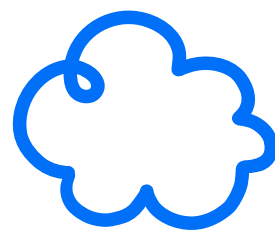
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RW - Aaron
ISS - Isla-Rose
ICS - Gurtaaj
2D - India-Rose
2M - Layla
3B - Jacob
3L - Sebastian
4G - Elysia
4K - Divine
5C - Rantej
5R - Amelia C
6C - Leah
6P - Jennifer
PE - Theo
French - Lacey

29th November

RP - Henry M
RW - Imaani
ICS - Ibrahim
ISS - Zara
2D - Eldana
2M - Lola
3B - Saara
3L - Natasha
4K - Koray
4G - Adam
5C - Reggie
5R - Ava-Grace
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6P - Lilly C
French - Boris
PE - Lily-Grace



Mrs
Garratt's Tea
Party

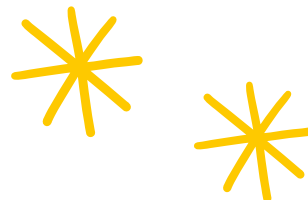


22nd November

RP - Emmeline
RW - Betiel
2D - Eldana
5R - Arabella

28th November

RW- Ariyah B
3B - Harper
4G - Arthur L
6C - Millie J
6P - Betsy L





Elliot

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

In History we have been learning about the famous magician Harry Houdini and the tricks he did, escaping from handcuffs, jail cells and making an elephant disappear!

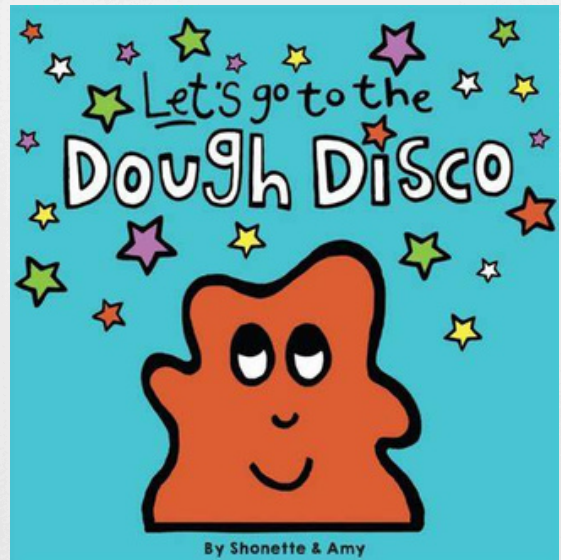
In DT we have been practising drawing a straight line and cutting a long a straight line in preparation for us making a slider and lever.

We have continued to plan the features for our Tudor house that we will be making next week in DT. In English we are retelling the story of Wild Girl. The children have really impressed their teachers with the adventurous vocabulary that they have used.

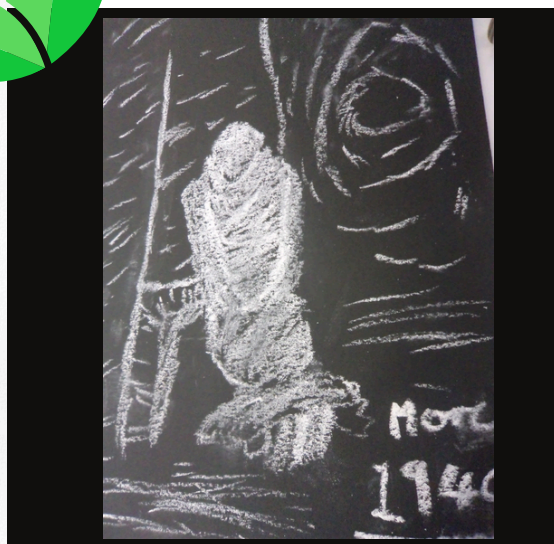
Reception Newsletter

In Reception we have been learning to write our names. Please can you practice this at home with your child. We are also working with the children to develop their fine motor skills and pressure when they are writing. Playing with playdough, threading beads and peeling stickers are all great ways to develop this at home! There is also a range of 'Dough Disco' videos on YouTube which you can use with your child too.

The children have been working hard on their Christmas play rehearsal, they can't wait to perform for you next week! Please don't forget, costumes must be in school by Monday morning.



Reception



Arabella

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In Year 5 we have been enjoying our current art focus. We are considering the work of Henry Moore, in particular the drawings he produced during the Second World War depicting people sheltering during air raids.

The children used chalk on black paper to create images and produced some excellent art. This week they will be using charcoal on white paper to produce a contrasting image

The children in Year 6 have been enjoying our English work this week. We have begun to look at the short film 'The Lighthouse' and the children have really enjoyed creating a back-story for their character based on evidence they were presented with. They will be producing several pieces of writing in the next couple of weeks which they will really enjoy.

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

This week in Year 3, the children have identified human and physical features from the West Midlands. In Science, they set up their experiment to test the conditions in which plants survive the best. They will observe what happens each day for a week! Just a reminder for parents - children's library day, where they're able to swap their books, is now a Wednesday. Please make sure, if your child needs to swap their books, they have their books in school on that day.

This week in Year 4, they've designed their Roman tunics ready for sewing next week! They had to think about what features they wanted their tunics to have as well as what they wanted their tunic to look like. In addition to this, the children have identified the consequences of the Roman invasion and made information posters. Parent reminder - Year 4's book swap/library day is a Friday.



Roman Tunic



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



Broden

A huge well done to Broden who has been taking part in kickboxing lessons. This week he successfully passed his blue and red grading - Well done and a fantastic skill to be learning Broden!

#myaspiration



Taron & Ira

We wanted to give a huge well done shout out to brothers Ira and Taron for their certificates and trophies from a Step 2 It Dance Awards Presentation last Saturday, for which they've been practicing hard all year! The brothers are also going to perform with their 4-7s Troupe in the "FS Dance Festival" this month and we wish them all the best for that! Good luck boys!

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Highfields Helpers

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Highfields Helpers PTA



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at events.

We are also always looking for other ideas for fundraising events so we can help Highfields.

If you would like to get involved please put your details into the suggestion box in the school office, scan the QR code or email Highfieldshelpers@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY RAISED?

All money raised goes back into the school.

Examples of things money raised by Highfields Helpers are:

- A gift for every child at Christmas.
- Year 6 leaver hoodies.
- A new projector screen for the school hall.



ABOUT US



Highfields Hegers is a parent run group to raise money for the school.

We raise money by holding events like:

- Christmas Fayre
- Summer Fayre
- Gift Sales (3 times a year)
- Movie nights
- Themed Disco's

We also run the Highfields Hut where your children can get a treat after school.

