

Newsletter 10 November 2017

Messages from Head of Academy

Thank you all for your support with the morning routines, the children are entering school safely and settling into their morning tasks very well.

There are still spaces available on our walking bus, as you may have seen the children being escorted to the academy with hi-vis vests and by our staff. If you would like your child to join this free service, please speak to Mrs Light or myself.

The photographer will be in school on Friday 24 November in the morning. Please remember to return your slips.

Golden Book Award Winners

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	Tylah-Rose
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	



Weekly Attendance

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	%
Butterflies	%
Owls	%
Badgers	%
Foxes	%
Raffle winner	

Upcoming Events

13 Nov	Odd socks day
14 Nov	Yr5/6 to Cusworth
16 Nov	Parent afternoon
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need 'Spotacular' Event
Tue 21st Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm

Year 3/4

We have had a busy week in Badger Class following our half-term break! In English, we have started looking at adventure stories and have been rewriting *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, with a focus on using different types of punctuation in our writing so show expression or clarity. In maths, we have continued our work on column addition and been solving increasing difficult problems! In topic this week, we travelled back in time to the Stone Age and turned our classroom into a cave, complete with (pretend!) roaring fire! We discussed what we thought the Stone Age was like and how the people of that time communicated. We played a game of charades and Pictionary, and found communicating without using ANY words was more difficult than we expected! We also created our own cave art, using images of cave art across the world as inspiration.

EYFS

We have been making 2 groups of objects and finding out the total when we add them together. This has helped us when we have found 2 groups of the same number to find out what a double is. The children are getting quite good at answering maths questions and if they are not sure there is always someone who can offer some help to find the answer. In talk for writing we have had fun acting out the story we have chosen, retelling the story as we go along. This has helped us to think of our own stories and be able to share them with our friends. We have learnt how to think of ideas to make a class story with everyone contributing to build up an interesting tale. Our shared reading gives each of us a chance to express our ideas, this week being all about traditional tales, castles, dragons, Princes and Princesses. We are having lots of fun dressing up as our favourite characters and pretending we are royalty.



Year 2

Welcome back to the final half term of this year. This week in year 2 we have been learning about column subtraction and exchanging tens for ones. We have done this really practically by using base 10 rods and 1's cubes. We have started a new focus in science around everyday materials and have been exploring that this week think about the use and purpose of different materials. We are also starting a new topic called Land Ahoy and have been thinking about what we would like to learn about within the topic.



Year 1

It has been a very exciting week in Year 1. On Monday we had a very sneaky Dinosaur lay eggs in our classroom. The children had to get them to hatch. The children had lots of fun with this activity. In English, we have been changing the story and they came up with some fantastic ideas of how to change *Hansel and Gretel*. In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction using number lines. We have found this a bit tricky but the children have persevered and kept trying. A massive thank you to Libby's Grandad who made us skeleton models of some Dinosaurs. They are amazing and we appreciate him taking the time to make them for us.



Year 5/6

In Year 5 and 6 we have been learning about multiples, factors and common factors. We have also been writing diary entries linked to our Victorian topic. The children have been very creative and I am really proud of their efforts. In terms of the topic, we started the week with a great engagement afternoon, where we identified some Victorian artifacts and the children learned some interesting facts about life in Victorian times. Year 5 have had the opportunity to take part in the Primary Stars programme with Doncaster Rovers which has been very exciting. Year 6 booster classes have also started and the children have worked really hard, so thanks for your support. We are looking forward to our trip to Cusworth Hall next week (Tuesday). Please remember that you need to return your trip money as soon as possible. On the day children must wear school uniform and bring a coat.

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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