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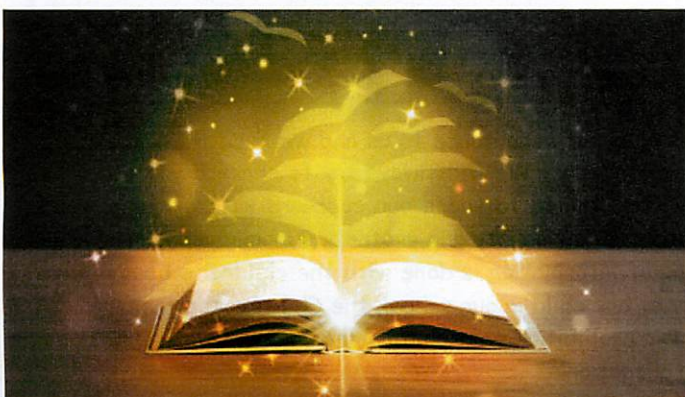
Messages from Head of Academy

* Could you please ensure that if your child brings a water bottle, it only has water in it, thank-you.

* Halloween disco tickets will be on sale every morning at 8:40-8:50am from the main reception/dinner hall, £2 per ticket.

Golden Book Award Winners

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	Sophia
Year 1	Mia
Year 2	Jacob
Year 3	Blake
Year 4	Mia
Year 5	Alesha
Year 6	Micheal



Weekly Attendance

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	92%
Butterflies	96%
Owls	99%
Badgers	95%
Foxes	91%
Raffle winner	Megan B

Upcoming Events

Thur 26th Oct	Halloween disco KS1 3:30-4:30pm
Thur 26th Oct	Halloween Disco KS2 5-6pm
Mon 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov	HALF TERM School closed
w/c 13th Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need 'Spotacular' Event
Tue 21st Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm

EYFS

Hedgehogs

This week we have been reading all about Meg and Mog and the adventures they have had. We have begun to plan our story map and record our own stories in pictorial form. We have also made up a story by taking turns adding ideas until we had a great story that everyone had contributed to. In Maths we have been learning about positional language and dancing to a song which talked about the words, in, on, under, behind, in front of, in between and beside.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week this week. In maths we have been learning about the relationship between addition and subtraction and creating fact families, we have also recapped more than and less than symbols by using different calculations on each side. We have innovated our text map in talk for writing and created a new piece of information around things that bounce. In our topic work we have planned and carried out our own investigations around different types of balls. We have also looked at different food types and how much of each we should eat to have a balanced diet. Finally we explored magnets and sorted objects out into magnetic and non magnetic categories.



Year 1

This week in Butterfly class we have finished writing up the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We are very excited to write our own version next week. In maths we have been using the more than and less than signs to discuss out of two given numbers which is the biggest or smallest. We have also been learning to count in 2's from a given number. We will move onto counting in 5's and 10's next week. In phonics we have been learning lots of new sounds and have been practising spelling the words so and said and reading the words people, house and about. Please practice these skills with your children at home.

The year 5's had a great time on Thursday afternoon training how to be playground leaders. Well done to the year 2 children who were working with them so that they could play the games they were leading. It was enjoyed by all and we look forward to starting this next week. Watch out for some fab news games in the playground soon.



Year 3/4

We have had another busy week in Badger Class. In our Talk for Writing lessons we have been changing characters and settings in our own dilemma stories and adding in descriptive language to help the reader have an image of what we are describing. In maths, we have been using mental addition to solve problems. This week, we have looked at Hinduism and Diwali. We have looked at the story of Rama and Sita and have made our own Diva Lamps.

PE is currently on a Monday instead of Tuesday, so we can work with Miss Pyne from Active Fusion. The Thursday PE session is unchanged. Please remember homework is to be returned on a Wednesday, and reading books and planners need bringing to school daily.

Year 5/6

This week Fox class have been progressing with their topic work. The children have researched blood and also had the chance to make some 'blood' with all the key components including white blood cells, red blood cells, plasma and platelets! Year 6 have also been learning to sketch realistic hearts. The class have been working on subtraction of five or more digits in maths. In reading we have been expanding our vocabulary and inference skills, as we have come to the end of our class book - 'Dracula'. In writing, we have been working on non-chronological reports, where we will move on to create our own beasts. Year five had a great opportunity this week to train to be playground leaders. We hope to see them implementing their new skills on the playground soon!

Safeguarding

At Highfields Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Child Protection Officer is Mrs Wright. The academy has a duty to inform parents there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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