



4th April 2025

Highfields Primary newsletter



Head's Welcome

Welcome to another Highfields newsletter. It has been another incredibly busy two weeks at Highfields!

We have had trips galore- some year 5 and 6 children visited Plas Gwynant, year 3 have been to Sheepwash Farm and year 4 learnt about rivers in Bewdley. All of the children represented Highfields brilliantly.

Year 5 have also received First Aid training in school and, as well as being very enjoyable, this will equip them to help themselves and others in the future. The children participating in Rock Steady lessons also gave an excellent performance to parents- well done!

The Easter holidays is racing nearer with Easter Bonnet assemblies and egg competitions in touching distance. Please see page 2 for the key dates next week linked to these.

Have a good weekend!

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%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RW - 89.3%

KSI - 2M - 95.3%

KS2 - 3B - 98%



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Spring Term - Diary Dates

April

7th - Y1 & Y2 Easter bonnet parade at 2.30pm
8th - Y2 trip to Safari Park
8th - Reception Easter bonnet parade at 2.30pm
8th - KS2 Easter egg designs due in
9th - Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm
10th - Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm
11th - 4G swimming
11th - Children break up for Easter
14th - 25th - Easter holidays
28th - Children return to school
29th - Reception vision screening catch up
29th - Bell Heath Residential Parent Meeting 2.45pm

May

1st - Reflexions parent workshop 8.50am
1st - Boys football match vs Ferndale (away)
2nd - Training day - school closed to children
5th - Bank Holiday - school closed to children
6th - Y5 Saxon workshop
8th - Tractor visiting Reception
12th - 16th - Y6 SATs week
15th - Sandwell Family Hub Bus
20th - Reception Stay & Play 2.15pm
22nd - Reception Stay & Play 2.15pm
23rd - Break up for half term
26th - 30th - Half term

June

2nd - Training Day - school closed to children
3rd - Children return to school
4th - Sports Day - Reception, Y1 & Y2
5th - Sports Day - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
6th - Y6 trip to Safeside
12th - Y6 football tournament
18th-20th - Y4 residential trip to Bell Heath
19th - African drumming workshop for Y1, Y2 & Y3

New PE Days
PE Days 24/25

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

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

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

Books of the Month - April

Please see below, April's Book of the Month that we will be sharing in school. In reception and years 1 and 2, the book will be placed in the 'book to share' box so that your child will be able to bring it home and share it with you at some point during the year. In years 3-6, copies will go into the school library for children to select as their reading book as and when they wish.

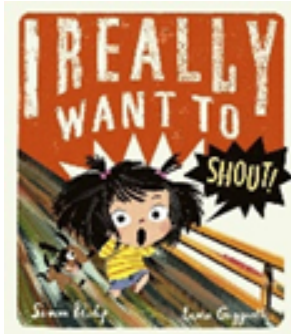
The books for April are:

EYFS: 'The Concrete Garden' by Bob Graham

Years 1 and 2: 'I Really Want to Shout' by S. Philip & L. Gaggiotti

Years 3 and 4: 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlin

Years 5 and 6: 'Crater Lake' by Jennifer Killick



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 April



All month Stress Awareness Month

April 2nd World Autism Awareness Day

April 7th World Health Day

April 15th World Art Day

April 22nd Earth Day





Celebrations and Festivals Around the World

April

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| April Fools' Day (1st) | Holy Saturday (19th) |
| Laylatul Qadr/Night of Power (5th) | Easter Sunday (20th) |
| Passover (12th to 20th) | Easter Monday (21st) |
| Palm Sunday (13th) | St. George's Day (23rd) |
| Holi (14th) | Yom HaShoah (23rd to 24th) |
| Vaisakhi (14th) | Arbor Day (25th) |
| Maundy Thursday (17th) | |
| Good Friday (18th) | |



TT Rock Stars - Going Green!

Congratulations to the following children, who have 'gone green' on TT Rock Stars!

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| Ava-Rose | Leo | Malachi |
| Maisie | Pixie | Oliver |
| Rosie | Lacie-Mae | |
| River | Jorie | |
| Hugo | Harrison H | |
| Mason | Adam | |
| Ava | Charlie | |
| Ishaq | Lucia | |



Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who recently donated money towards our Comic Relief wear something red day. As a school we raised...

£203





Golden Book Awards



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

21st March

RW - Jonah
RP - Robyn
ISS - Zara
ICS - Lawson
2M - Ava
2D - James
3L - Lucia
3B - Adam
4G - Edith
4K - Finley
5R - Hugo
5C - Tanisha
6P - Inayah
6C - Fletcher
French - Charlie (6C)
PE - Dwit (2M)

28th March

RW - Ebube
RP - Liam
ISS - Frankie
ICS - Lilliana
2M - Corey
2D - Laila
3L - Idrees
3B - Miral
4G - Malakai
4K - Thomas
5R - George
5C - Eesa
6P - Ranveer
6C - Thisaru
French - Mason (5R)

4th April

RW - Henna
RP - George
ISS - Aaliyah
ICS - Harry
2M - Dwit
2D - Yahya
3L - Freddie
3B - Emily
4G - Leo
4K - Divine
5R - Lily-Ruth
5C - Sallome
6P - Elijah
6C - Charlie
French - Ebony (3L)
PE - Ava (6P)



Mrs
Garratt's
Tea Party



4th April

RP - Isla
ICS - Oliver
2D - Phoebe-Lilly
2M - Mohsin
3L - Karina
5R - Isla
5C - Wyatt





School Council

School Council enjoyed carrying out the second part of their Highfields School safety walk. This time they investigated year 2, year 3, year 4 and year 5. They were looking for anything within the school that they believed to be unsafe from 'a child's viewpoint'. The children were thorough in their work and checked each classroom meticulously for potential hazards. They were pleased to report that the classrooms all looked tidy and well looked after - well done! Once their investigations are complete, school council will meet with Mr Savvides and their findings will be fed back. Mr Savvides will then email Mrs Garratt with the results of their investigations.

Thank you, School Council



Drama Club Production



Yesterday, the children of drama club performed 'Matilda the Musical' to their parents and families. The children worked very hard on this, attending the club all year and the results of this were clear to see. The children were amazing and we definitely have some stars of tomorrow in our midst. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Miss Grive and Mr Kemble for their hard work with the children.



Musicals Dance Event



Last week, a selected group of children with an interest in dance attended a musicals dance showcase at Temple Meadow Primary School. They had a wonderful day and performed their 'Lion King' piece incredibly well. We are very proud of everyone who attended and thank you to Mrs Pickin for organising the dance that the children performed.

Girls' and Boys' Football Matches

Both the boys' and the girls' teams have had a busy few weeks playing matches both home and away.

The girls played away at Rounds Green yesterday and at home to Langley a few weeks ago. They were beaten on both occasions but showed excellent team spirit and team work on both occasions- well done girls!

The boys team played at home against Burnt Tree on Tuesday and against Summer Hill a few weeks ago. Tuesday's match ended in a very exciting 4-4 draw! Great work boys!

Reception

Newsletter

The children had so much fun during our Animal Man visit, they learnt lots about the animals and were so brave touching and holding them, well done Reception!

Just a reminder that everyone should have received a letter regarding our educational visit to Telford Wonderland, please ensure this is completed so your child can join us on the trip.

Can we please ask that children do not bring backpacks into school, we do not have the room for them in the cloakroom. Thank you!

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Easter Bonnet Parade on Tuesday!



Reception



Y1

Year 1 & 2's

Newsletter

Year One really enjoyed their visit to Blackheath Library last week where they met the author Nick Sharratt. He read one of his stories to us and showed us how to draw some fantastic pictures. The children's pictures were amazing! In class we have begun to paint our own shield using the design we created in Art and in DT we have practised various joining techniques ready for us to make our own turret.

In Year Two in DT the children have been making the different parts of their safari truck which they will assemble next week. In Science they have been looking at the food chains of different African animals. The children are really looking forward to their visit to the Safari Park next week where they will see many of the animals that they have been learning about. If you have any questions about the visit please ask your child's class teacher.

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter

Year 3

Over the last couple of weeks, the classes in Year 3 have taken in turns to visit Sheepwash Farm in Lichfield! The children had the most wonderful time! They were able to dig for parsnip seeds, potatoes, and carrots. They saw the wind turbine and where the farmers harvest the crops. They also get to experience it all on the back of a tractor! This experience linked well to the Geography learning they'd completed this half term around farming.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have created their very own moving sea monster picture using levers and linkages. They also made sure their product was sustainable and recyclable. With perseverance, the children had to think about their loose and fixed pivot and where to put their split in for the parts of the picture to move. The finished product looked wonderful!

In Art, the children used a viewfinder to focus their attention on a specific part of a main water lily painting by Monet so they could recreate it.



Year 6

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

Year 5

In Year 5, we have really been enjoying our Geography lessons in recent weeks. We have learned about four and six figure grid references and had fun locating places using ordnance survey maps. We have also used the eight ordinal directions (North, North East, East, South East, South, South West, West, North West) to find our way around maps.

Year 6

The children who were in school last week had a very enjoyable week. They particularly enjoyed making models of Chinese landmarks and their models of the terracotta army are particularly impressive. They also created posters and a quiz about ancient China - ask your child about their work.

Highfields Hall of Fame

This part of the newsletter is for us to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. If your child/children have done something you would like us to know about and to share on here (and our social media pages) please email a short description and a photograph to Highfields.Enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk with the subject #myaspirations



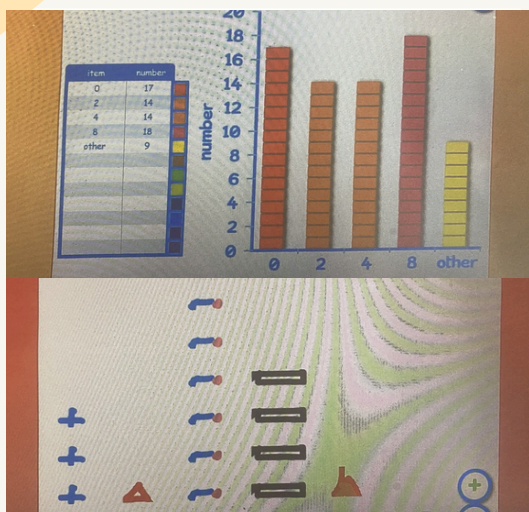
Alice

Everyone at Highfields is so proud of Alice who recently achieved her orange strip belt in kickboxing at halesowen martial arts centre
#myaspirations

Betsy has been working really hard in needle felting club over the last 6 weeks. She has created a fantastic 2D picture!



Betsy



Laila

Year 2 have been learning about charts and pictograms. Laila went home and accessed what the children have been learning in school, and created her own chart and pictogram!