



1st May 2025

Highfields Primary newsletter



Head's Welcome

Welcome to another Highfields newsletter and welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely Easter holidays and it has been great to have the children back in school this week.

You will have received an email from Mrs Garratt at the start of the week. She is recovering well from her operation and says to thank you for the well wishes she has received. She will return to school as soon as her health allows.

Just a reminder that school is closed tomorrow (Friday 2nd May) for a training day and will reopen on Tuesday 6th May following the bank holidays. Enjoy the long weekend and let's hope the sun continues to shine!

Mrs Lewis

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 - RP - 95.6%

KSI - ICS - 96.3%

KS2 - 6C - 98.7%



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Spring Term - Diary Dates

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

July

18th- Break up for the six weeks holiday

Parking

We have had several complaints from local residents recently about dangerous parking around school at the beginning and the end of the school day. These concerns have been passed onto Sandwell Council. Please can we ask that everyone thinks about the children's (and their families) safety when bringing their children to and from school each day.

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 - May

Please see below, May'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.

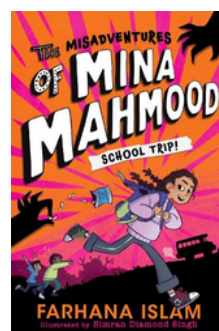
The books for May are:

EYFS: 'Basil Dreams Big' by Lou Fraser & Sarah Warburton

Years 1 and 2: 'The Golden Hare' by Paddy Donnelly

Years 3 and 4: 'The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood' by Farhana Islam

Years 5 and 6: 'Mission Microraptor' by Philip Kavvadias



Theme of the Month - May



Democracy

During the month of May, we will be looking at the theme, Democracy.

Highfields has a lot of councils in school including the School Council and Eco-Council. All of these roles were voted for democratically within school and the children involved work hard to represent their classmates and share their voice.

SMSC May



All month Local and Community History Month

May 12th International Nurses Day

May 13th- 20th Mental Health Awareness Week

May 16th Endangered Species Day

May 20th- 25th Walk to School Week

Celebrations and Festivals Around the World

May

May Day (5th)
Vesak (12th)
Ascension Day (29th)



TT Rock Stars - Going Green!

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

Ankita
Coby
Thomas C
Thea



Eco-Council - Exciting News!

Very excitingly, the National Education Nature Park are putting up a display of Hidden Nature Challenge submissions in a gallery space at the Natural History Museum in London. They have chosen a selection of photographs from across the country to feature in the display, including one from our very own eco-council!

The picture to the right, taken by Mrs Adams and the Eco-Council children, will be on display in London! Well done to everyone involved in this- we are very proud of you!



Careers and Aspirations

This week we have explored the career opportunities available in the film industry. Children discovered that it can take over 1200 different people to create a film and looked at the process from generating ideas and script writing, through the film making process with actors and directors to the post production work of editors and sound technicians. They also thought about the different skills they would need to carry out each job.



Golden Book Awards



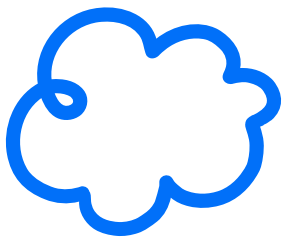
Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a 'Golden Book Certificate' since the previous newsletter

11th April

RW - Sienna
RP - Safa
ISS - Harper
ICS - Taliya
2M - James
2D - Grayson
3L - Natasha
3B - Bella
4G - Arthur
4K - Oliver
5R - Isla
5C - Jasneet
6P - Ava
6C - Rudy
French - Harper (3B)
PE - Ruby (6C)

1st May

RW - Ellis
RP - Henry M
ISS - Azaan
ICS - Affaan
2M - Kaydon
2D - Samuel
3L - Ria
3B - Lola-Mai
4G - Cloe
4K - Rosie
5R - Broden
5C - Gracie
6P - Archie
6C - Lawi
French - Dave (4G)
PE - Fletcher (6C)



Mrs
Garratt's
Tea Party



1st May

2D - Neve
4G - Edith
4K - Rosie
6P - Archie
6C - Susan





Welcome to Sandwell Family Hubs Mobile Spoke

The family hub mobile spoke will be visiting Highfields Primary School on Thursday 15th May. 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!

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Sunflower Challenge 2025

Sunflower season is about to begin and today your child has come home with some Sunflower seeds to plant as part of an Eco Project and a letter explaining about the project.

Please **DO NOT EAT YOUR SUNFLOWER SEEDS**, as these are for planting.

We are asking if everyone can plant their seeds this Bank Holiday weekend and then take measurements of their Sunflower weekend 6th and 7th September 2025 measuring from the base of the stem to the top of the stem.

If you can send a photo either of the sunflower or your child standing by the Sunflower into school on highfields.enquiry@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk along with the measurements that would be great and we can share some of these on our school website, newsletter, school display and face book page to celebrate everyone's achievements!



Highfields Easter Results

Congratulations to the following children who were all winners and runners up in either the Early Years or KSI Easter bonnet/ basket competition

And to the KS2 children who designed the winning Easter eggs

Winners

RW - Benji
RP - Taron

Runners Up

RW - Ellis
RP - Emmeline

Winners

ICS - Bailey
ISS - Kiera
2D - Rayan
2M - Frankie

Runners Up

ICS - Harley
ISS - Thomas
2D - Grayson
2M - Harry

Winners

3L - George
3B - Millie
4G - Harrison
4K - Rosie
5R - Poppy
5C - Eesa
6P - Kristopher
6C - Anabelle

Runners Up

3L - Bobby
3B - David
4G - Oliver
4K - Harrison
5R - Seth
5C - Ayyub
6P - Jennifer
6C - Rudy



Reception

Newsletter



Aaira - Y2

Year 1 & 2's

Newsletter

Our new topic in Year One is called 'Yum Yum' and is all about food. In English we have been reading the story of Handa's Surprise and have thought of adjectives to describe Handa and used these to write a character description of her. Later in the term we will be tasting the fruits from the story as well as drawing and painting them. In art we have been learning about the artist Arcimboldo who made portraits using fruits and vegetables.

Before Easter, Year Two completed their "Into the Wild" topic with a visit to West Midlands Safari Park.. In their Creature feature workshops, the children learnt about African animals and got to meet some of them. 2M held a hissing cockroach, stroked a Tenrec and a Chinchilla. 2D held a stick insect and stroked a Chinchilla and a ferret. James H said "My favourite part was seeing the tiger cubs, they were so cute!". They have now begun their new topic of "Buckets and Spades" and are looking forward to their visit to the seaside!

This half-term our topic is 'On The Move'. We will be learning about different modes of transport and journeys around the world! On Thursday 8th May, we will be having a visit from Motus Commercials, who will be bringing a special vehicle for us to take a look at - keep an eye on our website for some photographs. On Friday 20th June we invite you to watch our class assembly at 9am. We will be telling you some of the things we learnt about in the Spring term and singing lots of songs!

Reminder - Our PE days are now Monday and Friday.



Reception

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter



Year 6

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

In Year 5 we have begun our Anglo-Saxon topic.

In English, we have begun reading the classic tale of Beowulf. We will be focussing on the book in our English lessons over the half-term and I'm sure the children will enjoy writing action-packed stories. Next Tuesday (6th of May) will be our Anglo-Saxon day. There will be a visitor in school and the children will be taking part in a range of Anglo-Saxon themed activities.

Year 6 have moved onto their United States of America topic. We began by thinking about what is meant by 'The American Dream' and making dream catchers which looked excellent. In the coming weeks we will be learning about the geography of North America and making electrical circuits. Obviously, the next couple of weeks will be focussed on the build-up to the SATS test in the third week of the term. However, as usual we will be working hard to ensure that the SATs process is as straightforward and stress-free for the children as it can be.

Welcome back, Year 3! Year 3 have dived straight into their new topic, The Ancient Greeks! To kick-start the new topic, Year 3 were able to locate Greece on the map of Europe and some of the other countries too.

They learnt about the differences between Athens and Sparta in History and they even tried some traditional Greek food! The children tried olives, feta cheese, tzatziki dip and flat bread! In addition to this, they learnt about the Greek alphabet and some Greek myths in English.

It's lovely to see you back Year 4! Year 4 have had so much fun on their first week back after Easter. During their Stunning Start, they all dressed as rainforest explorers to link to their new topic 'Rainforests'. Using atlases and maps, they tried to locate rainforests and mark them on a world map. In addition to this, the children tried some food that originated from the rainforest - banana, dark chocolate, grapefruit and cinamon. In Art, the children learnt about an artist called John Dyer, who is famous for making rainforest paintings.



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



Everyone at Highfields is so proud of Summer in 3B who entered her 1st ever dance competition a few weeks ago and came 2nd place in her slow solo routine.

She also managed to get 5th place alongside her friends in their slow team.

#myaspirations

