

Newsletter 27 October 2017

Messages from Head of Academy

We hope you have a safe and happy half term. Thank you for your support.

Results of the half termly prizes:

Lexie – a scooter (attendance)

Ella-Mae - £50 Halfords voucher (3 week attendance challenge)

Katie— A Dome family ticket for ice skating and swimming (lunch time raffle)

Golden Book Award Winners

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	Raigan
Year 1	Mason
Year 2	Che
Year 3	Bethany
Year 4	Brooke
Year 5	Lacey
Year 6	Ellie



Weekly Attendance

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	83.3%
Butterflies	90.9%
Owls	94.4%
Badgers	91.8%
Foxes	96.7%
Raffle winner	Che

Upcoming Events

Mon 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov	HALF TERM School closed
Monday 6th Nov	School reopens
w/c 13th Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need 'Spotacular' Event
Tue 21st Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm

Reminders for the new half term:

Please note that from the 6th November, children in Key stage 1 and 2 will be collected from the playground from 8.40 am, so parents will not be bringing children into school.

The walking bus will start from the 6th November, so if you have signed up to the service, we look forward to seeing you at the meeting points at the agreed times.

We will be collecting money for the poppy appeal, so please send any donations in to school during the first week of term.

EYFS

This week we have been doing lots of Halloween activities including finding spells that Meg the Witch can use with objects that begin with a certain letter. We have counted rats, bats, cats, sorted spiders and lizards and made lots of potions in the water with different colours, smells and lots of glitter to make them sparkle. We have practiced getting role play outfits on so that we could dress up for the disco. Our pumpkin activity was successful, making a scary face, adding a tea light and finding out what exactly is inside a pumpkin.



Year 2

This week in year 2 we have been working on our poetry skills during our literacy time. We created a shared class poem about a pumpkin and then created actions to go with it. Following on from this we wrote our own Halloween acrostic poems. We have continued to work on adding and subtracting in maths and have been looking at how we can use number lines to help us to find an answer. We have completed our bounce topic this week by designing our own game using a ball. We then explained our game to the rest of the class and demonstrated how to play it.

Reminder, it is parents evening when we return after half term. If you would like an appointment with myself, please return your slip. Have a happy and safe half term, enjoying Halloween and bonfire night!



Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning the story of Hansel and Gretel. We have created a text map and actions to help us retell the story. We have been working really hard on our writing and have produced some brilliant pieces of work. In Maths we have been learning how to add and subtract numbers to and from 10. The children have worked really hard this half term and have enjoyed spending those hard earned points in the shop. Have a fabulous half term everyone!

Year 3/4

Year 3/4 have been very busy this week working on their dilemma stories and they have started on diary writing. They have also been working hard on column addition, including exchanging. In topic they have painted their diva lamps and looked at how animals adapt to their environment. They have also designed their own predators.

Can you please remind children to bring their PE kits on Mondays and Thursdays. They also need to bring their planners on a daily basis.

If you haven't done so already, please can you return your parent's evening slip to secure your appointment.

Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 have been working on place value and rounding involving decimals (3dp). We have also started focusing on our arithmetic skills with Ninja Maths. In English, we have been boosting our spelling skills and also looking at poetry related to our spooky theme and heart topic. We were the top attenders last week, so we are having a special Halloween reward afternoon. Please note that the letters for our Cusworth visit have been sent out and the consent letter and money need to be returned on 6th November. Also, note that the parent evening letters have been sent out, so please return your slip to secure your appointment.

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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