



16th May 2025

Highfields Primary newsletter



Head's Welcome

And in the blink of an eye, another 2 weeks have flown by at Highfields!

This week, year 6 have sat their SATs and we are very proud of them. Every child came in and tried their absolute best which is all we could ever ask for- well done year 6!

Mrs Garratt will be back with us following the half term break and we are really looking forward to having her back. Thank you for all of your support over the last few weeks and I know she is looking forward to seeing you all soon.

We break up for half term on Friday May 23rd and return on Tuesday 3rd June following a training day. If I don't speak to you before, have a lovely half term break,
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 94.3%. The highest attending classes this week were;

EYFS - RP - 100%

KS1 - 2D - 98.3%

KS2 - 6C - 97.6%



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Spring Term - Diary Dates

May

20th - Reception Stay & Play 2.15pm
 20th - Y1 phonics parent meeting 2.45pm
 21st - Y4 parent drop in session for multiplication check
 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 9.15-10am
 4th - Sports Day - Y1 & 2 1.30-2.30pm
 5th - Sports Day - Y3 & 4 9.30-11.30am
 5th - Sports Day - Y5 & 6 - 1.30-3pm
 11th - Father's Day/Superhero Gift Sales
 12th - Y6 football tournament
 13th - Father's Day/Superhero Gift Sales
 13th - Disco
 18th-20th - Y4 residential trip to Bell Heath
 19th - African drumming workshop for Y1, Y2 & Y3
 20th - Reception class assembly 9am
 25th - Reception trip to Telford Wonderland
 26th - Y6 trip to Safeside
 26th - September 2025 Reception parent meeting 2.30pm
 27th - Y1 class assembly 9am

July

1st - Y2 trip to Weston-Super-Mare
 1st - Y6 Loudmouth production
 2nd - Sandwell secondary schools transition day
 3rd - Sandwell secondary schools transition day
 3rd - Y1 trip to Essington Farm
 4th - Y3 Brass assembly 9am
 15th - Y6 Production
 18th- Break up for the six weeks holiday



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.

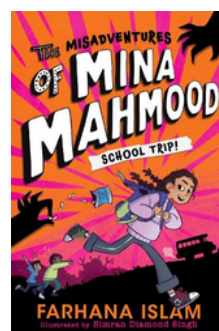
The books for May are:

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)

VE Day (8th)

Vesak (12th)

Ascension Day (29th)



School Council Update

School Council enjoyed helping Mr Savvides in his VE assembly. The children explained reminded the school of the actions and meanings of each of the values of Individual Liberty, Tolerance, Mutual Respect, Democracy and Rule of Law. Reggie also explained that British Values were about 'being a good British Citizen'. Well done Reggie!

In our School Council Meeting, the children fed back their observations from their Safety Walk. They recommended improvements including tucking chairs in, putting various resources away and also structural repairs! Once they have completed their feedback, this will be sent to Mrs Garratt.

Thank you Safety Inspectors!

Eco Council Update

We are super excited to announce that the Hidden Nature Challenge display is now up in the Images of Nature gallery at the Natural History Museum!



Sunflower Challenge

Just a reminder if you haven't already planted your Sunflower seeds, to please get sowing. Measurements will be asked for in September to find out who has successfully grown the tallest Sunflower.



Reflexions Parent Workshops

We know that parents were interested in, but unable to attend the low mood workshops that have been delivered at Highfields recently. Reflexions are now offering webinars for these workshops.

Please see the flyer with details of how to sign up if you are interested.



Low Mood WEBINARS!

Join Reflexions online free webinars to learn more about low mood and how to recognise the symptoms in yourself or your child!

Tuesday 27th May Low Mood - Children 11+ 10:00am - 11:00am Via MS Teams	Wednesday 28th May Recognising low mood in your child 10:00am - 11:00am Via MS Teams
Recognising low mood in your child 3:00pm - 4:00pm Via MS Teams	Low Mood - Children 11+ 3:00pm - 4:00pm Via MS Teams

Aims of the sessions

- To recognise what low mood symptoms look like.
- To recognise when someone/child is feeling low in mood.
- To learn strategies to help you to manage/support symptoms related to low mood.

For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance for these events, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net



Whitsun Week Adventure Days

at Malthouse Outdoor Activity Centre

For young people aged 8+ who live in Sandwell

Canoeing - Climbing and Abseiling - Archery



Tuesday 27 May & Thursday 29 May 2025
9.30am - 3pm
£40.00 per day



Book your place and find out more:
youngpeople_services@sandwell.gov.uk





Golden Book Awards



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

8th May

RW - Ryan
RP - Maddison
ISS - Gabriel
ICS - Kymarni
2M - Connie
2D - Phoebe-Lilly
3L - Muhammad
3B - Lola-Mai
4G - Oliver
4K - Ismail
5R - Lily-Ruth
5C - Matthew
6P - Harry
6C - Harry
French - Koray (4K)
PE - Inayah (6P)

16th May

RW - Milena
RP - Corey
ISS - Jan
ICS - Ellissia
2M - Harry
2D - Lilly
3L - Rosie
3B - Abdullah
4G - Ishaq
4K - Hugo
5R - Kalibra
5C - Aisha
6P - Delia
6C - Abdul
French - Thea (5R)
PE - Noah (3B)



Mrs
Garratt's
Tea Party



16th May

RW - Millie
ICS - Taliya
2M - Lola
3B - Ajay
4G - Coby
4K - Oliver H
6P - Ava
6C - Prabhneet



Reception

Newsletter

Reception enjoyed our visit from Motus Commercials who brought a tractor cab with them. They taught us about the features and its purpose and we were able to get inside and have a look around!

Please can we remind parents to order children's lunches so they are choosing a meal you know they will eat.

As we have been blessed with beautiful weather recently, we just wanted to ask parents to send their child in with a named hat to help protect them from the sun when playing outside.

Please make sure you have signed up to one of our stay and play sessions on the gateway!



Gabriel- Y1

Year 1 & 2's Newsletter

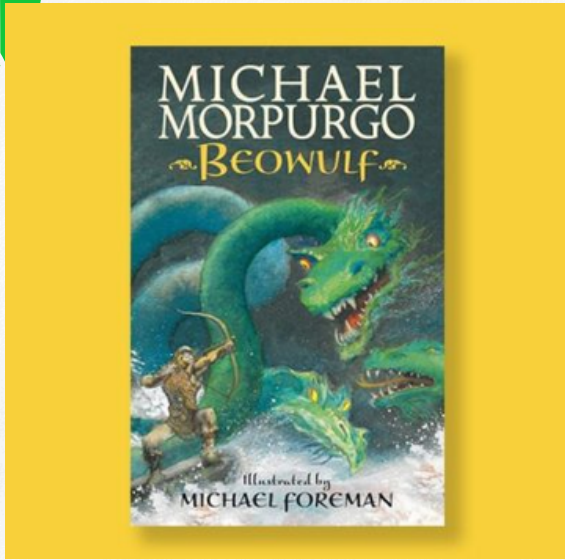
Year One have been continuing to read the story of Handa's Surprise. This week we have tasted the different fruits from the story, thought of adjectives to describe them and then wrote a description of the fruit. In Art we have continued to look at the work of Guiseppe Arcimboldo and the children have evaluated his work saying which portraits they do and do not like giving reasons for their choices. In DT we have started to learn how to prepare different fruits and vegetables in preparation for making our own fruit salad.

In Year Two, we are our enjoying new topic of 'Buckets and Spades'. In English, we have done lots of work on 'The Lighthouse Keepers Breakfast' and now we are looking at 'The Lighthouse Keepers Rescue'. In Art we have been looking at the artist Mark Anderson who is a very famous sand sculptor. In History, we have learnt lots of facts about Queen Victoria and created a timeline. In Maths, we are learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.



Reception

Year 3 & 4's Newsletter



Year 5

Year 5 & 6's Newsletter

Year 5

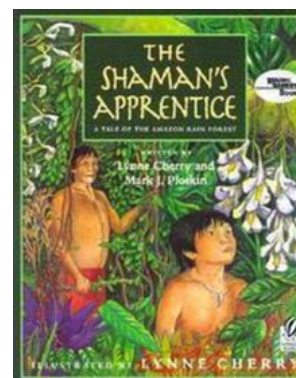
In Year 5 we have been focussing on the story of Beowulf and Grendel. The children have written some excellent setting descriptions which included lots of excellent vocabulary. In Science, we have been carrying out investigations to assess the properties of materials. This week the children really enjoyed investigating which materials conducted electricity.

Year 6

Obviously, in Year 6 Sats have dominated the week. The children have been brilliant all week. It has been great to see so many of them for breakfast each day and they have carried their sensible attitude through the week. They have given every test their best effort and as a school that is all we can ask for. They can all be rightfully proud of their efforts.

Year 3 - In Year 3, the children have been learning about light in Science. The children experimented with different materials, torches and plain paper to see which of the materials could reflect the light the most effectively. After they completed the investigation, the children designed their own school book bag using the most reflective material to keep themselves safe walking to and from school. In addition to this, the children have learnt about Hinduism in RE and how they worship their Gods in their home.

Year 4 - The children in Year 4 have been building up their skills and ideas to construct a setting description based on their text 'The Shaman's Apprentice'. They thought about the use of their five senses within their lessons - what they might be able to see, smell, taste, feel and hear. In History, the children have started learning about the Maya Civilisation. This week, the children learnt about the religious beliefs of the Mayas and the ways in which they practised their religion.



Highfields Hall of Fame

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Betsy

A big well done to Betsy in year 6 who has recently passed her Grade 2 Ballet and Grade 2 Tap exams and was awarded a distinction in both. She trains at Cannon Dance Academy for 6 hours a week! Keep up the excellent work!

#myaspirations

Chace attended a Sports Day organised by the 'Rugby Sport for the Disabled Association' on the 4th of May and did incredibly well! After initially being a little nervous, he came 3rd in Athletics, 3rd in Sliding Target Boccia, 1st in the Mini Crossbow, and 1st in Boccia (Junior Category). He also won the Endeavour award. We are so proud of you Chace!

#myaspirations



Chace



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A big well done to Sebastian in year 2 who has achieved his stage 4 swimming grade. He got his certificate and was very happy.

He is now excited for stage 5 (pending availability) at Sandwell Aquatic Centre.

#myaspirations



Sebastian



Gurbaz

Congratulations to Gurbaz in year 1 who was awarded this certificate recently when he participated in a football event at Goals.

Well done Gurbaz!

#myaspirations

Congratulations to Summer in year 3 who wanted to share her achievements in Gymnastics and Dance. She has achieved Silver Level 2 in Performance Gymnastics as well as Intro 5 Level in Freestyle Dance-

Well done Summer!

#myaspirations



Summer



Highfields Governors

Newsletter

This page of the newsletter is to allow our Governors to introduce themselves to you so that, you as parents, are aware of who we are and what we do to support Highfields Primary School. If you would be interested in joining our Governing Body please let the front office or Mrs Garratt know.

Who am I? - My name is Dr. Farhan Ashraf, and I've been a parent Governor for nearly six months.

My Background - I am a Mechanical Engineer by profession. I moved to the UK to study PhD in Mechanical Engineering and now work as a Senior Research Associate at the University of Bristol. At work, I teach and supervise mechanical engineering students.

We moved to the Midlands last year and settled as a family of five. Our daughter and son are now in Year 2 and Year 1, respectively, and we are looking forward to our youngest daughter starting preschool in September.

Why do I like being a Governor? I value being a part of a community, respecting and supporting each other for a better tomorrow. I enjoy applying my knowledge and skills to this volunteer work, playing a role in the school's development, and supporting students academically.



Dr.
Farhan
Ashraf

If you are, or know anyone, who would be interested in talking to school to find out more information about becoming a Governor, please contact leadershipteam@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk

Highfields PTA



**SUPERHERO
GIFT SALES**

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE
AND
FRIDAY 13TH JUNE

£2.50 PER GIFT,
WILL COME WRAPPED

POW!

BAM!



**Summer
Disco**

Friday 13th June

KS1 5-6.15pm
KS2 6.30-7.45PM

£3.00 per ticket
Includes drink
and snack

Range of refreshments and accessories
available to purchase